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Bradford High School senior Jamie Sanford got a surprise prior to graduating when her brother, Dylan Ankney, showed up. The siblings hadn't seen each other in approximately a year and a half. Ankney is in the Air Force and stationed in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Invitations sent to discuss consolidation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Once again addressing what Mayor Scott Roberts called “the elephant in the room,” the city commission has extended an invitation to the county to discuss law enforcement and fire department consolidation.

There seems to be more support on the commission to turn policing over to the sheriff's office, but the mayor and others insist that discussing one service automatically triggers a conversation about the other.

Every few years the topic of consolidation resurfaces, but it typically focuses on law enforcement alone. One difference now is that the county has a professional versus volunteer fire department.

There is also the reason the for the reemergence — City Manager Drew

Mullins' forecast that if the city continues spending at current levels, it will soon be facing a deficit.

The police and fire departments are the major expenses of Starke's general government — spending that has been supported by utility revenue while the maintenance of the utility infrastructure has been neglected.

Mullins' proposed 2024 budget prioritizes utility improvements by reducing the amount of revenue transferred to the general fund.

Commissioners voted to extend an invitation to Sheriff Gordon Smith to discuss consolidating law enforcement services, and County Manager Scott Kornegay was invited to discuss the fire department. The date proposed was the city's June 20 meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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WORTH NOTING

Office closed

The office of the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times and Lake Region Monitor will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. Deadline for the June 1 has been moved to Tuesday, May 30, at 5 p.m.

County advances plan to amend mining regulations

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners are moving forward with changes that could raise the bar for future mining permits.

Scott Koons, executive director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, presented proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan and land development regulations on May 18. The changes would further define mining and related activities and protect natural resources and residential areas.

Added policies would prevent

adverse effects on the quality of air, groundwater, surface water, land and wildlife, Koons said. Mining would be prohibited in wetlands and surface waters as well as environmentally sensitive or conservation areas. The natural resource protection policies would require avoidance, minimization and mitigation of adverse impacts caused by mining as well as restoring the function of natural systems.

Buffer zones and setbacks would be added to the comprehensive plan for mining and extraction operations adjacent to wetlands, surface water,

parks and preserves. The buffer zones and setbacks would be based on the size of the protected area, the presence of regulated species, and proximity to the New River and Santa Fe River, specifically.

These rivers were of particular concern when phosphate mining was proposed in Bradford and Union counties. That permit application drew faced opposition in both counties and many communities downstream who were concerned about negative environmental and economic impacts. Union County commissioners amended their mining regulations in

response.

Mining prohibitions would also be established for residential areas as identified on the comprehensive plan's future land use map.

Koons said the special permitting process in the land development regulations would be completely replaced and include requirements for an environmental assessment, a postmining reclamation plan and a fee for review of the permit application.

The environmental assessment must

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American Legion hosts dinner

American Legion Post 56 in Starke will host its monthly dinner for veterans and their families on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Barbecue ribs and chicken will be served along with baked beans, coleslaw and garlic bread. Bring a dish of your choice or a dessert to share. The post home is located at 715 Edwards Road in Starke.

Veterans are not required to be a member of the American Legion to attend. Gather your spouse and children for an evening of fellowship and good food.

Council sets September deadline on airport governance

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council imposed a September 1 deadline for deciding whether to change how the city's airport is governed.

During the council's May 1 meeting, Mayor Nina Rodenroth proposed the deadline saying she did not want the decision to drag on.

During the previous month's council meeting, members Chris Thompson and Tony Brown said they wanted to explore changing the

facility's governance from its current form of an independent authority to one directly governed by the city council, with the council taking the advice of an advisory committee.

During an April 24 workshop, the airport's board, advisors and tenants argued for keeping the current model in place, stating that governing the airport requires specialized knowledge and warning that changing the facility's governing body could endanger some state funding.

Tenants also pointed to the management of Palatka's Kay Larkin Airport as an example of a council-led

airport that does not timely respond to the needs of tenants.

Bradford County wants our airport

During the May 1 Keystone Heights council meeting, Council member Tony Brown said he learned a lot from the workshop and, since the April 24 meeting, has contacted Palatka officials as well as reaching out to leaders at the Northeast Regional Airport at St. Augustine.

Brown added that he still wants

to explore changing the airport's governance but admitted that now, he is torn.

“My gut's telling me one thing, and my head's telling me something different, so I don't know which one to believe,” he said.

“I just feel that we need to look into doing something different,” Brown added, “if it means being able to hire the airport manager that reports to this council and to having an advisory board instead of an authority board, those are questions that I have.”

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Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, May 24, at 9 a.m. Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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Lake Buter Memorial Day

Union County American Legion Post 153 will be holding a Memorial Day Observance on May 29 at the Lake Butler Masonic Lodge at 10 a.m. The program will feature

patriotic music and a local guest speaker. Come out and show your support for our friends and neighbors in the armed services, past and present.

Special services at True Vine

True Vine Ministry will be hosting a special two-night service on Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. The

featured speaker is Apostle Frankie Smith, senior pastor of True Vine World Harvest Ministry in Pooler, Georgia. The church is located at 422 Saint Clair St. in Starke. The public is invited to attend.

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New voting districts approved

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

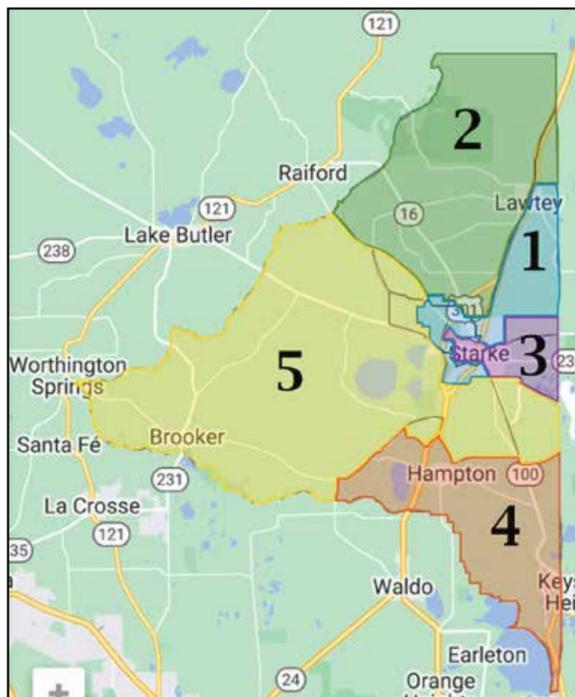
STARKE — Bradford County commissioners have approved a new map of their districts.

Bradford School Board members share these districts and have previously adopted the map.

A couple of citizens expressed concern about how District 1 was drawn to include a higher minority voter population to maintain a majority minority district in the county. Vyunda Strong of Lawtey said she didn't believe the way the district is drawn would withstand a legal challenge and it doesn't make the county look good. Paul Still complained he hadn't seen the map prior to its consideration for approval.

Redistricting, which is required to maintain a balanced number of voters in each district following every decennial census, has been the topic of multiple public discussions since the census results became available, and the county commission and school board held workshops to discuss the process and which of the proposed maps they would select.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty, who voted against approving the map, said he would prefer that commissioners be elected by voters countywide instead of individual districts. It would eliminate districts altogether and running for office countywide would truly make them county



commissioners instead of district commissioners.

"Focus on the priorities of the county and not just one district," he said.

At-large elections were held for commissioners in Starke and Bradford County as well as the school board before they were sued over the lack racial diversity in local leadership. The solution was to vote by district, with one district maintained as a majority minority districts.

This time, population shifts made it difficult to raise the number of Black voters in county District 1 above 50% while also maintaining a

relatively balanced number of total voters in each district. Commissioners and school board members must also be allowed to continue representing the district they were elected in.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner thanked law student Colson Douglas for his involvement in providing maps for the county commission and school board to consider. She thanked the both boards and the elections office for working together, and Assistant Supervisor of Elections Matt Barksdale in particular for the time he spent working on the maps.

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include the study of potential adverse impacts on natural and historic resources. The assessment must be prepared by qualified professionals in the field of study, and it must be paid for by the applicant.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty questioned if the proposed changes were subjective and based on opinions or beliefs. He pointed out that neighboring counties have mining or extractions activities that create jobs and provided needed materials to manufacture products people use every day. Chemours is an example, he said. Rather than limiting mining, he felt permit applications should be reviewed case-by-case to identify negative impacts or "red flags."

Koons said the point was not to limit potential mining or extraction activities but establish a process for the kind of review Dougherty was speaking about.

Commissioner Danny Riddick said it was important to get the changes in place, saying the existing bare bones regulations are not enough to protect the county.

"Not to say that we're going to stop anybody, but it sure helps when another issue comes along like before. Before we had absolutely nothing," he said.

Carol Mosley of the Bradford Environmental Forum said while the county may not be able to require applicants to seek permits from other agencies

such as the Department of Environmental Protection prior to seeking a special use permit here, the board should suggest that as a way of proving the viability of a proposed mining project. County commissioners don't have the expertise to make that determination alone.

Following discussion, including input from Planning and Zoning Director Randy Andrews on the need to protect current and future landowners from companies that own mineral rights on their land, the commission voted 4-0 to advance the process (with Chairwoman Diane Andrews absent from the meeting).

The two-step process for implementing the policy changes begins with amending the comprehensive plan. Pending

a positive recommendation from the planning and zoning board, the county commission would conduct the first of two public hearings and transmit the proposed comprehensive plan amendments to the state. Following state review, the county would hold the second public hearing and approve or deny the changes.

Changes to the land development regulations would follow a similar process, but these local regulations are not subject to state review.

According to Koons, the first comprehensive plan hearings could take place June 15 and the final hearing on Aug. 17. The land development regulation hearings could take place on Oct. 19 and Nov. 16.

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The city will also consult its pension attorney about how retirement will be addressed for city employees in police and fire who could be transferred to the county as well as current retirees. Starke has its own retirement programs for employees while county employees are in the Florida Retirement System.

While city commissioners do not necessarily agree how to proceed, the vote to invite the county to the table was unanimous.

There was no further discussion at the May 16 meeting about a referendum to remove the police chief as an elected position in the city charter.



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American Legion awards JROTC students

On May 11, Bradford Middle School, in cooperation with Jones-Langford-White American Legion Post 56, presented the American Legion School Awards to the following eighth grade students for being rated top of their class in the following subject areas: (pictured l-r) Markez Hewitt for athletics, Hayden Paris for music and Irene James for academics. Maj. (retired) John Crews, who serves as Post 56's adjutant and as the Bradford School District's senior Army instructor for JROTC, presented the awards.

Letters

Memorial Day service in Starke

Dear Editor:
Starke's Memorial Day Service will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29, at Charlie Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park on East Call Street American Legion Post 56 veterans, Boy Scout Troop 70 of Starke and Bradford High School JROTC students.

Memorial Day is a national holiday in the United States for remembering those who died while serving in this country's armed forces.

Memorial Day as officially proclaimed by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868. It was first observed when flowers were placed upon the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. After World War I, the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting any war.

Although all deceased service members did not die because of enemy action, they all served their country with courage and honor, and as an act of gratitude, are remembered by having an American Flag placed upon their gravesites in all our cemeteries.

Last week, I was approached

by a student at Southside Elementary School with a question: "What is Memorial Day and why?" I explained the why and the ceremony that would be conducted. Children of this generation have no knowledge of this country's history regarding the battles fought and the sacrifice by our fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters to share with one

another in this great country. The public is invited and encouraged to attend our ceremony and pay homage to all our local men and women who have served our country with honor and distinction.

Respectfully,
Raymond Hunt
Vice Commander

"Graduation Poem"

*And as the years comes fleeting by
A tear almost comes into my eye
As I think of the past and memories so fond
There were so many special ones
Now I'll lay the in aside with the other past
And set my face forward to a greater task
To help others as I have been
That they to might have a better end.*

— Henry Hodges
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"Tomorrow"

*Tomorrow will start a brand new day
But you'll need a friend along lifes way
Someone to help you with everything
To lift your burdens and cause you to sing
Be a success in what you do
But think of the one that enabled you to
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Charter school holds kindergarten meet and greet

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

BROOKER — Teachers, parents and prospective kindergartners came together for a Meet the Kindergarten open house at the Brooker Community School to get a taste of what's in store for the school year.

The room was brightly prepped with eye-catching props and hands-on activities. Enthusiasm filled the air, and it was hard to tell if the students or teachers were the most excited for classes to commence.

The school's principal, Felecia Moss, was on hand to greet the families along with hard-working volunteers who toiled and decorated to make the room feel enchanting. Posters on the wall gave an indication of the topics to be taught. The display of books caught the attention of many children who expressed a desire to learn to read. The three-dimensional crafts of trees and puppet theater and huge stuffed animals gave the sense of a safe and stimulating learning wonderland.

Michelle Green, who helped decorate the room, grew up in



Teacher Ashley Shelton shares a science lesson.

Graham and has returned to Brooker hoping to volunteer after 30 years as a teacher of second grade through junior college. Volunteer Cindy Griffis taught middle school for 28 years. Her children attended Brooker Elementary School and her grandchildren will attend the

new charter school.

Teacher Ashley Shelton led a group of kids in seed planting, questioning the students about what kind of care their plant will need to grow at home. The youngsters already knew plants need food, water and sunshine to grow.

Shelton expressed how thrilled she is to be influencing the children who represent the future of Bradford County. She will teach fourth and fifth grades combined in reading, science, math and social studies this year. She expects her students to be adept at science, especially in



Trace Cleeson performs a puppet show.

agriculture. She has her science schedule all planned out with Monday being vocabulary and academics, Wednesday is for projects and Friday will be performance assessment. Learn, experiment and express what you

learned.

If enthusiasm and passion are the markers of future success, this school is on the fast track.

Brooker charter school hiring staff, preparing programs

Enrichment program after school free for a limited time

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

BROOKER — Brooker Community School is busily putting the pieces in place for the August opening. They are posting yard signs and running ads for recruitment while volunteers show up for workdays to spiff up the classrooms.

Each Wednesday is open house when parents and prospective students can drop by for a one-on-one visit with Principal Felecia Moss. The Board of Directors is meeting frequently to assure the legal and financial requirements are all satisfied in time.

The May 11 budget and board meeting covered a lot of territory. Positions are being filled rapidly with four teachers hired thus far, leaving two more positions to fill. Other support positions are still available, though some will be filled as needed once the school is up and running.

A bus driver position is one that must be filled as soon as possible. The school intends to provide some bus service. With the one bus available, the plan is to pick up at designated locations. There will not be

door-to-door service. Currently, 29 students have signed up for transportation.

Food service provision still needs to be sorted out. One option is to have someone go to Starke each morning to obtain the lunches and bring them back to Brooker. Since the Brooker school has its own kitchen, hiring food service staff to prepare lunch on site is another option to consider. Once the students are enrolled, the school can see if the students schoolwide demographically qualify for free lunches. Otherwise, parents will need to fill out an income-based application for free or reduced-price lunches on a case-by-case basis.

Another major requirement in the works is getting the IT in place. One immediate glitch is that Kinetic won't have the phone lines installed until mid-June. Meanwhile, there are hardware and software purchases that need to be made. The plan is for students to share laptops or tablets (to be determined) between two students. Staff will need laptops, monitors and docking stations. All will need software licenses, filters and security features. The usual projectors, speakers, document cameras and so on will be needed for each classroom.

A proposal was accepted by the

board for initiating an extended-day enrichment program. The afterschool program is multi-purpose. It provides a safe environment for children of working parents whose job extends beyond school hours. It benefits students academically and socially in a less constrained environment. Plus, the clubs and special programs offered can increase students' awareness of new options to explore through hands-on activities in areas such as agriculture.

