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## Charges dropped against former Bradford coach

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The State Attorney's Office dropped three felony counts against a former Bradford High School volleyball and softball coach and agreed to the defendant pleading to two misdemeanors.

Lainie Kay Rodgers, 24, was arrested last October for an authority figure engaging in or soliciting in lewd conduct with a student and transmitting information harmful to minors.

In March the State added the additional charges of using a computer to solicit a minor and lewd or lascivious molestation on a person 12 years of age or older but under than 16 years of age by an offender 18 or older.

Later in March, after Rodgers's attorney, Bobi J. Frank, pointed out that at the time of the alleged offenses, the victim was 16, and not under age 16 as the statute requires, the State dropped the molestation charge.

In a Wednesday, April 27 hearing that was originally scheduled for Circuit Judge James Colaw to hear arguments on defense motions to dismiss charges and suppress evidence, the State announced it was dropping all three remaining felonies. Instead, Rodgers, now 25, pleaded to two counts of contributing to the dependency of a minor. Her plea agreement with the State prohibits her from contacting the victim's family and from engaging in non-supervised contact with minors other than her family.

The agreement also calls for two, consecutive terms of one year of probation. However, she may apply for early termination of probation after one year.

Assistant State Attorney Lua Lepianka said during Rodgers's change of plea that the defendant engaged in two different acts of contributing to the dependency of a minor.

"Specifically," Lepianka said in the hearing, "that she engaged in a relationship with a minor that overstepped the permissible bounds of a relationship between an authority figure and a student, and she permitted

a minor to engage in kissing and/or fondling without bringing it to the attention of school administration or a parent."

### Zero proof

During the hearing, Frank told Colaw that the State's actions were the result of facts uncovered in her earlier motion for dismissal and motion to suppress.

In Franks's April 14 motion requesting the judge to dismiss all charges against her client, Frank wrote that the State had no proof that Rodgers transmitted any information harmful to minors.

She wrote that the State's information accused the defendant of texting a photo of a naked buttocks to the victim.

"The photograph identified as the 'naked buttocks' photograph relied upon in the amended information is a photograph of a buttocks with underwear which was merely located on the defendant's camera roll," Frank wrote, "with zero proof of transmission to (the victim). (The victim) denied receiving any transmissions from the defendant that were sexual or harmful in nature under the law."

The sheriff's office investigation of Rodgers began after one student told Bradford High School administrators, she saw a sexually explicit text message from Rodgers to the victim on the victim's cell phone.

However, in her deposition, the victim said the witness was probably lying.

During the deposition, Frank asked the victim about her relationship with the witness: "Are you friends with her?"

"No ma'am," the victim replied.

Frank: "Okay, are you aware that she claims she saw something?"

Victim: "Yes, ma'am."

Frank: "Okay. First of all—she wouldn't have any way to know who transmitted anything to you on your cell phone. Right?"

Victim: "No, ma'am."

Frank: "Okay. And she was lying when she said that?"

Victim: "Yes ma'am. Probably."

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### Headed to state horse show after recent win

Ten-year-old Saylor Rhoden and her mare, Hay Bay Bay, competed in the Area North Horse representing Bradford County. They won the Grand Champion Buckle for versatility. One must compete in three different disciplines (either ranch, Western, English or speed) to be eligible, which means the horse and rider must be versatile.

This pair also got Junior Reserve High Point for the Western division. This team will be headed to the State Horse Show in July to again represent Bradford County.



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## WORTH NOTING

### National Day of Prayer

An event has been organized in Starke to celebrate the National Day of Prayer. The event will take place Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at the Downtown Square. All are welcome.

### Drive-thru food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith at 730 Old Lawtey Road will hold a drive-thru food distribution on the first and third Thursday of the month, May 5 and 19, from 10 a.m. to noon.

### Kindergarten registration at KHES

Keystone Heights Elementary School kindergarten registration will be in person this year, but by appointments only, on Thursday, May 12, and Tuesday, May 17.

In order to prevent possible loss of teachers next school year, the school is asking future kindergarten parents to participate in this registration.

During scheduled appointments, parents will have the opportunity to meet kindergarten teachers as they meet with students for a simple readiness screening while parents turn in required documents. You will then be assisted in completing online registration for next school year.

Once completed families will be able to tour the kindergarten hallway, pick up a kindergarten goody bag and take their child's picture in an "I'm Ready for Kindergarten 2023" setting. You will leave ready for their child to begin school in August.

Please call for an appointment. A list of the required documents will be shared after scheduling. Those documents include: certified birth certificate, completed immunization record (on Form 680), health physical (received since Aug. 10, 2021), parent ID, and proof of residency in the school district. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2022, to begin kindergarten in August.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 904-336-1375.

## Union looking for best ways to spend ARPA funds

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Board of County Commissioners carefully considering the best way to use the funds made available through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, working to create a spending plan that will make the best use of the funds.

A draft of a possible plan was discussed at a recent commission workshop in April 2022. Funds, provided by the U.S. Treasury, will be used to cover the costs of expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency created by COVID-19, expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently approved (as of March 11, 2021 and expenditures incurred and or obligated between March 11, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2024

(deadline for these expenditures being Dec. 31, 2026.

The Board will use the provided funding to reimburse the county for necessary expenditures made by the county in response to the public health emergency and other, secondary effects of the emergency, including providing economic support to individuals and businesses whose work or business was effected by the emergency. All of these expenditures will be made according to the Treasury Final Rule guidelines for the ARPA.

The total amount of the funds is \$2,959,609. Expenditures of funds will fall in three of the five allowed categories.

The largest expense to be covered is in public health expenses incurred or to be incurred, accounting for 85% of the available funds (\$2,515,667.60).

These expenses will include personal protective equipment (both for and not for direct medical use), payroll for public health, safety and other public sector staff, recreational/parks facility projects (for better social distancing issues), capital investments for county facilities (improvements to EMS/Fire and the courthouse), grants to small businesses, grants to individual households for rent and mortgage aid, sick leave for employees with COVID-19 and those who had to take time off to care for a family member with COVID-19, as well as quarantine measures and equipment/ambulance and communications.

The second category to be funded by ARPA funds is premium pay expenses, accounting for 10% of the funds (\$295,960.90). These are additional compensation to county workers who

shouldered extra responsibility, and/or substantial risk during the pandemic. Essentially a type of "hazardous duty pay," these funds will go to county employees who maintained the operation of critical county operations and infrastructure in a manner that required in-person interactions and handling of materials and equipment previously handled by others. (This does not cover any employees engaged in a work-from-home situation.) This expenditure is broken down into two parts – premium pay to eligible workers in the county and the offices of the constitutional officers and pay incentives for recruitment purposes, to fill needed open positions.