The extended-day program will be available from 2:30-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at a cost of \$60 per week, plus a \$25 annual enrollment fee. Students who qualify for reduced rate will pay \$45 instead of \$60. For a limited time with early enrollment, the program can be available free for the month of August.

At the end of the meeting, Chairperson Suzanne McCree thanked the board and the community for the physical and financial support that has been so crucial in getting the school off the ground. Proving her point about community support, Charles and Sylvia Tatum of Tatum Sawmill in Lawtey quietly handed the board an envelope containing a \$1,000 contribution.

Summer fun with 4-H: Ice cream in a bag

BY TAMARA DINKINS
4-H Volunteer

CINDY SANTERS
Interim Extension Director

UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension

With summer break here, children are home and ready for a vacation from school. However, it might not be long before the excitement of being free from homework wears off and you hear the words, "I'm bored!" If that happens to you, we have an activity that will not only cure the boredom for a bit, but help your kids keep their brains active and learning.

"Learn by doing" is the 4-H motto and a great way for youth to have fun and learn at the same time. This process can be summarized with the words "Do, Reflect, Apply." By actively experiencing the world around them using hands-on activities under adult guidance, youth connect personally in a way that they remember. Next, through talking about what they did and answering questions, young people develop logic and verbal skills deepening their understanding of what they learned. Finally, adults can help them apply what they have done to other circumstances and situations.

An activity you can try with your kids that is perfect for summer is "Ice Cream in a Bag." The items you will need are

things you probably already have at home: ice, salt, milk, sugar, vanilla (optional), zipper bags (gallon and quart size), and a kitchen towel.

To make "Ice Cream in a Bag," pour a cup of milk into a sealable quart sized plastic bag. Add a tablespoon of sugar and a teaspoon of vanilla. (Alternatively, you can use flavored milk.) Make sure the bag is properly sealed. Next, half fill a gallon size sealable bag with ice and add a good amount of salt. Put the milk bag into the ice bag and shake, keeping the milk in contact with the ice as much as possible. The ice in the bag will get very cold, so put a towel around the bag to protect your hands. Check the milk after five minutes. It should be a similar consistency to ice cream, if not keep shaking a little longer. Remove the small bag from the large bag and wipe off the condensation and any salt that may have accumulated on the bag. Open the bag, grab a spoon and enjoy.

What is happening here? Water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Adding salt lowers the freezing point by a few degrees which means when it is added to the ice in the outer bag, the ice (which

is at 32 degrees) is above its freezing point and will begin to melt. Melting needs energy, which in this case comes from the milk and sugar mixture in the inner bag. Heat is absorbed from the milk mixture causing it to freeze and the ice to melt. This is why the ice will feel very cold.

Ask your kids if they have ever heard of people in cold climates putting salt on the roads to melt the ice in the winter. We don't have this problem in Florida, but thinking about this expands their knowledge of the world around them. Another fun thing to do to take this new knowledge further is to work alongside your children to do an internet search for other experiments they can try with salt and ice.

Try this project with your kids this summer. It's a perfect hot weather activity to do outside and not only will your children learn some science principles, but you will get to help them eat the delicious results!

Be on the lookout for upcoming 4-H programs this summer!

4-H is open to all youth ages 5-18. Enrollment in the new 4-H year begins Sept. 1, 2023. Call the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224 for more information.



Hope students deliver the drama

"You Can't Take it With You," a comedy in three acts by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, was performed by Hope Christian Academy students and adults May 5 in the church sanctuary. As the drama progressed, it was clear to understand that living large was not of interest to the family's patriarch — although the family's unique personalities and life choices were something to the contrary. Ultimately, the play leads one through a comical realization that a person cannot take physical possessions along when one passes from this world to the next. The drama was directed by HCA instructor, Adina Leon. Pictured are (front row, l-r) Angelica Barnett, Noah Leon, Adina Leon, Savannah Jewell, (second row) Jadie Clark, Lilliana Drew, Brenden Musser, Jude Dugat, Annalei Brown, Mr. AJ Brown, (back row) Doug Leon, Tavian Frazier, Adam White, Nathan Webster, Dylan Dial, Luke Drew, Mector Diaz, Alyssa Hunt, Joanne Abbott, Blayne Wilkinson, Benjamin Whalen and Lydia Morgan. Pics by Virginia Denmark.



HCA drama student Annalei Brown checks on fellow cast member Jadie Clark, whose character was overwhelmed and in need of a rest.



Hope student Luke drew performed as a government official prepared to investigate the family's patriarch.

Missing graduates



Ahman Mateo Covington (left) and Randall Nathan Smith Jr. (right), both graduating Bradford High School seniors, were unintentionally left out of the graduation edition because of an error on the part of the photography company. We apologize for the omission.

Lake Region

Class of 2023 ends one chapter, begins another

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The Keystone Heights Senior High School Class of 2023 marched onto the campus's football stadium as students for the last time during a commencement ceremony on Friday, May 19.

Student Council Vice President Trevor Noble began the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sherman Carnes led the capacity crowd in the National Anthem.

Senior Class Secretary Sam Ulsch pronounced the invocation, and Student Council President Kiley Channell welcomed the audience.

Senior Vice President Sarah Siebert introduced the honored guests of the ceremony, which included District 4 School Board Member Michele Hanson, Ethan Caren, the school district's director of information and technology services, Dr. Melanie Sanders, the district's director of exceptional student education and Santa Fe College Student Affairs Specialist Karen Lake.



Keystone Heights High School Principal Laurie Burke leads the Class of 2023 to the school's commencement ceremony. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

taught us not only what was in the textbook, but also how to become well-rounded adults."

Wright insisted that no student graduates on their own.

"We are sitting here in these caps and gowns because of the unending support given to us by the faculty, staff, teachers, parents, grandparents, coaches, club sponsors," she said. "and other students that have made us and ultimately to God for being the driving force throughout most of our lives."

Wright said that although looking fondly at childhood memories is enjoyable, now is the time for her and her classmates to turn the page.

"We can never go back to that innocent time of childhood that we are now leaving," she said. "We can only set our sights on what lies before us. High school is only a blip in our story—a chapter made and gone. The life we know now is beginning to shift into a new normal. But seniors, do not dwell on high school, for it is over and done. Be excited for the blank chapter ahead."

Wright declared it is good to look back, better to be grateful, and best to say goodbye.

"It's hard to say goodbye," she said. "Goodbye to the comfort of what we've known and a life we've grown so used to. Yesterday is gone. And we have to be forever grateful for the special people and moments that we were able to share our childhoods with."

Biscuits are done. We are finished.

Class President Kaia Wright told her classmates that the school years they are culminating are the formative years of their lives.

"The dictionary definition of formative is having a profound and lasting influence on a person's development," she said. "And this is what the past four years have proved to be for all of us, a lasting influence."

The class president also asked her colleagues to reflect on the relationships they formed over the last four years.

"Some of these relationships have survived many years and turned into our closest friends," she said. "Some have ended as we've grown and outgrown, and some we have amended through maturing and learning that others do not always see eye to eye."

Wright acknowledged that frustrations accompanied many students' high school experiences, like homework and quizzes and crowded hallways and parking lots.

But she added that the benefits outweigh the setbacks: "teachers that have become mentors," she said, "friends that have turned into family, and classes that have

Wright concluded by quoting teacher Beth Leitheiser: "Biscuits are done. People are finished," Wright said. "Well, Class of 2023, we are now finished."

Believe in yourself

Salutatorian Phoenix Cushman recalled the academic challenges he and his classmates encountered on the Orchid Street campus and the fun they had along the way.

"We survived algebra, chemistry circles and triangle proofs and cafeteria food," he said, "which is honestly, in my opinion, was pretty good. We have also had a lot of fun along the way. Our club activities, sports events, parades, concerts, plays, talent shows—go shopping mall gorillas—proms, and homecomings and lovely field trips have made our time here precious."

Cushman also recalled making lifetime friends and thanked the teachers, administrators, coaches and parents who made it all possible.

The salutatorian cataloged some of his class's achievements.

"Just to name a few," he said, "our KHHS senior band progressed to the state level of MPA for the first time in 33 years, our senior robotics team won the One Clay Rumble last Saturday, and our own Matthew Golden was awarded the prestigious National Merit Scholarship."

"Finally," he added, "let's not forget that our band, chorus, and

JROTC specifically, out of all the many other high schools out there, were chosen to perform the National Anthem at the Daytona International Speedway."

Cushman said that looking back over the last four years, the great times should give his classmates joy, and the difficult times should motivate them to grow.

"Believe in yourself," he said. "Surround yourself with those who will challenge and bring out your best. I know we all have the ability to be great in whatever we do."

They can't stop us

Valedictorian Matthew Golden told his classmates they had already established a record of achievements.

"Today you're graduating with star athletes," he said, "CNAs, AA graduates, future firefighters, EMTs, and so many more

accomplished individuals."

Like Cushman before him, Golden highlighted his classmates' accomplishments.

"Our weightlifting team," he said, "who won their third state title, our robotics team, who won the Judges' Choice Award, our Clay County All-Star athletes, our many clubs like Key Club, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and their service projects, helping our school and the community, and there's so many more, but we are so proud of all of your accomplishments."

Golden said he expected his class to build on its already impressive record of achievement.

"Our future is in our hands," he said. "We have seen you do great things. I'm excited to see what we all do from here."

"No matter what, they can't stop us," he concluded. "Now, here in our moment of truth, we can make it happen, and we can turn around. We were born to make history."

Write your own story

Principal Laurie Burke asked the students to look around the football stadium filled with their supporters.

"This is your very own valuable support system," she told the graduates, "your amazing families, friends, your teachers, your KHHS staff, your community, your potential employers, your possible future family members."

Burke then continued a theme she emphasized during the school's class night awards ceremony last week: writing your own story.

"Tonight, you will turn the page and have a new beginning," she said. "This beginning looks different for each one of you."

Burke told her students that being an adult is hard and carries responsibilities the seniors have not yet encountered.

"You all have what it takes to be successful," she said, "but remember, it's your own story, and you are the author. This means your actions are your pen. Make every action a prepared thought-through action, an accountable action, a responsible action, a respectful action, and always be careful of all of your reactions to every situation you face."

Burke added that the seniors' reactions to the situations they will encounter in life can lead to success or be detrimental.

She said that one way to write a positive story is to focus on the needs of others and develop a servant mindset.

"Write your accountability," she advised. "You will make mistakes, so be accountable for that. Make it right and learn from it. The more accountable you are for all of your actions, the better decisions you'll make. This must be practiced because it's hard. Take responsibility and be prepared by thinking through and always planning ahead."

The principal emphasized the importance of preparation.

"Some don't plan ahead because it takes time and again, it's hard," she said, "but the more you take time to do it, the better and faster you get it. Prepare for everything, and you will become more successful because of it."

Burke said following the principles she outlined would allow students to write the best books ever.

She concluded her talk not by looking forward but by harking back to a unifying cheer the seniors had shouted dozens of times over the last four years.

"One last time," she said, "Go Indians!"

Focus on mental health, college

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Schools Superintendent David Broskie's Student Advisory Council reported their findings during the May meeting of the Clay County School Board.

Kelly Watt, the district's chief of staff introduced the council, which consisted of 27 members, including senior high and junior high students.

Watt said the council focused on student mental health and college and career readiness.

She added that the council talked to district staff, conducted surveys and interviewed their fellow students about both topics.

"I will tell you that what they came back with was absolutely innovative," Watt said. "They were problem solvers because we can get really good at naming problems. I mean, all of us can. But being able to come up with solutions: that's what this team is about."

Broskie said that in his 34 years in public education, the council's members were the most intelligent, mature and poised group of students he has dealt with.

"The bar is set so high for next year," he said. "I'm like, I just can't wait."

"We had some really great conversations about some really difficult topics," Broskie added, "and it was great to hear student voices and then apply it."

The superintendent reported that subject-matter experts who interacted with the council were equally impressed by the group's

maturity and intelligence.

Mental health services

The council's chair: Fleming Island senior Brady White said that when it comes to mental health, the problem is not a lack of services available to students but a lack of awareness.

"We realized the issue is not the lack of resources," he said, "it's the lack of knowledge of the resources available. The resources are there. We just have to make sure that students know about it."

White said his council recommended that the district make teachers, guidance counselors and school staff aware of the mental health services available to students so they can point students to those services when needed.

College and career readiness

White said that the primary problem with Clay students' college and career readiness is that parents and students wait too late before thinking about post-high school destinations.

"We only start working when it's crunch time," he said of his colleagues, when college admissions are due in a couple of months. We're like, oh shoot, I need a resume."

He added that the council recommended the guidance counselors and the district's career and technical education office develop grade-specific advice.

"So, in the ninth-grade year, you get your feet in the water, look into possible jobs that you could be applying to when you turn 16. (In the sophomore year: college or S.A.T. prep; junior year: really go at it with jobs and S.A.T. and then senior year: admissions, college applications also."

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Brown said that the council went through a similar evaluation when it converted to a council-manager form of government years ago.

"It wasn't easy, but it got done, and I feel like it's ran pretty darn good the way it is," he said of the conversion to the council-manager form of government.

Brown also said he has heard that Bradford County wants to take over the airport.

"I mentioned this a couple of months ago to an authority board member that I'd heard that Bradford County wants our airport," he said.

"What I've heard bothers me," he added. "That airport is owned by the City of Keystone Heights, not Clay County, not Bradford County. It's owned by the City of Keystone Heights, and if any county, whether it be Bradford or Clay, wants to maneuver their way in to take over, it's going to have to come from this dais right here, and as long as I'm here, the City of Keystone is going to own that airport."

Leave it alone

During the public comment section of the meeting, former council member Paul Yates argued for keeping the airport's current structure. He said that in 2009, when he and Tony Brown were on the council, the panel concluded that keeping the municipality and airport separate protected Keystone Heights taxpayers from liability in the

event of a significant loss at the airport.

Council member Steve Hart agreed with Yates, adding that now, the city is only responsible for gross negligence at the airport. However, the city would take on contract and tort liability under Brown's proposal.

"What we would be basically doing, as Mr. Yates suggested, is putting on the backs of the taxpayers of the City of Keystone Heights all of this liability," Hart said, "and I don't see any advantage. There's no trade-off. We would be taking on liability, and we already have the power to control the board out there. I don't see that it's a wise change."

After calling the proposal to convert the airport into a city department a "bad idea," Hart said he was willing to listen about alternative forms of airport governance. He also restated his earlier assertions that the council could exert more control over the facility while at the same time

not incurring additional liability by making rules that would be binding on the airport board.

Council member Bobby Brown said the municipality's airport is well-known and has a reputation for being well-managed.

"I think we've got a couple of gems in Keystone," he said. "I think one of them is our beach... and the other is our airport."

"I go places every now and then and tell people I'm from Keystone, and they actually know about the airport," he continued. "They know about Keystone, and that's just because we're so dad gum good at what we're doing. I think we need to leave it alone. Leave the airport—just leave it alone like it is."

Mayor Rodenroth, in addition to recommending the timeline for a decision, said she looked forward to getting more information about how the airport now operates and how that would change under a new form of governance.

UNION COUNTY

UCHS Graduation sees 136 students take the walk

BY TRACY LEE TATE
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LAKE BUTLER — Union County High School's 2023 graduation ceremony was held May 19, sending 136 young men and women off to pursue the next chapter in their lives. These young people made their landmark walk across the stage under the eyes of a large crowd of parents, grandparents, friends and community members, all enjoying the cooperation of the weather, which was pleasant and breezy.