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## Remembering Dylan

As part of Senior Night festivities prior to Hope Christian Academy's softball and baseball games versus Old Plank on April 28, seniors made special presentations to the family of Dylan Drew, an HCA senior from Lake Butler whose life was tragically cut short as the result of an Oct. 25, 2021, traffic accident. Dylan's father, Thomas, threw out a ceremonial first pitch, while the HCA baseball team included Dylan in its starting lineup at shortstop, with the following note included on its lineup card: "The HCA Lions' baseball team would like to honor our beloved teammate Dylan Drew (31) tonight on Senior Night. Dylan has been in our thoughts for each and every game this season. Tonight, we honor Dylan in the starting lineup." In a post on Facebook that shared photos of Dylan's jersey and the honorary starting lineup card, Dylan's parents, Thomas and Jaclyn, wrote: "He was excited about playing on the baseball team this year and wanted to wear 31, which he wore in football. So thankful for all the stuff the seniors have done for us this year. It all started the day Dylan died. They all came over to pay their respects and have been here for us ever since. They have no idea what they have meant to us." Pictured (l-r): HCA senior Emma Snyder, Malena Hanson, HCA senior Kody Griffis and Thomas and Jaclyn Drew with their family. Photo by Virginia Denmark.

# 1% surtax may be on ballot

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners took emergency action Monday morning to place a sales surtax referendum on the Nov. 8 election ballot.

In doing so, commissioners were trying to meet a state deadline. There is still time to reverse course, however.

To consider collecting the 1% Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities Sales Surtax beginning in 2023, the commission had to meet a deadline this week to notify the Florida Department of Revenue. This will trigger an audit of the Bradford County Fire Rescue program that must be posted no less than 60 days prior to the referendum.

A majority of voters must approve the referendum for the sales tax increase to go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

The revenue would only be available to fund fire rescue

services, and beginning with the 2023-24 budget, the commission must roll back the property tax rate based on how much revenue the new surtax would generate. In this way, the surtax is not new revenue, but a revenue source dedicated to fire rescue that draws upon a bigger pool of taxpayers than just property owners. Everyone making taxable purchases in Bradford County would contribute.

The city of Starke would have an opportunity to fund its fire department with a share of the tax revenue as well if the city commission is also willing to rollback its property tax rate.

County staff continue to investigate whether the surtax is a desirable route to take, including talking with Liberty County, which began collecting the tax, but now seems to regret the complications it has created in accountability. (Union

County voters previously approved the referendum, but the county had to start the process over because of procedural problems.)

As Chairman Chris Dougherty has pointed out, more counties opt for special assessments to fund fire rescue and other public safety services, and that option also remains on the table for Bradford County.

That being the case, the sales surtax referendum may never make it on the November ballot. There is still time to decide.

According to Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang, she would need to know by Aug. 9 at the latest. The language for the November ballots will be sent to the printer immediately following the Aug. 23 primary, and there must be time to prepare the information for both the English and translated Spanish ballots.

# Commissioners promised fun while reliving mining 'mess'

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Citizen activist Carol Mosley says she and other phosphate mining opponents still have plenty more to say, even if it means taking the county commission all the way back to the beginning of the fight.

Speaking to stoic commissioners monthly and repeated communications with the county attorney have only peaked her frustration as some questions go unanswered, if not ignored.

On May 2, Mosley suggested the board hire outside counsel, saying it's time "important details stop falling through the cracks."

"You should also be concerned about the statute violations I bring to your attention. Failure to address violations once you are made aware of them, even by me, should be frowned upon," she told commissioners Monday.

One example she pointed to was the exclusion of a public records clause from the contract with Onsite Environmental Consulting,

which was hired to provide an environmental impact statement after studying the master mining plan submitted HPS Enterprises. Then there is the time limit for approving or denying a development permit imposed by Florida statute — 180 days.

The HPS plan has been around since 2016. "Why does the county legal team feel it is okay to ignore such violations?" Mosley asked.

While Mosley has discovered that there were no written requests for additional information submitted to the mining company by the consultant, she has been unable to get information about a supposed verbal request for additional information.

"We now know that there were zero written RAIs (Request for Additional Information) submitted to HPS but yet we are supposed to believe this "RAI that was not reduced to writing" is somehow real. I'm still waiting to know, and so are you, what is the question, who

asked it, and why can't HPS answer it?" she asked.

The request supposedly dates to 2019 and has not been answered, leading Mosley to wonder if there aren't ethical as well as legal violations involved. That was behind her suggestion that the commission seek counsel outside of county attorney Will Sexton.

"Strangest of all is that Mr. Sexton will not give us an answer. It's suspicious. You really should demand to know," she said.

"And, how about Kleinfelder/HPS submitting documents to hydrologist Schreuder that were titled Response to RAI even though there was not really any RAI submitted to HPS at all! They just didn't like Schreuder's reports and so tried to act like they were responding to questions. That's why Schreuder was so careful to mention that in his final report submitted January 2020. Tricky, tricky."

By the end of her presentation, Mosley promised that she and the commission, with the help of other activists, are going to have "fun" moving forward.

"I'm so angry about this game playing that I'm going to start from the beginning, when we were deceived about an actual application from HPS being filed and denied a promised workshop. With a little help, we may read transcripts of Mr. Hazen and old BOCC meetings that some of our commissioners are not even aware of. We can relive it all in the sunshine while we wait for Mr. Sexton to bring the mysterious "unwritten RAI" out of the darkness. Sunshine is the best disinfectant, and this mess needs a good cleaning," Mosley said.

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## Note veterans service office schedule

The Bradford County Veterans Service Office will be closed May 2-6. It will reopen May 11.

Normal hours are Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 2-6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday hours vary. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-966-6385 or 904-263-0647 for an appointment.

## County needs more time to redistrict

*Drawing equal districts proves challenging*

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Timing will prevent Bradford County from redistricting before the upcoming election, but commissioners will continue to consider options.

After being introduced to an online map creator, commissioners and the public were asked to have options ready to present at the May 2 commission meeting.

Commissioner Chairman Chris Dougherty said he'd had further discussion with Supervisor of Elections Amanda Seyfang, and they agreed the county needs more time.

Seyfang previously told the board that come June, her office would kick into full-time election mode, leaving little time work on anything else.

Attorney Will Sexton has worked with some of the commissioners, and law student Colson Douglas has also submitted maps. Sexton mentioned a particular difficulty also brought up by

citizen Paul Still, and that is maintaining District 1 as a majority minority voting district while also trying to balance its overall population with the other four districts.

The first goal helps provide diverse leadership, while the second preserves an equal say in government by voters across all five districts.

Attempting both results in an unusually shaped district. As Still pointed out, raising District 1's population by adding more minority voters must somehow include northeast Starke, the Pleasant Grove community west of Starke and Lincoln City south of Starke.

District 1 Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said having to add entire census blocks to a district complicates matters and she wondered if there were other ways to populate a district without resulting in an oddly shaped district.

She suggested the county could look for some outside expertise.

Commissioner Danny Riddick said anyone can balance the districts' populations, but even his attempt at maintaining a minority-led voting district resulted in a district that was

"all over the place."

"In the future, I think it's going to be impossible to get a minority district," he said, pointing out that communities aren't as segregated as they once were.

Spooner agreed that things have changed, but Black and other minority citizens still make up a fraction of the overall population. What they may have to accept, she said, is that not all districts will have an equally sized population.

"It took, what ... 120 years before we were able to have minority representation in government. So, I want to ensure that we continue to have representation from minority populations," she said. "There may be some differences in the numbers, but hopefully not so extremely different. We just have to continue looking at it and just do the right thing and work together."

Dougherty said the discussions would into 2023, the target for completing redistricting. In the meantime, the county commission will also be getting the school board involved in the process.

## Development authority casualty of Disney-DeSantis war

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD  
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County Development Authority became collateral damage in a clash between titans, but there is hope it might be saved.

Walt Disney Company recently came out against Gov. Ron DeSantis signing the Parental Rights in Education bill. It was pressured to do so when its financial backing of conservative politicians was revealed by opponents of the bill, who criticize its perceived attack on young gay and transgender students and gay families.

The bill became widely condemned as the "Don't Say Gay" bill. It prohibits classroom instruction related to sexual orientation or gender identity through the third grade, and requires instruction in higher grades to be age and developmentally appropriate.

Disney responded to DeSantis signing the bill by releasing a statement claiming it would work with others to repeal the law or see it struck down in court.

During a special session,

the governor and Republican-led Legislature fought back, stripping Disney's status as a special governing district, which allowed it to approve its own developments, levy its own taxes, and provide for its own infrastructure and services, just like any other municipality.

Much has been reported in the aftermath about local governments surrounding the Orlando resort being stuck with its financial debt obligations, which add up to \$1 billion.

In passing the law, the governor and Legislature will end any special districts set up before Nov. 5, 1968, as of June 1, 2023. Among those districts is the Bradford County Development Authority.

Even locally, the BCDA might be as obscure as Disney's Reedy Creek. Its membership is not, however, and includes Patricia Evans of Capital City Bank, former Sheriff Bob Milner and realtor Dean Weaver. Working with partners in local government, legislators and other leaders, the chamber of commerce and the North Florida Economic Development Partnership

and others, BCDA strives to promote Bradford County and the incentives for businesses and industry to develop here.

Evans said BCDA is still meeting to figure out what this sudden development means for the group's future.

"In the interim, BCDA has been and will continue working diligently along with all our county, state, and federal partners, coordinating efforts, leading discussions and advocating for the needed infrastructure. Our focus remains on working with the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce to offer support of existing businesses while proactively working with others to identify new opportunities for economic development in Bradford County," she said.

County attorney Will Sexton said there was no intent to "come after" BCDA on the part of the governor or Legislature. He believes there will be ample time to reestablish the development authority in its original or modified form so the group can continue its work beyond next summer.

## Letters

### Where are our lights?

Dear Editor:

Well, after several conversations, the DOT admitted that it was a mistake that we have no lighting at the S.R. 100 and S.R. 16 exits on the bypass, and that, on all future projects like ours, lighting will be part of the project.

So, my natural question was, exactly when will we

get our lights, since you have admitted they should have been part of the project? After promising me earlier that we would have lights this year, I have been told that it will be sometime in 2023 before we get lights.

Fellow members of Bradford County, we are getting taken advantage of, and we need to take action. If you are tired of traveling on a very dark bypass and tired of being overlooked, then please do the following. Call our

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I have found that they will listen to you. But, we must get more people calling. I am tired of being overlooked.

Wayne Blankenship



## Grand Champion team won the Battle on Broadway

North Florida Elite's Youth 1 team competed in Nashville April 30 and came home Grand Champions with rings and jackets. The competition was called All Out's Battle On Broadway.

Pictured are: (front) Luna Perez, Bailey Buchanan, Charley Box, Charlotte Nelson, Brooklyn Witt, (second row) Kasi McCullough, Addilyn Alday, Taylin Holsenbeck, Kyndeli Soulsby, (third row) Kelsey Holsenbeck, Brooklyn West, Addison Sweeney, (fourth row) Larkin Kuhn, Noah Gordon, (back row) Addison West, Savannah Scott, Alyssa Sanford, Henry Prescott and Brynlee Sanford.

### Melrose Art Walk

Melrose All Arts Council.

Mossman Hall will feature artist Kay Deuben, Retrospective and New Works, and the Art Walk on Friday, May 6. The reception begins at 6 p.m. On the first Friday of every month, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Melrose Art Walk encourages patrons to visit exhibits at each of the town's galleries. The Art Walk is sponsored by the

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# Lake Region

## Condon continues fight against business tax

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — County Commissioner Betsy Condon continued her opposition to a proposed Clay County business licensing ordinance commissioners are now considering.

If enacted, the ordinance would require many county businesses to purchase a license to operate in the county. Now, the cities of Keystone Heights and Green Cove Springs, in addition to the Town of Orange Park already require businesses to purchase licenses within their jurisdictions.

Commissioner Jim Renninger, who has championed the tax since last year, has said the levy would not only advance his goal of shifting the county's tax burden away from property owners to other county residents, but would also give the county an idea of what businesses are operating within its county lines.

Commissioner Wayne Bolla repeated that benefit during the board's April 26 meeting, when county staff gave commissioners an update on their research of the proposed tax.

"We had a meeting with JTA and they asked us: 'Where are your employment centers and how many employees does each business have so we can schedule where we will stop the bus?'" Bolla said to Condon. "Our answer is: we don't know. We don't know anything. That is one example."

In February, all four of Condon's colleagues said they wanted to explore the idea of adopting a county-wide business license, charging an annual fee of under \$50, but the Crystal Lake resident questioned the value businesses would get from the levy.

"If we're going to do this, it almost seems like a money grab from our businesses and I would say, for what?" she said.

During the board of county commissioners' April 26 meeting, Condon repeated her objection to the business license idea, citing the example of a 16-year-old she recently hired to mow the lawn at her business in Keystone Heights.

"Are you going to go out and (license) every teenager that's trying to start their business?" she asked. "I still

haven't had anyone explain to me what government's place is in knowing what businesses are (operating in the county)."

"To me, that is anti-business in Clay County," she continued. "There are a lot of businesses out there that just don't want government in their business."

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle and County Attorney Courtney Grimm said Florida law limits counties in the manner in which they may levy a business tax.

In a prior meeting, the pair told commissioners that under state statute, many businesses would be exempt from licensing their enterprises under a county ordinance, including those operating under state regulations like physicians' offices, barbers and other professional service firms.

Commissioner Mike Cella said that loophole has convinced him to withdraw his support for the business license.

Bolla said that with three commissioners still supporting the idea, county staff will continue researching the ordinance.



Women MotoSurf competitors make practice runs on the Lake Geneva course Saturday morning.

## MotoSurf Games deemed a success

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City officials and event sponsors said they received positive feedback from racers and organizers of the MotoSurf Games held at Keystone Beach last weekend.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said participants told her the crowds in Keystone Heights were the largest crowds ever to witness

the racing.

She added that racing teams appreciated Lake Geneva's proximity to businesses and other support services.

The Lake Region Development Corporation sponsored the event, and Executive Director Scott Kornegay said a large television and internet audience saw the Keystone Heights area at its best.

"The Lake Region received

international media coverage with the event being televised on CBS Sports and live streamed on several YouTube channels," he said. "Motosurf organizers and participants said that Keystone Heights and Lake Geneva was the best venue that they have competed at. They have indicated that they would like to return to Keystone Heights next year and possibly consider two engagements rather than one."

## Clay employment outpaces area

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The president of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation told county commissioners that

Clay County's unemployment rate of three percent is lower than the area's 3.3%, Florida's 3.5% and the country's 4.4%.