As the UCHS Band, under the direction of Kelly Dorsey, played the traditional processional theme, the soon-to-be graduates walked to the field and took their seats. The event opened with a prayer, offered by Senior Class Treasurer Jayda Leigh Hendrieth, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, led by Karly Ann Raulerson, Senior Class Secretary. Senior Class President Parker Whitson Johnson then came to the podium to welcome the graduates and spectators. Amid expressions of gratitude to families and "past and present staff members," he commented that "When we leave here tonight we will have finished our high school careers and will each begin a new path leading us towards our futures."

UCHS Principal Julie Denson came to the podium to recognize the honors students and the students who had committed to continue their education in a branch of the United States military. Each set of students were asked to stand as they were recognized and remain standing until all in their group had been called.

The Outstanding Honor Students, all with a 4.0 grade point average or higher were: Kindall Mikala Johnson (also earning an AA from Florida Gateway College), Madison Dee Johnson (AA from FGC), Jaira Kinslee Highland (AA from FGC), Whitley Grace Griffis (AA from FGC), Katie Lynn

Wade, Kennedy Ann Smith (AA from Santa Fe Community College), Leah Michelle Clark, Reagan Elizabeth Robinson, Perry Jefferson Johnson (AA from FGC), Colby Alan Dukes, Angela Danielle Tucker, Jayda Leigh Hendrieth, Natalie Page Gay, Hannah Elizabeth Sherrod, Karly Ann Raulerson, Abygayle Marie Fillyaw, Parker Whitson Johnson, Ian Michael Brannen, Caleb Ward Ripplinger, Dalton Alvin Lane and Adrianna Gonzalez-Maldonado.

The High Honors students, with 3.75-3.99 grade point averages, were: Carson Wade Rogers, Ethan Eric Graham, Ethan Michael Moody, Spencer Clayton Donovan Nugent, Ayden Cole Elixson, Braden James Gatlin, Monica Regina Lloyd, Auntrell Deshawn Ross, Emily Grace Richards, Drew Hamilton Manning, Ella Reese Dicks, Emma Brooke Perron, Cameron Jaylon Williams, Karleigh Jameson White, Jaycee Lynn Davis, Colton Thomas Bell and Emma Noelle Fulton.

The Honors students, with 3.5-3.749 grade point averages, were: Jordan Reece Lamb, Luke Michael Jackson, Krista Lynn Fort, Sierra Cheyenne O'Steen, Jasmin Nichole James, Joshua Blake Agner, Ian Robert Halfacre, Karly April Shatto, Kara Mackenzie Dennison, Kale Mason Waters, Kaycee Ann Parks, Zoey Shyanne Fillyaw, Hannah Diane Rivera and Blakely Rose Bryan.

In honoring the military service bound students, Denson praised their decision to make "the choice to support and defend this great nation against enemies, both foreign and domestic." These students are: Adam Thomas Ali - Florida Army National Guard, Alexis Celeste Cox - U. S. Air Force, Kara Mackenzie Dennison - Florida Army National Guard, Adrianna Desire Gonzalez-Maldonado - Florida Army National Guard, Clairia Nichol Miller - U. S. Army, Jay Allen



The UCHS Class of 2023 Outstanding Honors graduates

Parks - U. S. Marine Corps and Sierra Cheyenne O'Steen - U. S. Army.

Salutatorian Madison Johnson then took her turn at the podium to give her speech to the crowd. After thanking her family for their support, she went on to speak about the large step she and all the other graduates were taking and all the memories they had in common working towards their futures. She talked about the need for each of them to have a firm concept of who they are and what their purpose in life is. She admonished her fellow students, saying "If today were your last day, would what you did or who you were matter more? You are born looking like your parents but you die looking like your decisions." She stressed the value of Faith, both in deciding identity and living a successful life.

Class Valedictorian Kindall Johnson (the sister of the Salutatorian) then gave her speech. She also spoke of gratitude and memories of the years the graduates had spent getting to the current moment, but cautioned them to "live in the now," not the past or future. "Class of 2023, stop fantasizing the future, live in the moment, treasure it in your heart, and give the glory to God. You're not promised tomorrow, but you have today. Only you can decide what to do with it."

After the Alma Mater was sung by all in attendance Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger came to the stage for the handing out of diplomas. Graduates were called to the stage one by one by Owen Beatty, shook hands with Ripplinger then walked on to receive their diploma from UCHS Assistant Principal Zeke Scaff. After all the diplomas had been bestowed, Ripplinger gave a short speech, thanking everyone in the community for their contributions for getting the young people to where they are now. He also thanked all of the school staff "who have invested countless hours helping to prepare the Class of 2023 for what lies ahead." To the Class of 2023, he said, "It has been my privilege to watch you grow and succeed and reach this milestone tonight. May your lives be richly



Salutatorian Madison Johnson offered her fellow graduates a lesson in knowing who they are.



Valedictorian Kindall Johnson spoke the the graduating class about living "in the now."

blessed and may you find success and joy in the pathway of life that is before you." He concluded with the words all were waiting to hear - "By the power invested in me as the Superintendent of Schools, I now pronounce you graduates of Union County High School. You may turn your tassel."

The students stood and filed out of the seating area to walk the traditional victory circle, ending in the far center of the field where they threw their caps. Gates from the spectator seating areas were then opened and the students were joined on the field by family, friends and well-wishers.

For the Class of 2023 the Class Flower was the white rose, the Class Song was "Live Your Life," by T.L. featuring Rihanna, the Class Motto was "It was fun while it lasted." School Board members attending the event were: Curtis Clyatt, Russell Gordon, Chris Hodgson, Terra Johnson and Becky Raulerson. Senior Class Sponsors were: Lindley Adkins, Allyson Beatty, Lee Clark, Ashlyn Gladding, Mark Harrison, Bonnie Honour, Jeffrey Jakubik, Erica Parrish, Liliana Perez, Ronny Pruitt, Tiandra Sirmones, Wesley Smith, Cody Tempest, Erin Waters, Jessica Williams and Elise Worthington. Ushers were: Grant Dicks, Dayquan Diston, Jonathan Edwards and Jack Whitehead. Usherettes were: Kadence Adams, Taliyah Harper, Aliyah Smith and Kayley Tomlinson.

And, last but not least, the

graduates were: Joshua Blake Agner, Nadia Sophia Aldana, Justin Lee Alford, Adam Thomas Ali, Elias Cole Anderson-Davis, Anjellee Mirelys Andino, Sarah Elisabeth Archer, Kenneth Landon Banks, Danielle Leigh Barrick, Aleyna Jasmine Bell, Colton Thomas Bell, Jimmy Wayne Bennetfield, Ian Michael Brannen, Blakely Rose Bryan, Zayna Saige Bryant, Haylee Alyse Buchanan, Hayley Michelle Burke, Krista Jade-Lee Cadle, Emily Brooke Chapman, Leah Michelle Clark, Jeffrey Allen Cook, Anthony Ryan Cortese Jr., Alexis Celeste Cox, Ashlinn Faith Crawford, Hayden Kage Crews, Kloe Brook Crews, Wilford Dalton Croft, Bionca Lynn Cummings, Jaycee Lynn Davis, Kara Mackenzie Dennison, Ella Reese Dicks, Daylyn O'Danata Diston, Colby Alan Dukes, Thomas Rayvon Durant, Ayden Cole Elixson, Jaysha Rose-Jean Ingram, Abygayle Marie Fillyaw, Zoey Shyanne Fillyaw, Krista Lynn Fort, Emma Noelle Fulton, Major Genyria Gaffney, Madison Virginia Garber, Braden James Gatlin, Natalie Paige Gay, Sophia Lynn Gedelian, Adrianna Desire Gonzalez-Maldonado, Ethan Eric Graham, Ethan Everhett Griffis, Ronald Lemyles Griffis, Whitley Grace Griffis, Colin Christopher Hadlock, Ian Robert Halfacre, Ethan Scot Hancock, Bailey Jade Handley, Deanna Trinity Hansen, Tucker Michael Hardee, Darry Lee Hayes, Jr., Johniya Thomlisha Henderson, Jayda Leigh Hendrieth, Alyssa

Jolie Hernandez, Jaira Kinslee Highland, Kayci Lynn Holder, Keaton Whitley Holmes, Johnathon Cole Huntley, Luke Michael Jackson, Jasmin Nichole James, Emma Layne Jeffers, Josilyn Chavaria Jenkins, Kindall Mikala Johnson, Madison Dee Johnson, Parker Whitson Johnson, Perry Jefferson Johnson, Hance Lee Jones, Chelsea Leah Keen, Dayven James Kelley, Angel Marie Kingsbury, Lindsay Claire Kingsbury, Jordan Reece Lamb, Dalton Alvin Lane, Matthew Edward Laux, Tre'von Demarious Lee, Monica Regina Lloyd, Drew Hamilton Manning, Isabella Abigale Manucy, Miranda Brooke Martin, Emory Austin McDaniel, Christopher Bradley Mecusker, Macy Mae Mecusker, Clairia Nicole Miller, Jeremy Allen Miller, Jr., Ethan Michael Moody, Maxwell Dean Newman, Zachary Colin Norman, Jordan Frank Norris, Spencer Clayton Nugent, Sierra Cheyenne O'Steen, Kaycee Ann Parks, Jaci McGuire Patrick, Emma Brooke Perron, Jordan Alexander Pozos, Jayce Harrison Puni, Karly Ann Raulerson, Emily Grace Richards, Michael Shane Ring, Jr., Caleb Ward Ripplinger, Hailey Marie Rivera, Hannah Diane Rivera, A'nieca Joleigh Robins, Kyndall Kathryn Robinson, Reagan Elizabeth Robinson, Carson Wade Rogers, Auntrell Deshawn Ross, Ethan Dakota Rowe, Karly April Shatto, Ethan Thomas Shea, Hannah Elizabeth Sherrod, Kennedy Ann Smith, Karlie Alissa Starling, Markus Tavar Strong, Ryley Steven Suggs, Trista Lea Tamburri, Waylen Coleman Tetstone, Harlos Deon Thomas, Jr., Margaret Olivia Thomas, Charity Lynn Thompson, Dayviontae Jaquay Trayvon Thompson, Danny Lee Thornton, Jr., Hailey Marie Thornton, Talya Brielle Trent, Angela Danielle Tucker, Savana Marie Tucker, Ashlynn Paige Turknott, Katie Lynn Wade, Kale Mason Waters, Karleigh Jameson White, Hayden Joseph Whitehead, Cameron Jaylon Williams, Dermarius Deon Williams, Nysia Danae Williams, Emily Laura Wilson, Tristen Rosemarie Woodall, Daniel Haldin Woods, Michael Jan Young, Tamia Lashae Young and Caleb Jackson Zapp.

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FFA holds annual awards banquet for members and parents

TRACY LEE TATE
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LAKE BUTLER — The Lake Butler Chapters of the Future Farmers of America held their annual Parent/Member banquet — the 82nd such event in the chapter's history — in the Union County Schools on Thursday, May 12, 2023 in the Union County High School auditorium to an audience of about 400 members and guests. The evening began, as always, in the UCHS cafeteria, where FFA members and Union County School Board members served guests on two buffet lines. After the meal, all made their way to the auditorium for the presentations.

While everyone was being seated live musical entertainment was provided by Maggie Thomas, Kendyl Brannen and Saige Waters. To start the event, the UCHS JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and Ava Westmoreland sang the National Anthem. The Senior Chapter officers then presented the opening ceremony, with Senior Chapter President Reagan Robinson at the podium. Members of the school district and school administrations were welcomed and given credit for their support of the program, followed by thanks expressed to Elixon Lumber for sponsoring the meal, Heidi Brown and her staff for preparing it and Emerson Nursery and Rental Plants for providing the decorative plants used in the event. Also recognized were the teachers, parents and community supporters for been a part of the success of Lake Butler FFA.

The LBMS officers came to the fore and conducted the Honorary Degree Ceremony, with Junior Chapter President Bayley Staier at the podium. Union County Judge, the Honorable Mitchell Bishop and Ken Parrish were made honorary members and welcomed by the officers.

Next, Tanner Connell and Brady Tetstone came to the podium to present the Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipient was West Frazier, represented at the event by Rusty Steele. The company was recognized for being volume buyers at the Union County Fair, sponsoring the Lori Anderson Scholarship Bowling Tournament and, last November, buying a meal for all the students that attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Reagan Robinson and Bayley Staier returned to the podium to present the Blue and Gold Awards to Allen Parrish and Johnny Welch for their long-time support of the FFA programs. Senior FFA Advisor Tom 'Bub' Williams then joined them at the podium for the induction of this year's Hall of Fame candidate. Joe Hendricks as this year's inductee and a brief bio of his career in agriculture was presented. He is the ninth inductee into the Lake Butler Chapter Hall of Fame, which was started seven years ago at the 75th Annual Banquet. He joins the list of previous inductees, which includes Marvin Pritchett, Harlis Elixson, Shirley Kirby, Jimmy Brown, Mark Bracewell, Canova Howard, Lowell Shadd and Avery Roberts. A plaque with his name and likeness will be displayed along with these others in the Agricultural Education Building. Hendricks was joined on the stage by his family.

The next presentations were those for the Discovery, Greenhand and Chapter Degrees and was announced by Brittany McGee. The Discovery Degrees were sponsored by Lake Butler Farm Center. Each recipient received a pin to commemorate their achievement. They were: Madison Adams, Layla Alexander, Mirani Andino, Ezekiel Baker, Jarred Bennett, Ava Bernal, Jacee Box, Michaela Burkley, Lillie Conner, Jamie Lynn Courson, Brylee Elixson, Cole Gaultney, Brooklyn Gay, Bronson Haight, Emma Handley, Kaelyn Hanna, Ja'Kari Hill, Mackenzi Huggins, Marcus Jefferson, Gabrielle Johnson, Travis Johnson, Evan Jones, Mia Kent, Bristol Lang, Rebecca Langkau, Bryce Lawton, Sierra Mohl, Carson Moss, Trent Nash, Kaitlyn Pafford, R.J. Paul, Cane Reddish, Bryson Roberts, Hayden Robinson, Layla Seale,

Paislee Jo Stalnaker, Brianna Taylor, Brady Tetstone, Natalie Thames, Fisher Thomassen, Cali Tomlinson, Aaliyah Tucker, Grace Turknnett, Madalynn Turknnett, Nelson Ward, Saige Waters, Raynie Winters and Riley Woodland.

The Greenhand Degrees were sponsored by Union County Farm Bureau. Those receiving their pins were: Esha Barnes, Sierra Bell, Wyatt Bradley, Landon Cason, Kierston Clemons, Jesse Dicks, Austin Douglas, Valerie Dupree, Shayna Durrance, Holly Halfacre, Delani Harden, Grace Hobson, Codi Huntley, Kenli Jenkins, Bella Johns, Peyton Kilgore, Makaylin Randolph, Vanessa Raymond, Tifton Roseke, Katelyn Seay, Kerissa Seay, Summer Shaw, Madison Starling, Jackson Thames, Bailey Varnes, Henry Williams, Tucker Williams, Macie Wilson and Riley Suggs.

The Chapter FFA Degrees were sponsored by Shatto Heating and Air, Inc. Those receiving their pins were: Darby Andrews, Nolan Biegley, Jenna Bielling, Sydney Box, Beth Crawford, Kutter Durrance, Brooke Goldie, Joseph Harris, Jordan Hendricks, Savannah Miller, Grace Newsome, Jordan Seay, Madison Starling, Gabe Tallman, Noah Williams, Tucker Williams, Bo Wilson and McKenzie Flick.

After musical entertainment from Saige Waters, Robinson turned the microphone over to Linsey Androlevich for the presentation of the Judging Team pins. Most notable among the judging teams were:

In the Proficiency Awards Area - Eli Hendricks was a Silver Emblem winner in the area of Landscape Management and Jackson Crook a Bronze Emblem winner in the area of Agriscience Research.

The Horse Judging Team competed at the National Competition and each member received a gold pin and the team placed 6th overall. Team members included: Cailynn Boggs, Ryleigh Rhoden, Michael Young, Krista Young, Brooke Goldie and Madison Starling.

The Poultry Team won their state contest last February and have a chance to compete in this year's National Convention. Jackson Crook received a gold pin and Perry Johnson, Kyla Boney and Darby Andrews all received a silver pin.

The Ag Sales team also competed at the National Convention. They were recognized as third in the Nation. Team members included: Ella Dicks, Tanner Connell, Lily French and Reagan Robinson. Lily French was also recognized as 10th high individual in the nation.

The Food Science Team won at state and went on to compete at the National level where they placed third in the nation. Team members included: Meagan Beatty, Kindall Johnson, Hannah Sherrod, Laura Park and Parker Johnson. Park was also recognized as 5th high individual in the nation with Beatty recognized as 2nd high individual in the nation.

Androlevich announced the presentation of pins to all LBMS and UCHS chapter members who participated on a judging team and in individual events. A representative of W. W. Gay, which sponsored the CDE pins, came to the stage to assist in their presentation.

Receiving a pin in Prepared Public Speaking was Kindall Johnson, who placed 1st at the district contest and will represent the chapter at the State Convention in June.

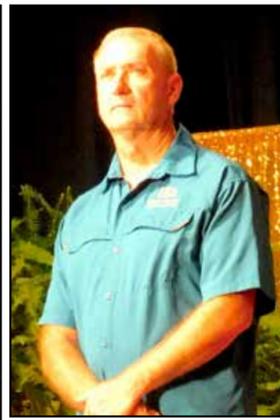
For Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Rebecca Langkau, representing the LBMS chapter, who placed 2nd at the sub-district contest.

LBMS Chapter Creed Speaker was Ezekiel Baker. UCHS Chapter Creed Speaker was Holly Halfacre.

The senior chapter Parliamentary Procedure Awards were sponsored by Betsy Whitehead. The Senior Chapter of the Parliamentary Procedure Team won the District Contest, qualifying for state competition in June. Team members are: Ella Dicks, Reagan Robinson, Tanner Connell, Perry Johnson, Kindall Johnson, Cailynn Boggs, Kutter Durrance, Nolan Biegley, Macie Wilson, Abigail Williams and Joseph Harris. The Middle



In the Honorary Degree Ceremony, Junior Chapter President Bayley Staier made Union County Judge, the Honorable Mitchell Bishop (right) and Ken Parrish honorary members of the Union County Chapters of FFA.



Rusty Steele, representing West Frazier, accepted the Distinguished Service Award for the company, given because of West Frazier's continuing support of the FFA chapters in UC.

School Chapter Parliamentary Procedure Team also won the District Contest. Team members are: Kendyl Brannen, Ezekiel Baker, Mia Kent, Sierra Mohl, Cane Reddish, Hayden Robinson, Bayley Staier, Camryn Tempest and Brady Tetstone. The LBMS will also be competing in state competition this year.

The Middle School Opening and Closing Ceremonies Team won sub-district and district contests and will compete at the state level in June. Team members include: Ellie Boccanelli, Kendyl Brannen, Jamie Lynn Courson, Brylee Elixson, Gracelyn McGee, Hayden Robinson, Bayley Staier, Paislee Jo Stalnaker, Cali Tomlinson and Saige Waters.

The Agricultural Education Contest was held at UF in December 2022 with Grace Newson representing the chapter. She placed 4th in the event.

The Forestry Team placed 1st in the District and 4th at the state competition. Team members include: Michael Young, Madison Johnson, Hannah Sherrod, Reagan Robinson, Cailynn Boggs, Grace Newsome, Madison Starling and Shayna Durrance.

The LBMS Tool Identification Team competed in state last fall. Team members include: Kendyl Brannen, Cane Reddish, Bayley Staier, Brady Tetstone, Graysen Willis and Miley Wilson.

The LBMS Poultry Team competed at the Florida State Fairgrounds in February and brought home the state championship. Team members are: Marcus Jefferson, Addyson Kelley, Mia Kent, Grace Turknnett, Madalynn Turknnett and Miley Wilson. Wilson was the 2nd high individual of the contest.

The Tractor Driving Contest was held in February. Will Harden represented the chapter and placed 4th in the event.

The Horse Judging Team qualified out of 99 teams to compete at the preliminary contest at the Florida State Fair where they placed 39th. Team members are: Sierra Bell, Brooke Goldie, Grace Hobson and Jolene Moore.

The Senior Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team members are: Darby Andrews, Nolan Biegley, Kutter Durrance, Grace Newsome, Noah Williams, Tucker Williams and Adrienne Wolfe.

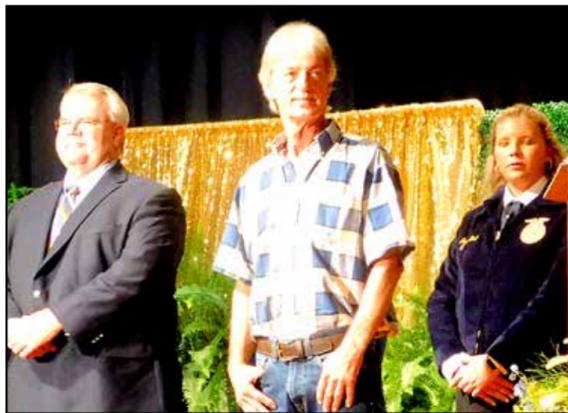
For the first time ever, Lake Butler FFA had a Veterinary Assisting Team. This team qualified for the state contest, where they placed 7th overall. Team members include: Shayna Durrance, Kindall Johnson, Perry Johnson, Darby Andrews and Leanne Dicks.

The Middle School Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team members include: Kendyl Brannen, Mia Kent, Bayley Staier, Brady Tetstone, Cali Tomlinson, Grayson Willis, Miley Wilson and Riley Woodland.

The Middle School Ornamental Horticulture Demonstrations in the Area of Consumer Use competition saw Madison Adams and Jamie Lynn Courson place third in district competition.

The Ag Sales and Services team placed 13th in the state. Team members include: Jenna Bielling, Joseph Harris, Bella Johns, Peyton Kilgore and Abigail Williams.

The Ag Issues Team will



Allen Parrish and Johnny Welch were the recipients of Blue and Gold Awards, presented by Bayley Staier, for their longtime support of FFA programs.

compete at State in June. Team members include: Cailynn Boggs, Kindall Johnson, Madison Johnson, Jordan Hendricks, Tanner Connell, Bailey Varnes, Reagan Robinson, Abigail Gaaney and Riley Parrish.

The Agriculture Communications Team qualified for state in a preliminary round and went on to win the state competition. They will represent the chapter at National competition in October. Members include: Kindall Johnson, Madison Johnson, Perry Johnson, Reagan Robinson and Hannah Sherrod. Kindall was the high individual of the contest, Robinson and Sherrod were the 2nd high individuals and Sherrod was the 3rd high individual.

Pins were also presented to the young people who provided entertainment for the event. These were: Kendyl Brannen, Saige Waters and Ava Westmoreland.

Perry Johnson and Paislee Jo Stalnaker presented the Proficiency Awards, sponsored by Farm Credit of North Florida and Savannah Douglas. Each awardee received a medallion for their achievement. Proficiency Award winners were: Blake Agner (landscape management), Maegan Beatty (ag communications), Kendyl Brannen (feeder steer), Kindall Johnson (ag communications, feeder swine and vegetable production), Perry Johnson (feeder steer and veterinary science), Peyton Kilgore (feeder swine), Bobbi Jo Montford (forest management - a finalist in the area), Reagan Robinson (feeder swine), Bayley Staier (feeder swine) and Brady Tetstone (feeder steer).

Tanner Connell was awarded the Jace Bielling Promise of Agriculture Award by Pauline Bielling. The award included a plaque and \$500.

Thirty members were awarded the Workhorse Award. The plaques were sponsored by: Badcock Home Furnishings and More, Clay Electric, Jesse Bielling, Russell and Deborah Gordon and Spires IGA. Sponsors for the cash awards of \$50 per recipient were: Union Power, Allen Parrish, Hillandale, North Florida Custom Meats, Ashlyn Woodington, the Croft Family, Brian Franzleubbers, Jared Bielling, Daryl Brewer, Avery Roberts, Andrea Andrews Szabo, Adam Burgess, Clay Electric, Community State Bank, Billy and Pam Woodington, Amanda James, Clint Williams, Ashly O'Steen, Old Providence Farms/Shawn and Emily Newsom, Kyle and Taylor Parrish, Abi Ripplinger, Bielling

Tire, Parrish Tractor Services/Branden Parrish and Mary Parrish. FFA members earning a Workhorse Award were: Blake Agner, Dayven Kelly, Karli Jenkins, Cailynn Boggs, Eli Elixson, Michael Young, Levi Vickers, Kody Stalnaker, Kutter Durrance, Jesse Dicks, Case Denson, Noah Williams, Jordan Seay, Caleb Zapp, Tanner Connell, Ava Westmoreland, Saige Waters, Kendyl Brannen, Caleb Ripplinger, Jenna Bielling, Grace Newsom, Blayne Hendricks, Tucker Williams, Sydney Box, Ezekiel Baker, Bayley Staier, Brady Tetstone, Miley Wilson, Layla Alexander, Mia Kent, Graysen Willis and Maggie Thomas.

Awards for the top sellers in the annual poinsettia sale were: 5th Place - Delani Harden (152 plants), 4th Place - Hannah Sherrod (160 plants), 3rd Place - Kindall Johnson (170 plants), 2nd Place - Tanner Connell (177 plants) and 1st Place - Peyton Kilgore (280 plants).

Outstanding members of each class were as follows: The outstanding 6th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from the Bishop family was Gracelyn McGee. The outstanding 7th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from Badcock was Jamie Lynn Courson. The outstanding 8th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from TL Squared Builders is Bayley Staier. The Elite Eighth Grader honors, receiving a trophy and \$100 from Allen and Carolyn Parrish, was Bayley Staier. The outstanding 9th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from Sheriff Whitehead, was Peyton Kilgore. The outstanding 10th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from Zeb and Georgie Howard, was Brooke Goldie. The outstanding 11th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from Zeb and Georgie Howard, was Tanner Connell. The outstanding 12th grade member, receiving a \$50 check from Zeb and Georgie Howard was Kindall Johnson.

Other awards and honors are as follows: the Star Discovery Award - Kendyl Brannen, the Star Greenhand Award - Darby Andrews, the Star Chapter Award - Tanner Connell, the Star Chapter Farmer Award - Perry Johnson (who received a plaque from Emerson Nursery and a \$100 check from Pritchett Trucking), the Star Agricultural Placement Award - Perry Johnson (who also received a plaque from Emerson Plant Nursery and a \$100 check from Pritchett Trucking), the Star Agribusiness Award - Blake Agner (who received a plaque from Emerson Plant Nursery and a \$100 check from The Lavender House), the Star in Agriscience

Award - Jackson Crook (who received a plaque from Emerson Plant Nursery and a \$100 check from the Dukes family).

Middle School Chapter Scholarships, each member receiving a pin and a \$50 check from that award's sponsor, were: Kendyl Brannen (Pritchett Trucking), Miley Wilson (Terra Johnson), Brady Tetstone (Branden Parrish). High School Chapter Scholarships, each member receiving a pin and a \$50 check from that award's sponsor, were: Rylie Parrish (Clay Electric), Madison Johnson (the Bishop Family) and Kindall Johnson (Seth Parrish).

The winners of the Middle School Chapter Leadership Awards, each receiving a pin and a check from that award's sponsor were: Bayley Staier (Paul and Anisha Water/Another Fence Done), Kendyl Brannen (Austin Thomas) and Brady Tetstone (Josh Thomas). The winners of the High School Chapter Leadership awards, receiving a pin and a check from that award's sponsor were: Madison Johnson (Caleb Williams), Reagan Robinson (Becky Raulerson) and Kindall Johnson (Jesse Bielling).

The Senior Awards are for graduating seniors who have earned an FFA letter, they are: Blake Agner, Ella Dicks, Colby Dukes, Cole Huntley, Kindall Johnson, Madison Johnson, Parker Johnson, Perry Johnson, Dayven Kelley, Emily Richards, Caleb Ripplinger, Reagan Robinson, Karly Shatto, Hannah Sherrod, Michael Young and Caleb Zapp. Graduating seniors earning State FFA Degrees, sponsored by Scott and Kelly Register, were Ella Dicks, Kindall Johnson, Madison Johnson, Perry Johnson, Reagan Robinson and Hannah Sherrod. The Superior Senior Award, sponsored by Audyn Woodington and Ashlyn Burtle, was awarded to Perry Johnson and included a trophy and a \$200 check.

The scholarships awarded and their recipients were: Reagan Robinson - the Harlis Ellington Memorial Scholarship, Caleb Zapp - the Inaugural Mary Alice Ellington Memorial Scholarship, Meagan Beatty, Jace Bielling, Eli Hendricks, Harley Seay and Ciara Woodall - the American Degree Recognition in Memory of Larry Davison, Parker Johnson, Perry Johnson and Reagan Robinson - the Lori Nicole Anderson Memorial Scholarship, Meagan Beatty and Reagan Robinson - the Ford Scholarship (Ford Trucks and Murray Ford), Ella Dicks - the Shirley Kirby Memorial Scholarship, Reagan Robinson, Hannah Sherrod and Caleb Zapp - the Daniel Elixson Memorial Scholarship, Caleb Ripplinger and Hannah Sherrod - the Summer Crosby Memorial Scholarship, Hannah Sherrod and Reagan Robinson - the Hobo Tractor Scholarship, Perry Johnson - the Workhorse Scholarship, Perry Johnson - the Legacy Scholarship, Hannah Sherrod - the Servant Leader Scholarship, Perry Johnson - the Mike Ritch Memorial Scholarship and Kindall Johnson - the Union County Livestock Association Scholarship.

The event ended with the recognition of chapter officers and a slideshow of highlights from the past school year, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

The following individuals were arrested recently by local law enforcement officers in Bradford, Union or Clay (Keystone Heights-area) counties. All defendants are considered innocent until convicted in a court or until pleading guilty or no contest. Information in this report is from law enforcement agencies and court documents, which are public records.

Bradford

Deonte' Latroy Aaron, 27, of Lawtey was arrested on May 14 for an out-of-county warrant.

William Richard Bushey, 45, of Starke was arrested on May 19 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Mark Junior Cowart, 60, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on May 18 for procurement of prostitution.

DeAngelo Devon Crawford, 18, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, resisting an officer, possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and vehicle theft.

Jason Travis Cross, 41, of Starke was arrested by Lawtey Police on May 14 for loitering, fraud-impersonation and resisting an officer.

Brian Tavares Demps, 44, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on May 18 for possession of marijuana and selling marijuana.

Joseph Keith Griffis, 47, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Donald Mark Hodges, 33, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for a probation violation.

Jason Michael Jones, 43, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 17 for failure to appear.

Maya Caprice Jones, 28, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for an out-of-county warrant and vehicle theft.

Robert Brad Kerce, 38, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 17 for failure to appear.

Kenneth Ray McAllister, 40, of Starke was arrested by

Bradford deputies on May 15 for withholding support.

Sharon Beth McCracken, 48, of Starke was arrested on May 16 for an out-of-county warrant.

William Christopher Means, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 16 for possession of drugs and illegal use of a two-way communication device.