"Three percent is a robust unemployment rate," Crawford Powell told commissioners during their April 26 meeting. "That means a vast majority of people that want jobs and looking for jobs, are in the process of having a job."

Powell said six economic development projects are now under construction in the county:

—Niagara Bottling Phase 2 in Orange Park with around 200 jobs;

—Mobro Marine Phase 1 in Green Cove Springs with 12 jobs;

—Chemours in Camp Blanding with 50 jobs;

—Orange Park Medical Tower buildout with 50 jobs;

—Borland Groover in Orange Park with 50 jobs and

—Two Florida Power and Light projects with 255 temporary jobs and 12 permanent jobs.

Powell said that in the second quarter, the county missed out on over 1,300 job opportunities because it did not have sites, buildings or office space for employers looking to locate in the area.

"That's one of the main reasons I am ecstatic about the possibility of some developers building spec buildings," he said.

Powell said Clay County housing prices continued to climb with Orange Park and Oakleaf home increasing by 42% over the previous year. Middleburg and Green Cove Springs saw a 25% increase in housing prices over the previous year while Fleming Island and Keystone Heights homes increased by 10% and 15% respectively.

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## YouTuber: KH top small, rural city

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A popular YouTuber who specializes in geography has ranked Keystone Heights as the top small, rural city in Florida.

The World According to Briggs has 772,000 subscribers and prior videos on the channel have covered the pros and cons of living in Ohio, 10 countries with the fewest atheists and highest and lowest gas prices by state.

The channel's creator, Jimmy Briggs said he travelled and lived throughout the US during his military career. He said he prefers the list format for his videos because he grew up watching David Letterman and was a fan of the comedian's top 10 lists.

In his April 23 video: "The Best Rural Small Towns in Florida," Briggs declared Keystone Heights as the winner, citing the city's low

crime rate, access to high-speed internet and proximity to Gainesville health care services.

He also acclaimed the Lake Region's moderate cost of living.

"Living here is 12% lower than the national average, which is outstanding," he said. "When it comes to real estate, they do a pretty good job of having everything from \$129,000 for a house you probably don't want but might take anyway all the way up to like \$700,000."

"This is a great place to live, especially if you want to have that small-town vibe for a while," Briggs added, "because since 1990 they've only gained a hundred residents. I think it's gonna continue to stay under 2,000 for quite some time."

Briggs's other top rural, small cities in Florida were 5: Blountstown, 4: Frostproof, 3: High Springs and 2: Bristol.

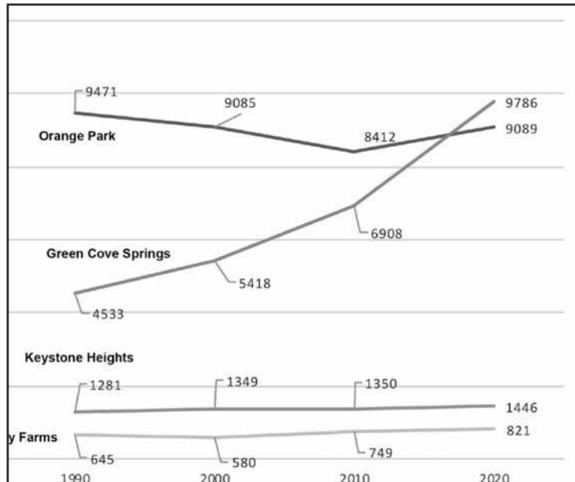
# Green Cove Springs now county's largest municipality

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** — The 2020 census, delayed by the COVID-19 Pandemic has revealed that Green Cove Springs has surpassed Orange Park as Clay County's largest municipality.

While the county seat experienced a population growth of 42% in the last decade, its neighbor to the north only grew by 8% over that same time period.

Officially, Green Cove Springs had 9,786 residents in 2020, and Orange Park 9,089. Keystone Heights grew by 7% to 1,446 people and Penny Farms grew by 10% to 821 residents over the decade.



## Annexation strategy

The county seat overtook the Jacksonville suburb, in large part because Orange Park is mostly built out while Green Cove Springs has land to expand.

And addition to population shifts due to the extension of the First Coast Expressway, Green Cove Springs embarked on an aggressive annexation plan in 2014.

Under the plan, the city hoped to take on areas to its north, west and south, including a large swath south of the planned expressway.

One of the key selling points it made to residents in unincorporated areas was that although residents living within the city paid a municipal tax nonresident did not pay, the increase was mitigated by some county taxes city property owners are not subject to.

That is because while the city's millage at the time was 2.9821 mills, the county charged unincorporated property owners 2.2503 mills for its law enforcement municipal service taxing unit and another 0.1110

mills for an unincorporated MSTU. Therefore, property owners who joined the city got a new 2.9821-mil city tax, offset by county millage rates of 2.3613 which no longer applied to them.

Developers have also found that due to the city's aggressive annexation policy, they may get more favorable land use and zoning treatment from the city than from the county.

Last year, the owners of 560.52 acres on County Road 15A, south of the city voluntarily joined the municipality. During the same city council meeting in which the annexation was approved, council members also approved changing the future land use of the parcel from a county land use of rural fringe-industrial to a city classification of residential low density.

Two impacts to the municipalities change in ranking have already occurred. Green Cove Springs has taken over Orange Park's permanent seat on Clay County's Tourist Development Council and in the near future, the county seat will get a larger portion of the county's half-penny infrastructure sales tax surcharge.

## Tourist Development Council

Clay County Tourism Director Kimberly Morgan told county commissioners earlier this month that because Orange Park is no longer the largest municipality in the county, it will lose its permanent seat on the county Tourist Development Council.

During the April 12 meeting, commissioners voted to assign the permanent seat to Green Cove Springs and assigning a seat that rotates among the county's municipalities to Orange Park. The four-year rotating seat is currently held by Green Cove Springs. Orange Park will lose its rotating seat in two years; however Green Cove will retain the permanent seat for at least 10.

Commissioner Betsy Condon asked why the TDC was recommending the rotating seat for Orange Park, since it has held the permanent seat for so long.

"I think it is a matter of keeping consistency with the TDC," responded Morgan. "One of the things that you will see is that the



Michelle Rausch, winner of the Garden Club of the Lake's April Yard of the Month award.

## Tadlock, Rausch win Yard of the Month

BY DEIRDRE MURPHY  
Garden Club of the Lakes

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** — The Garden Club of the Lakes presented the Yard of the Month award for April 2022 to Michael Tadlock and Michelle Rausch.

When the couple moved into a beautiful home on

Lawrence Boulevard, the landscaping needed attention.

Using her skills as a master gardener, Michelle quickly began transforming the yard and adding amazing curb appeal to the property.

Michelle recently

joined the Garden Club of the Lakes, and we are so appreciative of her knowledge.

If you would like to nominate a yard for Yard of the Month or join the Garden Club of the Lakes, please call or text Deirdre Murphy at 352-281-3026.

council is changing, most have been on the TDC for less than four years. To have continuity amongst the nine-person board is important.

Commissioner Mike Cella, who chairs the tourist council, added that most of the county's hotels are in Orange Park and council members felt that also justified assigning the rotating seat to Orange Park.