Bao Vu Pham, 41, of Gibsonton was arrested by Lawtey police on May 18 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James William Ross, 35, of Brookhaven, Georgia was arrested by Starke Police on May 17 for resisting an officer and simple assault.

Nicolas Ramond Terrell, 21, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Jacob David Thornton, 30, of Live Oak was arrested on May 19 for failure to appear and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Lynette Joyce Trumpler, 66, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on May 18 for possession of marijuana.

Scott William Wilson, 32, of Middleburg was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 14 for possession of drug equipment.

Daniel Doyce Wilshart, 27, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 18 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Union

Angela Marleen Norton, 56, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on May 17 for an out-of-county warrant.

Leonard Joe Taylor, 55, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 17 for battery.

Tevin Richard Williams, 29, of Orange Park was arrested by Union deputies on May 18 for resisting an officer, an out-of-county warrant and fraud-impersonation.

Christopher Douglas-Allen McHood, 28, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on May 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dalton Wayne Elixson, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 18 for a probation violation.

Clarence William McCurry, 49, of Lake Butler was arrested

by Union deputies on May 19 for simple assault on a law enforcement officer or firefighter.

Deborah Marie Karr, 21, of Branford was arrested by Union deputies on May 20 for failure to appear.

Samuel Nelson Rogers, 20, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on May 21 for failure to appear and vehicle theft.

Patrick Charles McClary, 36, was arrested by Union deputies on May 22 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Clay

Gary Edward Boyd, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 14 for violating an injunction against domestic violence.

Natasha Yvette Rhoden, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 15 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Daniel Roy Kelley, 45, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 17 for throwing a missile into a dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft, vandalism with more than \$1,000 in property damage and using, carrying or displaying a concealed weapon without a permit.

Randolph Trent Milliones, 52, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 19 for failure to report at a county residence.

Two avoid prosecution

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— A woman arrested for child neglect and a man caught by a deputy with methamphetamine signed pre-trial intervention agreements, allowing them to avoid prosecution if they adhere to the terms of their contracts.

Erin Leigh Fipps, 34, of Starke was arrested on Jan. 25 for child neglect.

According to an arrest report, two women spotted an unsupervised child wandering close to State Road 100 West near County Road 225.

In the report, Bradford Detective Joseph Shiller wrote that Fipps, the child's guardian, "did not feel anything was wrong with the situation."

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Man chooses year in jail instead of 90 days

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— A Bradford County man told a judge he would rather spend over a year in jail than spend 90 days behind bars, go to a drug treatment program and serve out one year on drug-offender probation.

Thomas Fred Borland, 41, was first arrested for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment on Nov. 3, 2022, after a Starke police officer spotted the defendant driving a motorcycle without a tag.

The officer wrote in an arrest report that Borland pulled into the parking lot of a Circle K at the corner of Starke's North Temple Avenue and West Brownlee Street.

"During the process of the traffic stop, I gained reasonable suspicion to the fact that Borland was in possession of illegal narcotics," wrote the officer. "As a result, I utilized K9 Erin to conduct an open-air sniff of the motorcycle and attached backpack. K9 Erin alerted to the

presence of illegal narcotics, and a search of the bike and backpack was conducted. A small glass pipe containing methamphetamine residue (was found)."

The officer reported that he also uncovered a bag on Borland's person containing one gram of the central nervous system stimulant.

Two months later, Borland signed a plea agreement with a two-year drug offender probation period. However, on April 11, a probation officer wrote that Borland violated his probation by testing positive for methamphetamine and failing to submit to a drug and alcohol evaluation at Meridian Behavioral Healthcare in Gainesville.

During a May 3 hearing, the defendant's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Susan Ward, told Judge James Colaw that Borland reported to Meridian and waited in the organization's waiting room for two days for his evaluation.

"At that point, he was fearful

that he would lose his job if he did it again," said Ward, asking the judge to reinstate Borland's original probation.

Colaw responded that he could not fulfill the defendant's request but would offer him a choice: 90 days in jail, followed by six months in an inpatient drug treatment facility. Borland's probation would be reinstated at that point with one year remaining.

"If you just want a sentence that closes your case so you can get it in the rearview mirror and get on with your life, that sentence would be—I would do the minimum, but that minimum on your guidelines is 12.45 months," he said.

Borland chose the year in jail.

Colaw told the defendant that the lengthier jail sentence carried one additional benefit.

"You should be eligible for gain time on that, and when you get it done, it's in the rearview mirror, and you can get on down the road with your life," he said. "I wish you good luck."

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Michael David Arthur, 62, of Starke was arrested on Feb. 9 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia, and smuggling contraband into a jail.

According to an arrest report, an officer pulled over Arthur for driving 65 in the 55-mph zone on U.S. 301 between Murray Ford and the bypass.

A search of the vehicle and the defendant yielded two glass pipes with methamphetamine residue and 0.01 grams of the substance within the defendant's wallet.

After deputies transported Arthur to jail, they found another gram of methamphetamine within a folded one-dollar bill inside a small coin pocket in the defendant's jeans.

Progress discussed at Brooker meeting

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

BROOKER — The Brooker Town Council meeting for May

had plenty of accomplishments to report.

The parking area in front of the town hall and community center has been paved, defining a parking area and filling low areas that have flooded in the past. The new playground equipment has all been installed and the area expanded. An old tree that posed a danger has been removed and will be replaced by crepe myrtles.

The new website is up and running, which includes a section on paving projects so that town residents can be kept apprised of which streets are on the list.

The electric work for the new well installation will be done by Prestige Electric. All appraisals came in under \$2,000, the dollar amount at which a bid process is required, so Prestige was chosen as the lowest offer. Aside from price, Mayor Gene Melvin praised their past performance and said they have a proven track record of reliability and quality work.

The contract for mowing will expire on July 31 and will be open for bidding. An ad will be

run to announce the bid opening. The council expressed that the contract is limited to businesses with insurance and in compliance with any legal employment requirements.

Looking to the future, Melvin said there will be an option to apply for a Community Development Block Grant in the fall. He indicated that a \$700,000 grant could rehabilitate 10 houses. The grant would not upgrade mobile homes but would replace a substandard mobile home with a new home or the grant would upgrade an existing home structure. The council agreed they should pursue the CDBG grant.

2023 Kingsley Lake Kids Reunion

Everyone who grew up in the Kingsley Lake community is invited the annual Kingsley Kids Reunion and feel free to bring a companion. Get together with friends you haven't seen since your school days and join the group photo. There is no charge and refreshments and appetizers are provided. If you want to bring something, contact Doug Combs at 904-533-2921 or Joe Callan Sr. 912-506-3525 to coordinate. Hope to see you Saturday, June

17, from noon until 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the Kingsley Lake Civic Center.

Summer Splash June 17

Support small businesses from in and around Union County at the UCSB Summer Splash on June 17. Lots of vendors and food trucks will be there at 125 SW Sixth Ave. in Lake Butler from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For vendor information, contact The Crafty Beach or Sprout 'n Shine Bling on Facebook.

Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan a food distribution on Thursday, June 1, from 10–11:30 a.m. The church is located at 730 Old Lawley Road in Starke. This distribution is open to Bradford County residents on the first and third Thursday of the month.

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BHS 2023 Commencement: Dedication leads to graduation

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School Valedictorian Huishan He recognized all those who helped her and her classmates get to where they are today, but also made it a point to acknowledge what she and the members of the Class of 2023 did themselves during her farewell address at the May 19 commencement.

He, who graduated with a 4.54 GPA, began her speech by saying, "It's amazing to see people I remember back from the simpler middle-school days sitting before me now, who have grown into adulthood well and have accomplished something amazing by finally walking the stage, getting that diploma and graduating." She then gave thanks to family members, friends, teachers, school administrators and anyone else who helped them reach that "amazing" point in their lives.

"They all contributed to us being here tonight in one way or another," said He, who will major in Psychology (specializing in Behavioral and Cognitive Neuroscience) and minor in Statistics at the University of Florida. "Individuals helped shape us into the people we are now. Every single one of them left their mark on our souls that we will carry with us for a lifetime."

He, though, wanted to give herself and her fellow graduates a pat on the back as well for having "dedicated our lives" to earning their diplomas.

"Even with all the support we had, we couldn't have done it if not for our own dedication to make it to this day," He said, adding, "We all made sacrifices along the way."

She and her fellow graduates have been through so much during their time in school, He said, adding that all they went through, be it good or bad, will create the foundation of their futures.

He said saying goodbye isn't easy, especially when it comes at a time "when many of us will leave all that we've known to move forward to a new life."

"There's no right or wrong



"I did it!" Brooklynn Reddish walks off stage with diploma in hand. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Salutatorian Hayden Knight gives his speech.



Valedictorian Huishan He gives her farewell address.

way to step into this new phase of our lives. All that matters is that we put our best into it," He said, adding, "Life has plans for everyone. I believe we'll all work hard to play our part in the world and end up where we all want to be."

"To wrap this up, here are some parting words for the graduating class of 2023 from your valedictorian. Never underestimate the value of yourself and always know the importance of not living in ignorance. Seek to be knowledgeable and not be blinded by others. Know your impact on this world and everyone around you. Don't wait until the last minute. Become a

person you can not only simply exist with, but can be fully satisfied with.

"I hope we'll all make it far in this world and make a good impact on it."

Salutatorian doesn't have the answers, but knows who does

Salutatorian Hayden Knight, who graduated with a 4.45 GPA, admitted it was hard to write his speech, noting that that "there's almost no way to describe the huge life change we're all about to go through."

Knight, whose plans are to major in Engineering at UF, said he and his fellow graduates have heard all kinds of advice on how to approach that life change, admitting that it's confusing. He's heard to go chase success, but said that's vague since each person defines success differently. He's heard that he has a lot of potential and to see where that potential takes him, but he said if one spends their whole life chasing their potential,

they miss their life's purpose.

The piece of advice he's heard the most is to make money and have fun, but Knight said there has to be more to life than what's in his bank account.

Knight said it all makes it difficult to answer the big question: What do you want to do with your life?

"I wish I could say I've figured it all out, and I have the cheat code for life, and I'm standing up here about to tell you all, but I don't," Knight said. "I'm not going to stand up here either and try to give you all advice about things I've never experienced, and I have no clue about, so I think I'll just tell you all what got me through the four years of high school I had here."

Knight said all he could do was share what got him through high school — the love of Jesus Christ. He said through Jesus, he's experienced how anxiety can become comfort, how fear can become confidence and how depression can become hope and joy.

"This next chapter of life called adulthood, it's going be hard," Knight said. "We've got a lot in front of us. We're probably going to spend most days not knowing what the future holds, so why not put your trust in the one who holds it? Jesus loves you the same way that He loves me. He doesn't care about your mistakes. He doesn't care about your past. He doesn't care about whatever you've done. He just wants you as you are. He loves you so much. I promise you."

Knight expressed his own love for his classmates, saying he would miss them all. He then thanked parents in attendance for sending their children to BHS and being a part of the fun memories, he'll have of his time in high school.

In closing, Knight said, "It's bittersweet to say this, but I guess I will. We made it. Enjoy the rest

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Bryson Bowen (left) shares a hug with Principal Angela Tomlinson.



Masey Padgett, Takeirra Bakken and Kimber Woods (from left to right) celebrate the fact they're now graduates.



Dereyon Myrick can't contain his excitement as he's about to receive his diploma.



Mario Small and Brian Brown (background) smile as they are about to be officially proclaimed as graduates.



Blake Conner prepares to take the stage to accept his diploma.



E-Nijah Lawrence (left) and Jaydn Lee are happy soon-to-be graduates.



Acknowledging the camera before they go on stage are (l-r) Will Lusignan, Jayden Luna and Layne Loper.

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Jaycee Davis (second from right) will play volleyball at Daytona State College. She's pictured at her signing ceremony with (l-r) her brother, Tripp, her father, Jason, and her mother, Pam. Joe DeLuca, the executive director of the Gainesville Juniors travel volleyball organization, is pictured in the background.

Davis, Elixson sign to play college volleyball, baseball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was already undoubtedly an exciting week for Union County High School seniors Jaycee Davis and Ayden Elixson, but it got even better when they signed letters of intent four days prior to graduation to play their respective sports at the next level.

"I'm super excited to play at the next level," said Davis, who'll be going to Daytona State College to play volleyball. "It's always been a dream of mine. I'm finally fulfilling the dream. I can't wait to see what the next two years hold. Hopefully, I'll have the chance to transfer out (to a four-year school) and keep playing the sport that I love."

Davis described Daytona State as "perfect," adding, "When I went on my visit, and I practiced with them, I felt right at home. Everyone was super welcoming. It's only two hours away, so I'm still close to home where everyone can visit and watch."

Family and friends won't have far to travel to visit Elixson and watch him play baseball. He'll be attending Palatka's St. Johns River State College.

"This is surreal," Elixson said. "This is something I've obviously dreamed about since T-ball. You always dream of having a signing and just getting a chance. It's just a great feeling."

When asked why he chose St. Johns River, Elixson said, "The coaching staff is really the main reason. I love the coaches there. I've known them for a few years now. They really do great with their guys."

Elixson also noted that St. Johns River has advanced to this

year's National Junior College Athletic Association Division II World Series.

Elixson will join former UCHS teammates Tripp Davis (Jaycee's brother) and Jake O'Steen, who are wrapping up their freshmen year at St. Johns River.

Coaches spoke of the effort put in by both Davis and Elixson during the May 15 signing ceremony, which was held at the Lake Butler Community Center.

"It's not luck that he's here signing," UCHS Head Baseball Coach Jiwan James said of Elixson. "He actually worked his butt off. Obviously, it's paying off for him right now."

Tifani Knox, the UCHS head volleyball coach, described Davis as the athlete every coach would love to have — an athlete with a good attitude who does whatever is asked of them.

"I knew that she would be able to reach her goal (of playing college)," Knox said. "It was just a matter of her deciding where she wanted to go. She is an amazing teammate. She works hard. She puts in the work. She's dedicated."

Joe DeLuca, the executive director of the Gainesville Juniors travel volleyball organization of which Davis was a part, said, "No matter how good of a coach he or she may be, the player has to have that desire, has to have that commitment and has to have learn what the words 'working hard' mean. I never really had to motivate Jaycee."

DeLuca, in addressing the other student-athletes present at the ceremony, said Davis is a good role model to follow, especially if they, too, want to get the chance to play in college.

"This is a great example of

what can happen," DeLuca said. "If you apply yourself, and you come with a great attitude, wanting to learn, this is the result."

Davis, an outside hitter, led the Tigers in kills and digs in each of her four seasons, finishing with 1,240 kills and 1,275 digs for her career.

To continue having success at the next level Davis said, "I think I need to stay in the gym and keep working hard to fulfill my front-row duties I will have at this school."

Knox said every player can continue to improve, of course, but when it comes to Davis, she doesn't see any aspect of her game that needs tremendous improvement.

"Honestly, I think as long as she continues to work as hard as she does, she's going to be successful," Knox said.

Elixson led the Tigers this year in batting average (.415), slugging percentage (.659), doubles (9), home runs (4) and runs scored (34), while he was second in RBI (22).

James said while most high school players tend to be pull hitters, Elixson's strength is "driving the ball in the opposite-field gap."

"That approach for him is going to translate to the next level," James said.

Elixson said there's no secret to his success at the plate.

"My at-bats are really simple," he said. "I go up there looking for success. I go up there every time thinking something good is going to happen."

If something good doesn't

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Ayden Elixson, seated between his parents, Leyla and Justin, signs his letter of intent to play baseball at St. Johns River State College. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Tigers defeat Villages 28-0 in weather-shortened game



Running back Cole Austin (far right), with Bobo Woodall (center) blocking, gets loose for a big gain in the Tigers' 28-0 win over The Villages. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Trenton Klein threw for one score and picked off a pass for another as the Union County High School football team defeated The Villages 28-0 in a May 12 spring football game in

Lake Butler.

The Tigers got things rolling in a big way in the second quarter, in which they scored all of their points. Their offense averaged 12 yards per play in the quarter, with its three touchdowns covering at least 20 yards.

Klein's pick six was off a 30-

yard return.

"The second quarter, we just kind of took over," Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas said. "I felt like we just kind of progressed to the point where we started wearing on them. Things

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KHHS records 2 shutout wins in spring football jamboree



Jayden Goodman (far right) sacks the Santa Fe quarterback and causes a fumble in the Indians' 14-0 win in a May 22 spring jamboree at Santa Fe. Luke Bacon (far left) is also pictured for Keystone, which also defeated Ridgeview 7-0. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's defense created two turnovers and kept both opponents out of the end zone in a pair of wins in a May 22 spring football jamboree at Santa Fe High School.

In a game that consisted of each team playing an opponent for two 10-minute quarters with a running clock, the Indians defeated Ridgeview 7-0 and Santa Fe 14-0. Running back Cartez Daniels scored two of his team's three touchdowns and had a 100-plus-yard effort against Santa Fe.

"We've got a pretty solid group," new Head Coach Steve Reynolds said. "Guys are running to the ball, tackling well, working really hard. I think we can see now how good our defense was from our little (intrasquad) scrimmage game that we had. I think we've got ourselves a pretty nice little defense that we're working on. The offense had some great moments."

"I'm proud of them."

Reynolds referenced how the play of his defense was a carryover from the May 12 Blue and White game. The jamboree got off to a shaky start for that unit, though, when Ridgeview gained 47 yards on its first play. However, the Panthers' longest gain after that was only 7 yards.

Santa Fe's longest play went for 12 yards, with Keystone making three tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

"In this half (against Santa Fe), I saw us do a better job of minimizing explosive plays," Reynolds said.

Keystone's offense received the ball first in the two quarters against Ridgeview, with Daniels carrying the ball for a 10-yard gain on the first play from the Indians' 25-yard line. A 5-yard run by Daniels and a 6-yard pass from Baylor Ford to Garrison Teague resulted in another first down. The Indians later faced third-and-10, but picked up the first down on a 19-yard reception by Andru Siemer that put Keystone at the Ridgeview 35. Ford scrambled out of the pocket on the following play for a 25-

yard gain to the 10. Daniels then had a 9-yard run to set up his own 1-yard touchdown run with 4:57 to play in the first quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The 47-yard gain (which occurred on a short pass play) the Panthers got on their first drive set them up at the Keystone 28. A Jackson Herman sack two plays later forced Ridgeview into a third-and-11 play. The Panthers' Travis Pinkard had a 7-yard run to set up fourth-and-4. Ridgeview went for it, with Keystone's Teague, Darrion Grady, Talon Messina and Wyatt Van Zant holding a Panthers receiver to just a 2-yard gain on a pass play, forcing a turnover on downs.

Ridgeview's next offensive series began with the Indians' Trey Jeffries making a tackle for a 3-yard loss. The entire series netted a total of 6 yards and a turnover on downs after four plays.

Keystone drove inside the Panthers' 25 on its third series of the game, thanks to a pass-interference penalty and a 10-yard run by Daniels. The Panthers' Sean Moore put an end to the drive when he intercepted a pass and returned it 20 yards to the Ridgeview 41 with less than four minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Two plays later, Colton Hollingsworth recovered a fumble for the Keystone defense.

The Panthers finished with 61 yards, with all but 14 coming on their first play. They rushed for only 8 yards on five carries.

Keystone rushed for 59 yards, with Daniels gaining 33 yards on 10 carries and Ford finishing with 25 yards on his one carry.

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Teacher writes to help other teachers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Valarie Jenkins loves teaching, whether it involves the elementary aged children who inhabit her classroom at Argyle Elementary School in Orange Park or the adults who are her professional peers.

Jenkins, a Lawtey native, has written a book entitled "Classroom Management 101" that she hopes will serve as a successful model for teachers to follow. As she wrote on the back of the book's cover, "As an educator of over 33 years, I learned the hard way to how to manage my classroom. Through years of trial and error, research and tryouts, I have compiled the best and most effective methods of classroom management."

For years, it wasn't just her students who were asking her questions, Jenkins said. Fellow teachers would ask her what her secret was. Why are your students so calm in the classroom? Why are they so calm in the hallways? Why are they calm in line?

"I would share different little things with them regarding whatever they asked me," Jenkins said, adding, "I would write little things down that I used and my strategies and techniques. One day, I said, 'I'm going to put all these — all my little notes — together in a book.' I just really wanted those teachers to see it not as hard as the think."

The result was an 80-page book that's available for purchase on Amazon or by contacting Jenkins by email at vmjenkins46@att.net for a personally signed copy. Jenkins said she wanted to keep the page count low and write "in simple terms and make it an easy read."

Jenkins also has a notebook for sale that teachers can use to supplement the "Classroom Management 101" book.

"They can make notes in the notebook and follow those steps (in the book)," Jenkins said. "They will be able to see a difference in their classrooms as well as with their classroom-management skills."

Jenkins hopes the book will encourage her peers, noting that "many teachers are leaving the educational field due to the stress and demands on those who



Valarie Jenkins shares her knowledge from her 33-plus years of teaching through her business "Classroom Management 101," which is also the title of a book she's written.

teach."

The book is an extension of her Classroom Management 101 business, which makes her available for seminars and coaching sessions. She's comfortable with such activities, explaining that she's a clinical education trainer and served as a teacher mentor when she worked at Oakleaf Village Elementary School.

"It's very gratifying," Jenkins said of helping other teachers.

If there's one thing above all that she'd like to get across in her book and through her training sessions, it's that teachers need to have a life outside of the job — to be able to take the time to breathe and to relax. In fact, Jenkins sells items such as tumblers, candles and beach towels that bear the words "breathe" and "relax" on them — a reminder to teachers to take a break and enjoy life.

"Don't stay (at school) until 6 or 7 every day. Enjoy life," Jenkins said, adding, "They need to know how to put aside some

things for family time."

One of the things that has helped Jenkins relax over the years has been journaling. She said she finds that writing the good things that happen to her each day and of the goodness of God is "peaceful and calming."

That's why at the same time she wrote her "Classroom Management 101" book, she also created a journal, which is also available for purchase via Amazon: "The Goodness of God." Jenkins said the journal pages bear scriptures that are important to her and have helped her through trials.

Jenkins has kept every personal journal she's filled.

"If something comes up again in my life that's similar to something that's happened in the past, I go back and see what the Lord did for me then and the scriptures He gave to me then," Jenkins said. "It helps me."

Jenkins, the daughter of the deceased Wilbert and Jessie Jenkins, had several members

in her family who worked in education, including her mother, who taught with Head Start and then substitute taught in Bradford County schools for many years. She was inspired to go into education herself when she saw the positive affect it had on those family members.

"It looked as if it was fun for them," Jenkins said. "It was so rewarding for my mom. I just wanted to follow in those footsteps."

Jenkins' teaching career began in Bradford County in 1989. Over the course of 18 years, she taught pre-K and kindergarten at Lawtey, Starke and Southside elementary schools as well as at the RJE Center. She moved to the Clay County School District in 2007 to teach at Oakleaf Village Elementary, where she earned Teacher of the Year during one of her 14 years there.

The joy of teaching for Jenkins is being able to observe how students improve — academically, behaviorally and emotionally.

"Just to see that progress throughout the year is so rewarding to me," she said.

Jenkins is working toward having a more widespread impact. She's earned a master's degree in Educational Leadership and recently completed a Clay County program for aspiring assistant principals.

Of the prospect of leaving the classroom to become an administrator, Jenkins said, "It's exciting because I will reach more students. I will reach an entire school."

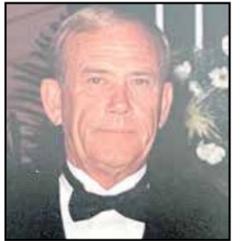
She wants to continue to reach teachers as well and plans to write a follow-up book, "Classroom Management 102."

Jenkins, who participated in a book-signing event on March 4 at Orange Park's Winterbourne Inn on the St. Johns River, said she'll be participating in a Meet the Authors event at the Bradford County Public Library on Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. She said she is also working on getting a signing event together in early summer at the Woman's Club of Starke.

She's looking forward to such opportunities in Bradford County, saying, "I know so many teachers here because I taught here for so many years. I want to offer this book to them as well."

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James Bryant



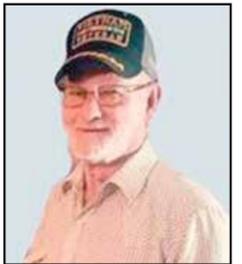
James "Jim" Thomas Bryant passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, with his loving family by his side. He was born on May 3, 1944, in Heflin, Alabama to Jasper and Virginia Bryant. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary "Libby" Bryant of Brooker; daughter, Pam (Robert) Johnson of LaCrosse; granddaughter, Macey Johnson; siblings, Helen Childers, Arthur (Diane) Bryant, and Jimmy E. Bryant. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, John David; brother-in-law, Les Childers; and nephew, Vince Childers. He loved his siblings, nieces and nephews and remained very close to his family in Alabama and Florida. He was a man of integrity and honor. He proudly served two terms in the United States Army, stationed in Germany and Korea. He was a paratrooper and loved the thrill of jumping out of planes and flying. He retired from ITT Rayonier and Alachua County Public Works as district supervisor. He was fearless! He was a cave diver and ocean diver, coming face to face with sharks on many occasions. He and a long-term friend established a dive charter business for several years. He obtained his sea captain's license, which he was very proud of. There was no limit to his tenacity for danger and adventure. He was an avid reader and eager to increase his knowledge, no matter the topic. He especially loved history. He also had a passion for restoring antique cars and a love for listening to all genres of music, from Pavarotti to Cajun! Anyone who knew him knew how much he loved the Alabama Crimson Tide. He could talk endlessly about his team and Bear Bryant.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 26, at Brooker Baptist Church in honor of his life. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a service at 11 a.m. Interment will be at Dedan Cemetery, Brooker.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Dallas Crawford



Dallas Lamar Crawford, 79, of Lawtey, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 19, 2023, at Lake City VA Medical Center. He was born in Lawtey on April 12, 1944, to the late Dallas Ray Crawford and Dorothy Crawford. He was a lifelong resident of Lawtey. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served our country for four years. Following his honorable discharge from the military, he started his career as a correctional officer, where he worked at both Florida State Prison and Union Correctional Institution, with 45 years of service. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf and watching football. He was an avid FSU Seminole and Dallas Cowboys fan. More than anything, he loved his family and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who know him. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Dot Crawford; brothers, Ronnie and David Crawford.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janice Crawford of Starke; children, Dallas L. Crawford II, Michael Crawford, Courtney Crawford, Craig Crawford, Colby Crawford, Calena Crawford, Ernest Steven Varnes, Everett Varnes; brothers, Ray (Joyce) Crawford of Lake Butler, Jeffery (Sherry) Crawford of Starke, Red (Penny) Crawford of Penny Farms; sister, Loretta (Gene) Ross of Starke; grandchildren, Dallas Lamar Crawford III, Katelynn Crawford, Breonna Crawford, Brittany Crawford, Michael Crawford II, Amanda Sheppard, Teanna Ziegenfuss, Brodi Rosier, Jordan Rosier, Destiny Varnes, Cody Varnes; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 26, at 2 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Pastor Lester Austin officiating. Interment will follow at Dyal Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 25, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke. 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

Ross wraps up track and field season, places 13th at state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's Auntrell Ross competed at the Florida High School Athletic Association Class 2A Track and Field Finals, placing 13th in the

long jump at the May 18 event at the University of North Florida.

Ross, the only athlete from Union, Bradford and Keystone Heights high schools to qualify for state, jumped his best distance of 20 feet, 11.75 inches on the

third of his four attempts.

The top eight finishers earned medals. Somerset Academy Canyons' Marlon Simms won the event with a distance of 23-1.75. Hudson's James Conley earned the last medal with an

eighth-place distance of 21-8.75.

Ross, a senior, will be going to West Palm Beach's Keiser University on an athletic scholarship. He'll participate in track and field and football.

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started coming easier and easier for us on offense.

"That's what you like to do in a game. When you play a good opponent, you're not going to come out and just jump on them in the first quarter."

If there was a negative, it was that the game never resumed after halftime due to the weather. Thomas said he felt bad for the younger players who put in the work and didn't get a chance to get into the game.

"To put in three weeks of hard work, hoping for a chance to play, and then the weather not letting them — that was disappointing," Thomas said.

The Buffalo went three-and-out on their first offensive series, while their second series consisted of two plays and a fumble, which was recovered by the Tigers.

It was one of two fumbles recovered by the Union defense, which created four turnovers in all.

"We flew around and made plays," Thomas said, adding, "A lot of it was from just playing hard and getting after it."

Following that first turnover, the Tigers drove inside the The Villages' 30, with Cole Austin's 16-yard run on a third-and-6 play resulting in a first down at the 29. The drive, however, would stall at the 25, with Union turning the ball over on downs.

Two plays later, the Buffalo fumbled again, with Jameson Lang recovering for the Tigers at their own 40.

Two runs by Thomas Williams netted 9 yards, while a 3-yard run by Austin picked up a first down past midfield. Three plays later, Union converted on fourth-

and-6 when Nelson Tambling completed a 15-yard pass to Williams. Williams and Austin then had runs of 4 and 5 yards, respectively, before Austin broke through one tackle attempt at the line of scrimmage and bulled his way through other defenders downfield in scoring on a 20-yard run at the 8:31 mark of the second quarter. Klein, who alternated with Tambling at quarterback, had a successful run on the two-point conversion attempt for an 8-0 lead.

The Buffalo picked up two first downs on their ensuing possession, thanks to a penalty and a 10-yard pass play from Patrick Harding to Alvon Isaac. The drive ended when Connor Bresee sacked Harding for a 7-yard loss on fourth down, giving the Union offense the ball shy of midfield.

One play was all the Tigers needed to increase their lead, with Bobo Woodall breaking loose for a 48-yard touchdown run to give Union a 14-0 lead with 6:02 to play in the half. Klein's pass attempt on the two-point conversion was incomplete.

Woodall finished with 70 yards on four carries. The Tigers rushed for 173 yards in all, with Williams gaining 50 yards on 10 carries and Austin gaining 43 on five carries.

"I thought we played really well on the offensive line," Thomas said. "They blocked extremely well, especially in the run game."

The Tigers had nine new starters on offense, with four of those playing on the line.

"Really, we looked as good (on the line) as we've looked in two years, honestly," Thomas said.

A couple of runs had the Buffalo on the move on their next drive, with them gaining a first down at their own 49.

Jimmy Cox then made a tackle for no gain before Brycen Boney intercepted a pass, setting the Union offense up at its own 41.

Woodall had a 14-yard run that set up a third-and-4 play after the Tigers had been penalized for holding. Two straight runs by Williams resulted in a first down at the visitors' 45-yard line. Klein completed a 7-yard pass to Trejan Tyson. The two hooked up again on the next play, with Tyson hauling in a deep pass for a 38-yard touchdown with 1:29 remaining in the quarter. Tambling's pass on the two-point conversion attempt was incomplete, leaving Union leading by a core of 20-0.