## Infrastructure Tax

The population shift also benefits Green Cove Springs in the distribution of the county's half-cent discretionary infrastructure sales tax. The half-penny levy is collected throughout the entire county, but the county must share the proceeds with the municipalities based on population.

Orange Park Town Manager Sarah Campbell recently told the

town council that its share of the infrastructure surcharge would decrease.

"Because our percentage of the whole has gone down," she said, "your sales tax is going to go down. Finance and I will account for that in the capital improvement budget later this spring."

# Internet expert briefs Lake Region business group

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** — A senior consultant and marketing manager for the Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida taught a Lake Region business group about the best practices of marketing businesses on the internet.

Taylor Kennedy reviewed principles for obtaining a domain, working with website builders and hosts, web design and development, search engine optimization and other topics during the April 28 meeting of the Lake Region Prosperity Partners.

## Domains

Kennedy said that when looking for a domain, businesses should use a ".com" domain like BcTelegraph.com. He also recommended owners use the name of their businesses in the domain.

"Sometimes you have to get a little creative," he said. "You'll see a lot of times people are putting in like LandscapingJax.com or LandscapingKeystone.com, using that defined geographic area because as more and more people are purchasing domains, the one that you may want may be gone."

Kennedy added that investors are now buying up domains, marking up the price and then flipping the names to business owners.

"I've even had people contact me saying: 'Hey we've got this website available if you want to pay \$2,000,'" he said, adding that his answer to the inquiry was "no."

Kennedy advised avoiding hyphens and numbers in domain names, to pick something memorable and to keep the name to 15 characters or less.

## Website builders and hosts

Kennedy said a website host is a company that hosts websites on their servers while a builder is software that enables people

to create and edit the content of their sites. Some organizations like GoDaddy.com, Wix.com and Squarespace.com operate as both hosts and builders. He said one of the most popular builders: WordPress.com is a builder only.

Kennedy added that while WordPress is highly customizable and looks professional, it is not easy to use, and many times business owners hire web developers to assist them with their WordPress sites.

Wix.com, on the other hand is easy to use and has excellent email support, but the templates look dated, and the code is not search-engine friendly, making Wix.com websites more difficult to discover on Google.

"With Squarespace," he said, "some of the pros are the templates are really nice. They're very up to date, they're very modern and they're very professional looking. As a business you want your website to be very professional looking."

Kennedy said the downside to Squarespace.com is that it limits users to only one level of sub navigation, forcing the structure of the website to remain simplistic.

He also recommended that before building a website,



(LEFT) Taylor Kennedy reviews principles for obtaining a domain, working with website builders and hosts, web design and development, search engine optimization and other topics during the April 28 meeting of the Lake Region Prosperity Partners.

the end of you doing this research on your competitors, you'll have some really good information."

business owners scout the competition to see what kind of content competitors are publishing, what format they are using and how the website is structured.

"When you're looking at these competitors, you want to take notes," he said. "What do you like? What don't you like? By

## Search engine optimization

Kennedy said the hottest topic of business internet development is search engine optimization: getting a business page to rank high on Google.

He added that because the company keeps the details of its algorithm secret, businesses have to use trial and error in trying to achieve a high ranking.

"We don't know what their rules are," Kennedy said. "We have to speculate and test."

And even if a website finds

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

#### Proposed Plan for Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 Camp Blanding Military Reservation

The Air National Guard invites you to review and comment on the Proposed Plan for remedial action at Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 at Camp Blanding Military Reservation in Starke, Florida. The sites are located centrally within the installation boundary along Avenue D. The Air National Guard recently completed a study of Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 to evaluate environmental media contaminants and remedial action alternatives.

The preferred alternative for soil remediation is excavation and offsite disposal of contaminated soil. The preferred alternative for groundwater is enhanced biodegradation with groundwater monitoring and land use controls, if needed. The preferred alternatives and the other alternatives evaluated are discussed in the Proposed Plan.

The Air National Guard welcomes the public's comments on all of the alternatives presented in the Proposed Plan. The Proposed Plan is available online for community review and comment at <https://ar.afcec-cloud.af.mil/Default.aspx> or by contacting the Base Environmental Manager at [joseph.bacorn@us.af.mil](mailto:joseph.bacorn@us.af.mil).

To access reports on this website, select "Continue to site" near the bottom of the page, select "Air National Guard" in the top left corner of the page, then choose "Camp Blanding Military Res, FL" from the Installation List, and click on the "Search" button to retrieve a list of records to view. Internet access is available at the Bradford County Public Library. If sufficient interest exists, a public meeting will be held to discuss the Proposed Plan.

The Air National Guard encourages you to comment on the proposed plan during the 30-day Public Comment Period, from **May 2, 2022 to June 1, 2022**. Written comments may be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than **June 1, 2022**, to the following address: Mr. Joseph Bacorn, Environmental Manager, 202<sup>nd</sup> RED HORSE Squadron, Camp Blanding JTC, 5629 FL-16 W, Starke, FL 32091.

Public comments received during this period will be considered in the final decision-making process for remedial action at Sites DP001, DP002, and OW004 and will be addressed in the Record of Decision responsiveness summary.

### REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING

#### CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BRADFORD COUNTY

#### ANTICIPATED USDA FUNDING

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County ("CCBC"), a Florida non-profit corporation, will hold a public meeting and invite public comments on May 16, 2022.

In conformance with Federal funding anticipated by the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"), the CCBC is soliciting public comments for project costs and associated construction activities for re-roofing the RJE Gymnasium Addition.

Public comments can be made at or mailed to the following physical and mail addresses below:

<b>RJE Gymnasium Addition</b> 1080 North Pine Starke, FL 32091	-OR-	<b>Concerned Citizens of Bradford County</b> Box 354 Starke, FL 32091
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All comments received by regular U.S. mail will be publicly opened during the public meeting at the RJE Gymnasium Addition, in the presence of the CCBC Board of Directors and CCBC members, on Monday, May 16, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The contact person is Alica McMillan, phone: (904) 966-1100; or "Alica McMillan" [ccbc\\_inc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccbc_inc@yahoo.com).

# UNION COUNTY

## Fatal crash leaves Lake Butler man dead

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A late night crash at the intersection of SR 121 and SR 100 took the life of a Lake Butler man at 10:30 p.m. on May 2, 2022.

There are still many questions about the incident, including the positive identification of the driver of one of the vehicles.

According to the accident report issued by the Florida Highway Patrol, a vehicle was traveling south on SR 121, north of SR 100, directly behind another vehicle. The driver of the rear-most vehicle failed to slow for the traffic in front of them and collided with the vehicle in front, hitting

it in the rear. The following vehicle traveled through the intersection with SR 100 and came to rest facing south on the east shoulder of SR 121. The vehicle that was struck from the rear rotated and came to final rest at the south end of the intersection, facing north.

The driver of the following vehicle left the scene of the accident on foot before the arrival of law enforcement and, as of press time, had not been identified. The driver of the vehicle struck from behind, a 35-year old man from Lake Butler, sustained fatal injuries. He was wearing his seatbelt.

The incident is still under investigation by FHP.

## FUNDS

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The county does not anticipate any spending in the infrastructure category, as it does not provide services such as sewer, water and broadband services.

The county is also not planning on spending any of the funds on the revenue replacement category, although the rules allow small counties to use up to \$10 million in funds for these purposes.

The final category is for administrative and other expenses, with the draft of the plan showing an expenditure of 5% of the funds (\$147,980.45) for this purpose. These are the costs of administering the funds and include actual administration costs, the single audit required by the ARPA and any grant matching funds associated with the pandemic.

According to County

Coordinator Jimmy Williams, the only portion of the funds already spent is most of that planned for premium pay and capital improvements for public safety (the purchase of 10 acres in Providence to create a refill station for fire protection services) in the amount of \$195,904. He reported to the board the money budgeted for recreation/park projects is allowed to be used for the fencing at the parks and at the EMS building and that any grants given to small businesses must be monitored by the county.

Williams also told the board that some of the funds can be used as matching funds on specific grants, but he was not confident as to what grants might be available. He cited the fact that there is a 24 month waiting list for new ambulance chassis, a shortage that might affect whether or not grants would be available.

Union County Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Rhoades told the board that

none of the funds were allowed to be placed in the reserves, but that if the ARPA funds were used to pay for items already budgeted for then the savings to the county could be placed in the reserves.

Williams told commissioners that they needed to remember that the ARPA funds would not be a recurring thing, that they were just a “band-aid.”

“This is really not a lot of money when the county’s needs are considered,” Williams said. “Now is the time for smart purchases so we can get as much use as possible out of the money. Spend in a way that will not cost the county more money in the long run.”

Williams gave the courthouse lighting as an example.

“The courthouse electric bill is about \$3,800 a month right now,” he said. “If we do the needed replacement with the same type of lighting the operation cost will just go up. If we, instead, purchase LED

lighting then we would greatly reduce the cost of operation.”

Emergency Management Director Tim Allen made the suggestion that each department create a needs list and submit it to the board. The board could then look at the list and prioritize the items as it thought best. Williams added that he could get the cost of each item on the needs lists and then present the information to the board for their consideration.

The commissioners all agreed that more time and consideration was needed before a final spending plan was approved and asked Williams to proceed with Allen’s suggestion. The matter was tabled for further study and consideration unanimously.

“We have the time to take out time with this and make sure that we are both spending within the rules for expending the funds and also using them to the greatest benefit to the county,” said Board Chairman Jimmy Tallman.

## Reporting scams necessary to help stop them

BY TRACY LEE TATE  
Times Editor

Scammers are everywhere and they all have one thing in common – they want your money and will take it if given the opportunity!

Scammers gather your personal information – things like your date of birth, Social Security number, address, phone number, bank account of credit card information and other seemingly harmless info like your age, gender, medical issues and even things like your preferences in books or other products offered online. Often, they get a single item of information and then use it to gather more from other places until they amass an alarming amount of information about you. You may never know until you see that your bank account has been depleted, or your credit card used to make purchases you know nothing about.

Scammers use various tricks to get your information – things like offering you a free gift but requiring you to pay the shipping or impersonating a government or financial representative “confirming” the information they say they have on file. They hack your social media for personal info as well, such as full names, birthdates and the names of family members. They can even access your cell phone records or the preprogrammed numbers you used frequently.

In a flyer, compiled by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (SHINE and SMP programs) and available at the Union County Health Department, is a list of ways to report potential scams. Reporting scams tried on you, or even odd calls, emails or posts that you are not really sure about, is essential in stopping these thieves. Many banks also offer help in scam prevention and mitigation, but it takes a great deal of time and money to chase down the scammers and put a stop to their activities. Just remember...no one is safe from these predators and we all must work together to stop them.

Some of the suggestions to make yourself less “scamable” include:

– Do you really need to carry so much information about yourself in it. If might be best to leave the things you rarely need at home and just carry them when needed.

– Never give out your Social Security number to someone without getting a valid reason for why they need it.

– Use a variety of passwords on your online accounts and even your cell phone (if the model you have provides a way to do this.)

– If you have a wireless network for the Internet at home, encrypt it. Your provider should be able to tell you how to do this or may do it for you.

– Resist the urge to click on links or attachments found in emails from sources you do not recognize or have not communicated with. Also, do not respond to such emails, as this confirms your email address.

– Using a debit card as “credit” rather than “debit” reduces the chances of the card information being stolen.

– Do not click on Internet pop-ups.

– Be circumspect about the information you put out on social media and networking sites. Limit what you say as to personal information, especially with new “friends” who have requested your friendship.

– Check your credit report annually. You can do this free of charge by calling 1-877-322-8228 or online at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

Now that you know how to be “Scam Smart” you also need to know what to do if you do become a victim of a scam. All scams (even ones you are not sure about) can and should be reported to your local sheriff’s office and/or police department, as well as your banking institution. There are also a number of organizations (many part of the Federal government) which take reports of scams and investigate them. Below is a list of some of these agencies and their contact information. For more ask for the flier at the health department.

To report healthcare scams:

– Medicare – 1-800-633-4227 ([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov))

– Social Security Administration – 1-800-772-1213 ([www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov))

– Florida Senior Medicare Patrol – 1-800-963-5337

To report money transfer scams:

– MoneyGram – 1-800-666-3947

– Western Union – 1-800-448-1492

To report mail, email or online scams:

– FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center – [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

– OnGuardOnline – [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov)

– U.S. Postal Inspector – 1-877-876-2455 (<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/>)

To report and/or detect check fraud scams:

– Postal Money Order Verification System – 1-866-459-7822

– Florida Attorney General – 1-866-966-7226 ([www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com))

– National Consumers Fraud League – [www.fakechecks.org](http://www.fakechecks.org)

To report fundraiser and charitable scams:

– Florida Attorney General – see above

– Better Business Bureau – 1-703-276-0100 ([www.bbb.org/us/charity](http://www.bbb.org/us/charity))

– National Association of State Charities – [www.nasconet.org](http://www.nasconet.org)

Another number that may be of use is the “Do Not Call” list: 1-888-382-1222 ([www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)). While this service will not stop all of the sales, robocalls and scam attempts coming to your home and/or cell phone it will certainly cut down on the volume. AARP.org has many tips and articles online for seniors. Agingresources.org can assist seniors as well.

Never be reluctant to call about a scam, or something you think may be one. Preying on a person’s lack of knowledge on how to identify a scam or how scams work is one of the major tools used to “get you under their spell.” Another help is to remember the old adage, “If it seems too good to be true it probably is.”

## Florida Crown has youth programs

CareerSource Florida Crown is pleased to announce the return of its youth programs for the summer of 2022. The Why Try and Summer Youth Employment Programs are currently accepting applications, and this is how your child can join in.

### Why Try

Counties: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union

The Why Try program was created to provide simple solutions for children ages 11-15 in the following areas:

- dropout prevention.
  - increased academic success.
  - truancy reduction.
  - violence prevention.
  - drug and alcohol prevention.
- Each child who fully

participates in the program will receive a cash incentive.

### Summer Youth Employment Program

The Summer Youth Employment Program employs teens ages 16 to 18 in local jobs within the Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties. The program

is a continued partnership that CareerSource Florida Crown shares with the Lake City Police Department. Thanks to its initial success in Columbia County in 2018, CareerSource was able to expand the program to Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties. This year, participants will be

paid \$12.50 an hour for six weeks of work.