Three plays following the score, Union put its final points on the board with Klein picking off a pass at the Buffalo 30 and taking it back for a touchdown with 25 seconds on the clock. The Tigers were backed up 10 yards on the two-point try (after penalties for delay of game and illegal procedure), but Williams caught a short pass from Tambling and fought his way into the end zone for the 28-0 final.

Thomas said it was a good game overall, with players taking advantage of their time to shine.

"We have a few returning players, and we know what we can expect from them," Thomas said, "but some new guys stepped up and played well in just getting an opportunity to play. It was good."

Union finished with 235 yards on offense, with Klein completing 2 of 4 passes for 45 yards and Tambling completing 2 of 3 for 17 yards. Tyson was the leading receiver, with two catches for 45 yards.

The Villages had 108 yards and averaged 6 yards per rushing attempt. The deepest the Buffalo

advanced into Tiger territory, though, was the 45-yard line.

Thomas said the defense struggled with some plays, but that's to be expected in such games.

"In a spring game, we don't know everything they're doing, and they don't know everything we're doing," Thomas said. "You're not necessarily playing to a score. You're trying to work on some stuff."

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Mary Rothstein

Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Hagglund Rothstein passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023, at the age of 56. She was born in Gainesville on Nov. 18, 1966, to Carl and Pat Hagglund of Keystone Heights. She graduated from Keystone Heights High School in 1984 and went on to obtain a degree from the University of Florida. The simplest pleasures brought her the greatest joy; such as times with family and friends, hosting ladies' luncheons at her home, attending her daughter's, niece's and nephew's activities and events, and volunteering her time to many organizations. She loved animals, but especially cats. She has been a volunteer at many animal rescues over the years.



She is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Marc Rothstein; daughter, Kailee Madison; mother, Pat Hagglund; brother, Carl (Cindy) Hagglund Jr.; sisters, Debbie (Tommy) Piper and Cindy (Tim) Loose; and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, May 26, at 10 a.m. at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Twisted Oaks Rescue Inc, 7655 Monongahela Ave, Keystone Heights, FL, 32656, 262-623-7331(text).

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights, 352-473-3176 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Ronald Harper Jr.

Ronald E. Harper, Jr., 57, of Keystone Heights passed away Thursday, May 18, 2023, in Jacksonville following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 15, 1965, in Starke and graduated with the Class of 1983 from Keystone Heights High School. Following graduation, he began his career with Clay Electric Cooperative, working his way to line supervisor before retiring. He attended Gadara Baptist Church and had a passion for being outdoors hunting or fishing. He was also known as being an excellent cook, and a mentor to many, but mostly a great friend to all. He was one you could always depend on, and his family was his number-one priority.



He leaves behind his loving wife of nearly 37 years, Jill (Eland) Harper of Keystone Heights; their two daughters, Morgan Harper (Dan) Bader of Chicago and Erika Harper of Jacksonville; and parents, Diane (Bill) Nettles and Ronald (Christy) Harper Sr., all of Keystone Heights. He was lovingly called "Gramps" by his grandson, Luke. Also left behind are several aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, and a host of additional family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

The family received friends on Monday, May 22, at Trinity Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 23 at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Shawn House officiating. Interment was private at Gadara Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Janette Harvey

Mrs. Janette Penney Harvey, 96 died Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Starke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Harvey.

Survivors include their two children, Virginia Viau of Medway, Massachusetts and John Harvey of Sterling, Connecticut.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Cosette Howard

Mrs. Cosette Kerce Howard, 73, of Graham, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, at HCA Florida North Florida Hospital following an extended illness. She was born on April 16, 1950, in Lake Butler to Benjamin and Sarah (Alexander) Kerce and was a lifelong area resident. She was a godly lady and attended Sampson City Church of God prior to her declining health and never failed to watch Trinity Church in Deltona online. She was a true homemaker, enjoying taking care of her family, cooking, canning, and freezing fruits and vegetables, often from her own garden. She was an expert seamstress and made many wedding gowns for family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Michael Thomas Howard; siblings, Bobby Fulgham, Ida Sue Schmidt, Genell Alexander, Bob "Cooter" Kerce, and Bennie Jo "B.J." Warwick.



Survivors are children, Michelle (Jamie) Jones of De Bary, and Misti (Philip) Brooks of Starke; siblings, Jeanette Abbott of Tampa, Sharon Smith of Starke, Donald (Gail) Kerce of Melrose, and Jerry "Buddy" Kerce of Starke. She was lovingly called "Nana" by grandchildren, Kristen (Armando) Alvarez, James (Alexis) Jones, Joshua Jones (Kristi Ferraro), Colton Taylor (Krislyn Stubbs), Chance Taylor, and Makayla Taylor; along with great-grandchildren, Braxton, Ember, Sunnie, Scarlett, Judah, Benaiah, Maverick, and two more on the way.

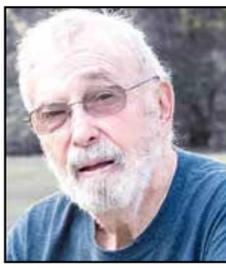
A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 25, with her son-in-law Pastor Jamie Jones, officiating. Interment will be at Rock Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Richard Rogers

Richard Rogers, 87, of Starke died peacefully on Monday, April 24, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts in 1936 to Helen (Babe) and Stanley Rogers. After his many years traveling the world while in the U.S. Navy, he settled in Jacksonville. Soon after, he took a position with the State of Florida, Department of Corrections and relocated to Starke. He was our hero, our rock! He was the most "present" father, grandfather, and great-grandfather a man could be. Always participating and showing up for our life's events, the good ones and the bad ones. He supported us all, taught us all and loved us all. He was outnumbered by having all daughters, but somehow he managed to stay sane. He loved this country, serving in the Navy for 23 years. And then went on to work for the State Department of Corrections for another 22 years. He was a huge supporter of the NRA and, if you had a question about a gun, he was the person to ask. He loved traveling the United States and seeing the historical sites. Our father was the best friend to many, always helping anyone. He was truly a great man. He was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife of 40 years, Kaletyo Rogers, whom he adored.



He is survived by his four daughters, Terri Sewell, Tamara Thiels, Shelley (David) Williams, and Kelli (Troy) Suits; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Service and interment will take place at Jacksonville Memorial Cemetery at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the NRA in memory of Richard.

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Barbara Schnichels

Barbara Ann Schnichels, 79, of Alachua passed away Friday, May 12, 2023. She was born Nov. 22, 1943, in Trenton to Clyde and Florence Parrish. She enjoyed gardening, baking, shopping and spending time with her family. She was an avid Gators fan and a member of Hague United Methodist Church. She also loved her two dogs, Missy and Tebow.



She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Ray Schnichels; daughters, Ronda Petersen and Crissy (Robert) Wheeler; sons, Clint (Sharon) Hamilton, and Clay (Debbie) Hamilton; grandchildren, Tara, Nicholas, Cade, Camryn, Kayley, Garison and Madison; great-grandchildren, Kaylin and Hadley; stepchildren, Kim (Dan) McDonald, Lisa (Brian) Ronan, Raymond Schnichels Jr. and Rob (Brenda) Schnichels; and grandchildren, Justine, Alyssa, McKenna, Taylor, Peyton, Tyler and Jack.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at Hague United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Elliot officiating. Interment will follow in Hague Cemetery. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to Hague United Methodist Church, 7001 N.W. 126th Ave. Gainesville, 32653 Please visit her memorial page at www.williamsthomasonline.com.

For further information contact Williams-Thomas Downtown 352-376-7556.

PAID OBITUARY

Card of Thanks

From the family of

Ssg Seth Michael Plant:

It has been one year since Seth's final journey home through Duval, Bradford, Clay, and St. Johns counties. There are no words to adequately describe the outpouring of love and support we saw that day. We wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every person who participated: law enforcement, first responders, local businesses, and every person who lined the streets. We were overwhelmed with the amount of American flags waving, hands over hearts, tears shed, and roads and interstates shutdown. It is a day that will be etched in our hearts forever. Each of you helped us give him a true hero's 'Welcome Home.'



In Seth's honor, we have started a nonprofit, as well as a blog to document our family's efforts to keep Seth's memory alive.

Please visit our Facebook page, 'Say When and Remember Him' as well as our website, www.SayWhenAndRememberHim.org for more info.

As Memorial Day approaches, please take a moment to honor & remember those who laid down their lives and paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

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Elizabeth Stubbs

Elizabeth "Betty" Ellen Morris Stubbs of Keystone Heights went to be with her Lord on Thursday, May 18, 2023, at the age of 96. She was born in Hatboro, Pennsylvania to the late Robert W. Morris and Elizabeth McCarthy Morris of County Cork, Ireland. She graduated from Hatboro High School in Pennsylvania and, upon moving to Jacksonville with her military husband in 1951, she earned an Associate in Arts Degree in journalism from Florida Junior College of Jacksonville. She went on to



work at the Naval Air Station, where she was secretary to the Officer in Charge of the Naval Schools Group, retiring in 1981. For most of those years, she carpooled with her husband, who was stationed there with the Navy. She unexpectedly lost her husband, Clyde Stubbs, who served in the United States Navy for 30 years, on Thanksgiving Day, 1971 at their home on Bolt Lake in Keystone Heights. He had been awaiting his retirement date as AMCS at the time. After retiring from the Naval Air station in 1981, Betty moved permanently to the lake house in Keystone Heights. She later came out of retirement and went to work as a reporter for the Lake Region Monitor for 10 years, alongside her daughter, Lesley Peters, who served as editor. She also later worked as a reporter for the Clay Today newspaper in Orange Park. She became active in civic affairs in Keystone Heights, often attending city council meetings, during which time she served as Publicity Chairman for the Our Country Day festivities, as well as other areas of service to the city. In 1990, Betty, along with Lucille Starnes, the wife of former Keystone Heights Mayor Ray Starnes, Keystone City Councilwoman Kitty McClave, and Patricia Williams met at Kitty's house and decided the town needed a place for seniors to meet socially. Thus was born the Singles Club of Keystone Heights. The Singles Club is still thriving today as the Keystone Heights Social Club. Though all four founders are now deceased, Betty remained a "lifetime member" until her death. She was recognized in 2014 as a loyal 30-year member of American Legion #202. In 1986, several members of the Legion decided there were enough veterans in the area to support two veterans' organizations and subsequently, AMVETS Post #86 was established. She was recognized as being significantly active and influential in helping local veterans set up and establish the new post, assisting them with publicity and later helping to set up the Ladies Auxiliary that still exists today. She served two terms as president and many years as Auxiliary Secretary. During her time as secretary, she established a successful Junior AMVETS Program, where young members regularly visited nursing homes in the area, bringing gifts and love to those who lived there. The president of the Junior AMVETS of Post 86, 10-year-old Meghan Gabel of Keystone Heights, was named Junior AMVET of the Year by state officers in 1988. She later went on to serve as Florida State Hospital Chairman for two terms and was lauded for her success programs. She was a 30-year member of the American Legion, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Life Member of the AMVETS. She was also a member of the Fleet Reserve. She faithfully attended St. William Catholic Church in Keystone Heights. She was a jubilant participant in bingo at the AMVETS and her chair remains well guarded at the post. She will be missed dearly and remembered warmly as someone who fiercely loved her family and her community. She never missed an opportunity to tell you she loved you and was proud of you and she meant it. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Everett Stubbs; and her beloved daughter, Lesley Ann Stubbs Peters.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Kelly; two daughters, Christine Thompson and Kimberly Dugger; her son, Commander (retired USN) Curtis David (Jennifer) Stubbs; granddaughters, Kerry Thompson, Cassidy Galbraith Wilson, and Meghan Gabel; grandsons, Connor and Harrison Stubbs, Matthew Galbraith, Kasey Gabel, and Paul Norris; great-granddaughters, Hailee Gabel, Adelyn Wilson, and Natalie Wilson; and great-great-grandchildren, Oliver, Anna, and Riley Gabel.

A funeral service was held at St. William Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 24 at 11 a.m., followed by burial at the Keystone Heights Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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happen, he puts it behind him and doesn't let it affect him. James recalled a game this past season in which Elixson struck out three times.

"He was like, 'There's always tomorrow.' For a high school kid to be able to do that, I think that's huge," James said. "I've watched him grow over the last three years to where he's reached that point mentally. Nothing's going to bother him."

James said Elixson, who he expects to play first base or in right field at St. Johns River (he played first base and also pitched at UCHS), is versatile in the field, which will also help him.

"It always helps to be 6-3, 6-4 over at first base, but you can also move him out to the outfield," James said. "With him being able to play two or three positions out in the field, as long as he's swinging the bat, they're going to find somewhere for him to play."

Elixson said an area he believes he'll have to improve in is his agility in the field.

"That's something I will always be improving on and that I have been improving on for years now," he said.

That sums up Elixson as a player — always working on his game so that he can get better. James said that's what Elixson needs to do as he transitions to the next level.

"Keep working and get in the weight room and continue to get stronger," James said. "Just

continue doing what he's been doing. There's nothing that's really a great flaw with him. As long as he keeps working and keeps progressing, he'll be fine."

Both student-athletes would love to be able to transfer to a four-year school after two years at their respective junior colleges. Neither has a dream school in mind. They just want that opportunity. Davis, though, at least would like to not have to go out of state.

"I would love just to have the chance, but I'm looking to stay in Florida," she said. "Schools like Flagler, FAU — somewhere nearby where families and friends can come visit and watch me play the sport I love."

Elixson said, "I will be happy to play anywhere."

James is confident Elixson will get that chance, saying, "Definitely. He'll be at a four-year school."

As they prepare to start a new chapter in their lives, Davis and Elixson look back fondly at their time at UCHS and appreciate how special their home is.

"Union County is a great place to play," Elixson said. "It's a tight-knit community. Everyone's close together. Everyone's pushing each other to be their best."

Davis said, "Union County has been great for me. We had tons of fans, students and everyone here (at the games). They're all super excited for us and ready to see us play at the next level."

"We'll always be able to come back and feel at home. I think they're all super proud and rooting for us."

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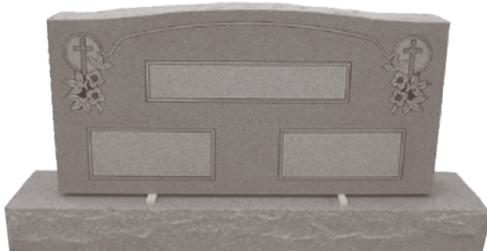
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Legals for the week of May 25, 2023

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY
CASE NO.: 2022-CP-000015
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS,
DECEASED.
FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4779 SE 109th Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-wit:

A parcel of land containing 1.08 acres, more or less, and lying in the SE1/4 of Section 20, Township South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described in Exhibit A attached. Parcel Indication Number: 04943-0-00405.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 27, 2023.

CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
817 W. MacMahon Street
Starke, Florida 32091
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020
Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner
Tina Phillips
Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that BEAMIF A LLC the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 1153
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 05218-A-01100
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-007
Description of Property: Lot Eleven (11) located in Ritchey Estates as per an unrecorded plat of Ritchey Estates per a survey dated June 1, 1978 by JOSEPH G. KNAPP, REG. Land Surveyor, Fla. Cert. No. 2061, and being located in the following described parcel of land: All that part of SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, That lies West of State Road No. 100, Book 858, Page 183, Bradford County, Florida, parcel no. 05218-A-01100.

TOGETHER WITH a mobile home located on property, VIN #1GBKP37W3E3351639
Name in Which Assessed: MARK JACKSON
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 07/12/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: L Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: May 3, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: MAY 11, 2023; MAY 18, 2023; MAY 25, 2023; JUNE 01, 2023
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No. 04-2023-CP-000031
Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF
GEORGE WILLIAM CARDIN JR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of George William Cardin Jr., deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other

persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FIVE (5) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 18, 2023.