The qualifications are as follows:

1. Must be age 16 – 18.
2. Must be enrolled in school, can be a graduating senior of 2022 or receiving a GED in 2022.
3. Must live in Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist or Union.
4. Must submit a completed application to CareerSource Florida Crown by May 20, 2022.

For more information on either of these programs, contact Elizabeth Wetherington or Erminia “Mini” Bare at 386-755-9026 at extensions 3132 or 3102. There are limited slots available so call now.

## Get help quitting

Quitting tobacco isn’t easy. Finding help should be. If you’re ready to quit, join the next Tools to Quit Tobacco group Thursday, May 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at

the Bradford County Health Department. Virtual options by computer and phone are also available.

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also receive up to four weeks of free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges.

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### Agency working to close local foster parent gap

Partnership for Strong Families, the lead child welfare agency in North Central Florida,

is seeking the community's help recruiting foster parents, specifically in Dixie and Union counties as neither county has any licensed foster parents.

Dixie County currently has 10 youth in foster care while Union County has 23 youth in foster care. Without any licensed foster homes in these counties, PSF's placement team must find homes for these youth outside of their home county. Moving a child

outside of their home county can make a youth's transition into foster care even more challenging.

"When a child is removed from their home and placed outside their county of residence, it makes it very difficult for them to maintain relationships with their friends. In some cases, when there are siblings who can't be placed together, it may mean they do not get to see their brothers or

sisters with any regularity. If the child is in school, being placed in a different county can mean they are unable to continue in sports or other activities they enjoyed in their home community," says Stephen Pennypacker, CEO and president of Partnership for Strong Families. "Adding this disruption to what is an already traumatic time in their lives is something we should all work to prevent."

Families who wish to help us provide more loving homes for youth in foster care are encouraged to contact a recruitment specialist at 352-213-7219 or HopePartner@pfsf.org to get the process started. One of the steps involved is graduating from the virtual PRIDE foster care training class. Families from Union County may sign up for an upcoming Lake Butler class running once a week from Feb. 17-April 14 from 6-9 p.m. Families from Dixie County may sign up for an upcoming Trenton class running once a week from March 15-May 10 from 6-9 p.m. The need for foster parents exists across PSF's 13-county area, and families from all these counties are welcome to call to learn more about becoming a foster parent.

"If being a foster parent is something you are considering, we would love to talk with you further," says Stevie Doyle, director of communications and engagement. "In order to become a licensed foster parent in the state of Florida, you can be single, married or living

with a partner, and you must be 21 years old. Our recruitment team will be able to walk you through the process and answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding foster care and if this is the right fit for your family."

Partnership for Strong Families is a community-based care lead agency contracted with the Department of Children and Families for Florida. PSF serves Judicial Circuits 3 and 8, including Alachua County to deliver comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect. Partnership for Strong Families also works with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and to decrease the risk of children entering the foster care system. PSF serves more than 5,000 children in 13 counties annually.

To learn more about foster care, visit [www.partnerfamily.org](http://www.partnerfamily.org). To learn more about Partnership for Strong Families, visit [www.pfsf.org](http://www.pfsf.org).

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# Crime

## Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

April 23 through April 29

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

Shaunda Denise Allen, 53, of Lake Butler was arrested by Starke police on April 26 for battery, larceny and possession of drug equipment.

Alton James Boles, 72, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 27 for aggravated battery.

Robert Sim Dixon, 56, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 26 for a probation violation, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Lennell Lee Everett, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 25 for a probation violation.

Brandon E. Hagan, 22, was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 25 for battery and resisting an officer.

Kiara Lashawn Jones, 32, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 25 for failure to appear.

Leon Tyrone Jordan III, 53, of Starke was arrested by FHP troopers on April 24 for DUI.

Randy Paul Kilby, 44, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 26 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, child cruelty, possession of drugs and possession of marijuana.

Sean Lanorris Lorick, 30, of Punta Gorda was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 25 for aggravated battery.

Charlie Isaac Manning, 35, of Middleburg was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 28 for a probation violation.

Summer Hope McKinnon, 26, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 29 for contempt of court.

Bernard Deion Pringle, 31, of West Palm Beach was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 25 for smuggling contraband into a correctional facility and possession of a portable communications device on the grounds of a correctional facility.

Robert Randall Ramsey, 51, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 26 for possession of drugs and keeping a public nuisance structure for drug activity.

Corbett Brandon Rhoden, 27, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on April 26 for disorderly intoxication.

Brian Starling, 39, of Raiford was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 28 for battery.

James Michael Stewart, 40, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 26 for possession of drugs.

Jasmine Renee Teston, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 26 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Dominique Trevon Williams,

22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on April 22 for trespassing.

### Union

Ovie Ashby, 26, was arrested by Union deputies on April 25 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Timothy James Crawford, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 25 for a probation violation.

Crystal Lynn Murphey, 41, of Worthington Springs was arrested by Union deputies on April 26 for failure to appear.

Willie Jerome Newsome III, 22, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on April 27 for a probation violation.

Randall Renee Thomas, 41, of High Springs was arrested by Union deputies on April 27 for a probation violation.

Chad Michael Walker, 41, of High Springs was arrested by Union deputies on April 27 for a probation violation.

Trenton Michael Tyrell Walton, 18, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on April 27 for battery and criminal mischief with property damage.

### Clay

Scott Gene Ballou, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 28 for battery.

Catherine C. Idom, 68, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 25 for battery on a person aged 65 or older.

Megan Marie Lewis, 28, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on April 28 for battery.

## COACH

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The victim also testified that even though she tried to advance her friendship with Rodgers into a romantic one, the coach refused her advances.

"Okay," Frank said to the victim during the deposition. "You had a crush on Lainie Rodgers, right?"

"Yes, ma'am," the victim replied.

Frank: "She continuously and consistently advised you that you could be good friends, you could be best friends, but you could not be in a romantic relationship?"

Victim: "Yes, ma'am."

Frank: "And each time that you made those advances or attempted to turn a friendship into a romantic relationship, she said, 'We cannot do this?'"

Victim: "Yes, ma'am."

The lawyer also got the victim to affirm that Rodgers didn't swear much, had a strong faith and considered it inappropriate when others cussed around her. The victim said that on one occasion, when she told Rodgers she drank an alcoholic beverage at a lake, the coach advised her that was a bad decision.

"Right," Frank said to the victim. "As a matter of fact, her primary role in your life was, like I said, an older friend, a bigger sister?"

"Yes, ma'am," came the reply.

"Keep you on track, right?"

"Yes ma'am."

"Try to help you out?"

"Yes, ma'am."

### 'I bragged to my friends about it'

In the written statement she gave to Bradford Sheriff's Detective Jason Crews, the victim said she and Rodgers developed a relationship after the victim asked the coach for some one-on-one help so the student could earn a college softball scholarship.

"Then it turned into a relationship that shouldn't have

happened," the victim wrote. "I regret it. We kissed multiple times, but she never touched me. I only touched her breast, nothing else."