Linda R. Cardin,
Personal Representative
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2017-CA-0299
DIVISION:
MIEE INVESTMENT TRUST,
Plaintiff,
VS.
WALTER EUGENE LEWALLEN
A/K/A WALTER
LEWALLEN, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of Court of Bradford County, will on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM, EST at Lobby of Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situate in Bradford County, Florida:

A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, LYING IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 14: COMMENCE AT AN IRON PIPE FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14 AND RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES, 37 MINUTES AND 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 331.71 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE, 01 MINUTE, AND 07 SECONDS EAST, 897.69 FEET TO A SET CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES, 34 MINUTES AND 36 SECONDS EAST, 950.32 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225 (FORMERLY STATE ROAD 225); THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE, 30 MINUTES, AND 21 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 249.20 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 01 DEGREE, 30 MINUTES AND 21 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 182.66 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT SET ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES, 04 MINUTES AND 50 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY, 239.27 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE, 01 MINUTE AND 07 SECONDS WEST, 182.65 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES, 04 MINUTES AND 49 SECONDS EAST, 237.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: ROUTE 4 BOX 386, STARKE, FL 32091 A/K/A 12751 NW CR 225, STARKE, FL 32091
pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 04-2017-CA-0299 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, the style of which is indicated above.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of this Court on April 21, 2023
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: K Jenkins
Deputy Clerk
Publish in Bradford County Telegraph
Send invoice to
Law Offices of Damian G. Waldman, Esq.
PO Box 5162
Seminole, FL 33779
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and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on June 14, 2023 and end at 10AM on June 21, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storagetreasures.com. KO Storage of Starke, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST A14, Acton, Terri

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storagetreasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121
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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on June 6, 2023 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-05
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES; ESTABLISHING MONETARY THRESHOLDS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABLE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE; ESTABLISHING ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR SOLICITATIONS FROM VENDORS; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR PROTEST PROCEDURES; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000094
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF DWELLING SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff,
v.
BLAINE HARRISON, ET AL., Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment in Re: Foreclosure entered on April 26, 2023 and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000094 in the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF DWELLING SERIES IV TRUST, is Plaintiff, and BLAINE HARRISON (Deceased), DEBBIE HARRISON, COMPASS BANK; AURORA LOAN ; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, WHETHER LIVING OR NOT, AND WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMS AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR IN ANY OTHER CAPACITY, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, are Defendants, The Clerk of the Court, Denny Thompson will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091 on June 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WEST ONE HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27 AND RUN N 00°31'04" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 27 A DISTANCE OF 674.62 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N 00°31'04" W, ALONG SAID WEST LINE 656.52 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID W 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4; THENCE RUN S 89°53'18" E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 668.25 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID W 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4; THENCE RUN S 00°34'05" E, 656.53 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE RUN N 89°53'18" W, 663.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

and commonly known as: 9431 NW 212th Street, Starke, FL 32091 (the "Property").

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the *lis pendens* must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
"IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEED ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL JAN PHILLIPS, ADA COORDINATOR, ALACHUA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 201 E. UNIVERSITY AVE., GAINESVILLE, FL 32601 AT (352) 337-6237 WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL (800) 955-8771; IF YOU ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, CALL (800) 955-8770."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail upon all parties registered to receive notification via the service list for this action maintained by the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal Governed By the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority or via U.S. Mail to those parties on the attached service list on this 19th day of May, 2023.
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MEETING
The Board of CareerSource Florida Crown will hold the following meetings as shown below:
Date: May 30, 2023 (Tuesday)
Time: 9:30 AM - Personnel Committee
10:00 AM - Business/Career Committee
11:00 AM - Youth Committee
Place: Teleconference &
On site at 1389 US Highway 90W Suite 170B/Lake City, FL 32055
All committees will use the same call in information. You will need to sign in at your given time. If you have any questions, please call Van Brown at 386-487-1182
Call In: 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 839 5181 6588
Participant ID: #
Passcode: 978509
Zoom Log In:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83951816588?pwd=djVGVUg1L2F1SVZROURhZDBWkdz09

The public is invited to participate. You must dial in and use the link to access the meeting.
Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication, to comply with the "Government in the Sunshine Law". All CareerSource Florida Crown public meetings are listed on the CareerSource Florida Crown web site at www.careersourcefloridacrown.com.
CareerSource Florida Crown is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711. Contact Jeff Geering at 386-755-9026 X 3221.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need to record the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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BRADFORD COUNTY ORDINANCES

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMMISSION, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-25, TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE FROM \$15.00 TO \$30.00 ON NON-CRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND SELECT CRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS; PROVIDING THE PURPOSE OF THE SURCHARGE; THE AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROHIBITING SMOKING AND VAPING IN PUBLIC PARKS WITHIN THE COUNTY; AND CREATING SECTIONS 38-1 THROUGH 38-3 OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
3. AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE; IMPOSING

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PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO BRADFORD COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on June 6, 2023 at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.
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NOTICE OF SALE

T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on June 9th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2013 Ford VIN# 1FTFW1ET3DFB80904
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 06/09/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 05/25/2023.
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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 63-2023-DR-0029
Division:

SAVANTE EDWARDS
Petitioner,
and
KELLY KEENE
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: KELLY KEENE
10960 SW 103RD STREET,
BROOKER, FL 32622
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on SAVANTE EDWARDS whose address is 2657 NE 389TH AVE, OLD TOWN, FL 32680 on or before JUNE 1ST, 2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 55 WEST MAIN STREET, ROOM 103, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: (insert "none" or, if applicable, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located)
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: April 28, 2023
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: C. NORMAN
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF ACTION
Union
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING IN RE: The license to practice Nursing Assistance
Corissa Floyd, C.N.A.
13853 North County Road 229
Raiford, FL 32083
120 SW 9th Avenue
Lake Butler, FL 32054
CASE NO.: 2021-33402
LICENSE NO.: CNA366982
The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Shannon Nelson, Assistant General Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9859. If no contact has been made by you concerning the above June 29, 2023 by the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding. In accordance with the Americans

with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 22000028CAAXMX
CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON;
DARREN E. WORTHINGTON;
UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Publish in The Union County Times)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2023, entered in Civil Case No.: 22000028CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, and ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON; DARREN E. WORTHINGTON, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Front Lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 AM, on the 7th day of September, 2023, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 20'12" EAST A DISTANCE OF 22.30 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A DISTANCE OF 281.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47" EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 18, SAID POINT BEING THE ARC OF A CURVE; THENCE RUN WESTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 18, A DISTANCE OF 450.48 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 3869.82 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENDED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 89 DEGREES 25'50" WEST AND A DISTANCE OF 450.23 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 37'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 287.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 4'53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 37'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 308.25 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46' 11" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 608.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the *Lis Pendens* may claim the surplus.
Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352-337-6237) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice-impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 11, 2023.
KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: C. NORMAN
Deputy Clerk
Attorney for Plaintiff:
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Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
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Legals for the week of May 25, 2023

UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 22000046CAAXMX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF LARRY W. OSBORN A/K/A LARRY OSBORN, DECEASED; VICKI LEAH OSBORN A/K/A VICTORIA LEAH OSBORN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKI LEAH OSBORN A/K/A VICTORIA OSBORN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; PAULA SHACKLES A/K/A PAULA OLETHA SHACKLES; Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 21, 2023, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Union County,

Florida, described as: THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 20 EA ST, IN THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31, WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF LAKE AVENUE (60 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY), AND RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 15.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 31, A DISTANCE OF 227.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 2.99 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF

SOUTHEAST 2ND STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS PERRY STREET)(50 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN NORTH 85 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 110.04 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 91.71 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 83 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 110.25 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 50 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 91.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO LARRY W. OSBORN AND VICKI LEAH OSBORN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, DEED DATED 7/19/2007, RECORDED 7/30/2007, IN INSTRUMENT NO. 20070002040, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF FLORIDA. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 110 SOUTHEAST 2ND STREET, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 PARCEL/TAX ID: 31-05-20-00-000-0200-0. a/k/a 110 SE 2ND ST, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054-2113 at public sale, to the highest and best

bidder, for cash, in the lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, on August 10, 2023 beginning at 11:00 AM. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 12th day of May, 2023. Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA Clerk of the Circuit Court By: C. Norman Deputy Clerk Please Publish in: Union County Times PUBLICATION DATES: Invoice to: eXL Legal, PLLC 12425 28TH ST NORTH, STE. 200 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716-1826 EFILING@EXLEGAL.COM Email proof of copy to salesvendors@exlegal.com If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352-337-6237)

at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice-impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org. 5/25 2tchg 6/1-UCT NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: Amelia Island Australian Labradoodles, LLC, 21 S 18th St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034, doing business under the firm name of: Amelia Island Doodles 15081 W SR 238, Lake Butler, FL 32054, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 17th day of May A.D., 2023, in UNION County. 5/25 2tchg 6/1-UCT NOTICE OF ELECTION TOWN OF WORTHINGTON SPRINGS NOTICE is hereby given as provided

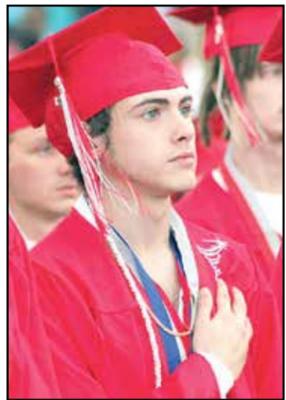
by the Charter of the Town of Worthington Springs, Florida, that a municipal election will be held in the said Town of Worthington Springs on the third (3rd) Tuesday in July 2023, the same being July 18, 2023, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the said Town of Worthington Springs to serve for the term as hereinafter stated, to wit: Candidates for Town Council shall qualify for seat Mayor, Two and Four. Mayor for a term of four (4) years Seat Two for a term of four (4) years Seat Four for a term of four (4) years. Elector must qualify to become a candidate between June 12" and June 16". An affidavit can be signed at the Town Hall on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or you may contact the Clerk, Pat Harrell at 352-316-6776 to make arrangements to sign documents. Election will be held at the City Hall located at 11933 SW 36 DR and State Road 121 in Worthington Springs, Florida on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 and the polls will be open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. 5/25 2tchg 6/1-UCT

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of the ceremony. I love you all." Words from principal and superintendent

The commencement began with Class Senator Takeirra Bakken leading the pledge of allegiance, followed by senior Makayla Moore, backed by the BHS band, singing the national anthem. Class Senator Brooklynn Reddish provided the opening prayer. Principal Angela Tomlinson then spoke, expressing her excitement at being able to share the moment with the graduating seniors. She followed by offering some words of encouragement and advice. "Tonight, I want you to leave here knowing that the most important thing in your life is to live your life with integrity and to not give in to the peer pressure

to try to be something that you're not. It's OK to be you and for you to decide what your future will be." Tomlinson told graduates to remember that when one door of opportunity closes, another opens. "All we have to do is to have the courage to walk through it," she said. Your life is what you make of it, Tomlinson said, describing it as a story. "I charge you to be the best author of that story," Tomlinson said. "What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are small matters compared to what lives within us. Take pride in how far you've come, have faith in how far you will go, but don't forget to enjoy that journey along the way. Try to remember that every person you meet just might know something you don't know and learn from them. Become more educated. "Aim high, but be aware that even before you reach your ultimate professional destination, if you always strive for excellence, you can and



Austin Corbin is pictured during the pledge of allegiance.



Madison Rhoden can't help but smile, knowing she's soon to be a graduate.

should have a substantial impact on the world in which you live." Tomlinson told graduates they're about to begin an uncertain but thrilling phase of their lives. They will experience times of success and times of failure, both of which are important. The key, she said, is to stay true to their calling.

"Trust your heart, and success will come to you," Tomlinson said. "Go confidently into the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined." In closing, Tomlinson said, "Fight for the job you want, fight for people who mean the most to you and fight for the kind of world that you want to live in."

Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley then took his chance to address the graduates. He said he had one question to ask: "What are you doing next?" "I want you to know it's OK if you don't know," Hartley said. "Learning your purpose here is a journey — a journey that may take you through many different professions, expose you to many different people and, at times, make you question, 'What exactly am I doing here?'" "Understand that is part of the plan. At every stop on the way, and from every person you meet, you will learn something new about yourself." Hartley shared how in his life, he's been a professional athlete, a teacher, a coach and a real-estate investor before becoming school superintendent. "Through my journey so far, I've learned that I love sports and the positive impact they can have on a young person's life," Hartley said. "I've learned that learning is lifelong and sharing that knowledge is very rewarding. I've learned that I enjoy the pressure and responsibility of

being a leader. I've learned that I love challenges and taking on tasks that scare me because they make me grow. And I've learned that no matter what your job may be, there will never be one that should be more important than your family and the ones you love. "Only time will tell where your journey will take you and what you will learn about yourself along the way. If you allow every new experience to become an opportunity to grow, the sky will be the limit." Class President Gabby Oliver provided the senior class greetings, while Executive Board President Kimber Woods acknowledged faculty and staff. Class Treasurer Masey Padgett shared that the class song was Hannah Montana's "I'll Always Remember You," the class flower was a rose and that the class motto was: "2023 — the class you wish you could be." Padgett also recited the class verse, which was Luke 1:37: "For with God, nothing shall be impossible."

Free Trading Post

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Starting April 6th, the Bradford County Telegraph will run your for sale by owner ad for free.

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Ford, who shared time with Jackson Parmeter, completed 3 of 3 passes for 31 yards.

The two quarters of play against Santa Fe began with the Raiders getting the chance to go on offense first. That series was a three-and-out, thanks to a 12-yard sack by Messina on third down.

An 18-yard punt set the Keystone offense up at the Santa Fe 34. Daniels had three carries, good for gains of 3, 10 and 11 yards and giving the Indians first-and-goal at the 10. Daniels' fourth straight carry went for 9 yards to the 1-yard line. The back was then held to no gain on second down. Parmeter fumbled the snap on the next play, but was able to pick up the loose ball and bull his way into the end zone for a touchdown at the 4:37 mark of the first

quarter. Ryder Thomas kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Santa Fe drove 58 yards to the Keystone 21, with 37 of those yards coming on five pass plays. The Raiders' sixth pass attempt was intercepted by Van Zant in the end zone. Van Zant returned the ball to almost midfield, but an illegal-block penalty had the ensuing Keystone offensive series beginning at the Indians' 15-yard line.

After a pass-interference penalty gave the Indians a first down, Daniels took a handoff from Ford and broke free for a 68-yard touchdown run with 4:58 to play. Sapp added the PAT to complete the scoring.

Keystone finished with 104 yards of offense — all on the ground. Daniels gained 103

yards on seven carries, giving him 136 total yards on the night.

"The O line blocked really well tonight," Reynolds said. "We had a couple of busts here and there — things we've got to get better at and improve on. Overall, offensively, we're moving in a good direction. We've got some guys who can make some plays."

Keystone's defense continued to make plays on Santa Fe's last possession of the game. Zane Leger made a tackle for a 2-yard loss, while Jayden Goodman stripped the ball from the quarterback, resulting in an 8-yard loss on a fourth-down play.

The Raiders finished had minus-4 yards rushing on eight carries and finished with 39 total yards.

It was a good debut for Reynolds as head coach. If there was a negative, it was the format in which the game was played. Because of the shorter quarters (quarters are normally 12 minutes in length) and a running clock, some players didn't get to see any action. The Indians had only four offensive possessions against Ridgeview and three against Santa Fe.

"We didn't really get a lot of time with some of those kids to see what they could do," Reynolds said. "Fortunately, we did have the scrimmage."

Still, Reynolds likes what he has seen this spring.

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