"I bragged to my friends about it, even though I shouldn't have," the student continued. "I kept egging the flirting on even though I knew it was wrong."

The student added that Rodgers grew increasingly nervous about the relationship.

"I kept telling her no one would catch us," the student wrote. "She was scared the whole time and the relationship ended."

In her own written statement, Rodgers also described the relationship as blossoming from the one-on-one coaching sessions.

"We hung out at the softball field," Rodgers wrote, "hitting and going to get some food afterwards."

The former coach added that over time, the pair grew closer, and she misled the victim into believing that she wanted a romantic relationship with the student when she in fact, did not.

"Sexual messages were sent back and forth, but me and (the victim) did not have sexual encounters," Rodgers wrote. "We talked about how it would be, but we did not take action."

### Sheriff defends investigation

In her motion to suppress, Rodgers's lawyer claimed that Crews coerced the written statement from the defendant, by telling her, after reading her Miranda rights to her, that if she asked to consult with an attorney during her interview with Crews, it would make her look guilty.

During a deposition Frank asked Crews if he made the statement to Rodgers.

"I think she asked what my personal opinion was, and I told her I couldn't give my personal opinion," Crews responded to Frank, "but I would say, on prior experiences, yeah, I could have answered something like that."

Sheriff Gordon Smith said he saw nothing wrong with Crews's

statement to Rodgers as described in the deposition, adding that defendants ask him frequently for his personal opinion on such topics as what lawyer to hire or what tow truck company to call.

"I'm allowed to give my personal opinion," Smith said.

Frank also claimed Crews conducted an illegal search of Rodgers's car by grabbing her cell phone from the vehicle without the defendant's consent and without first obtaining a search warrant.

Smith said that Crews doesn't know anything about that claim and added that if everything in the defense motions were true, why didn't Rodgers and her lawyer allow the judge to rule on the motions to dismiss and suppress instead of agreeing to a plea.

"When all the evidence is against your client, you attack law enforcement," Smith said of defense attorneys. "It happens all the time."

Smith said he sees nothing wrong with Crews's actions and said the investigator did the best he could with what he had.

"It's tough when you have a victim that is not as cooperative as you would like," the sheriff said.

Smith added that as rumors of their relationship swirled around the school and community, both Rodgers and the victim bought new cell phones, getting rid of any incriminating evidence that may have been on the older devices.

The sheriff said that in the court of social media, his office has been accused of both sweeping Rodgers's case under the rug and targeting her family with his investigation.

"We didn't initiate this investigation," Smith said. "The school came to us."

Smith also emphasized that Crews did not arrest the defendant after completing his inquiry, but instead forwarded a sworn complaint to the State Attorney's Office which made the decision to obtain an arrest warrant and prosecute the case.

## Pastor installed May 22

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church will have an installation service for Pastor Marrion Dryer on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. All are invited.

## Bingo at Legion Post 56 home

American Legion Post 56 is hosting bingo games every Monday evening. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. and regular games at 7 p.m. Proceeds

aid veterans in need. Post 56 is located at 715 Edwards Road in Starke, across from National Guard Armory.

## Lawtey pedestrian killed in Jacksonville

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The Florida Highway Patrol said a Lawtey man walking along Blanding Boulevard in Jacksonville was killed when he was struck by a vehicle.

The victim was hit by a black SUV travelling north on the boulevard, also signed as State Road 21, near Collins Road and just north of Interstate 295.

Troopers said the driver fled the scene on foot after the collision.

The 2 a.m., Sunday, April 17 crash is still under investigation.

## Witnesses blame each other for crash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The Florida Highway Patrol said two people involved in a crash on State Road 100 west of Starke blamed each other for the incident.

According to an FHP report, a 65-year-old woman was walking along the highway around 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19 when she was struck by an eastbound van.

The driver of the vehicle

claimed the woman stepped into the eastbound lane before being struck.

However, the pedestrian said the van veered onto the shoulder of the highway before hitting her.

The collision occurred west of the Bradford County Animal Control Services facility, in the Crosby Lake area.

The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries.

## Why KH residents can't burn trash

BY DAN HILDEBRAN  
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council discussed its prohibition on trash burning during its April 4 meeting.

Mayor Karen Lake said she wanted to review the city ordinance after receiving a letter from one resident who asked why he could not burn trash at his home within the city limits.

Vice Mayor Steve Hart said the city law, which has been on the books since 1977, prohibits burning or burying trash within the city.

Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward added that even if a city ordinance did not prohibit home-based incineration, yard burning on most city parcels would be illegal because of Florida Division of Forestry setback requirements.

He added that cases of illegal burning can either be handled by Keystone's code enforcement department or the Division of Forestry.

He said the state usually issues warnings to first-time offenders and only tickets repeat violators.

## Need help getting health insurance?

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Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith (center) accepts a check in the amount of \$481.02 from Bradford Senior FFA students Amanda Zink (far left) and Kyndall Key. The money, which was the result of a kiss-the-steer fundraiser, will go toward Animal Services. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

## Bradford Senior FFA presents Animal Services with \$481

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford Senior FFA students Kyndall Key and Amanda Zink, accompanied by Adviser Kaitlin Van Heusen, presented a check in the amount of \$481.02 to Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith to benefit Bradford County Sheriff's Office Animal Services on April 21.

The money was raised through a fundraising idea by Key in

which people voted with their spare change on who they'd like to see kiss the FFA chapter steer that would be exhibited at the Bradford Agricultural Fair. Besides Smith, people were able to cast votes for Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley, Bradford High School Principal Angela Ward, Bradford Middle School Principal Danielle Rosson or North Florida Technical College Director Brad Bishop.

Smith went to the ag facility at

North Florida Technical College to kiss Rufus before he was taken to the fairgrounds.

In accepting the check from Key and Zink at Animal Services, Smith said, "This goes a long, long way. If I have to kiss a cow next year, I'll do the same thing."

Summerlyn Byrd, who works with Animal Services, said the money could be used in a number of ways.

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## Bradford sheriff honored at Starke American Values Dinner

North Florida Council event raises more than \$12K to support Scouting in Bradford County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

As a child, Gordon Smith didn't know he would one day become elected as Bradford County's sheriff, but he was preparing for the role all the same, thanks to his involvement in Boy Scouts of America.

Smith was the honoree at this year's Starke American Values Dinner, a fundraiser for the North Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, which was held April 14 at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center. In his introduction of Smith, Col. Brad Smith, Bradford's undersheriff, said, "An honoree of the American Values Dinner is someone who's provided exemplary service to Scouting and our community and is someone with character and integrity."

Gordon Smith opened his remarks by saying, "Thank you to the (American Values Dinner) committee for even considering me. It is very humbling. This is one of those things you don't expect."

Smith talked of being in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, noting that one of the regrets he still has in life is that after achieving the ranks of Star and Life, he didn't follow up with earning the rank of Eagle. While admitting it was just an excuse, he said he got involved in sports and things other than Scouts.

However, what he learned in Scouting stayed with him. If he needs confirmation of that, all he has to do is look at the Boy Scout Manual he still has in his possession.

"It sat in my office when I was (Starke) police chief, and it sits in my office as the sheriff," Smith said of the manual.

In flipping through the manual, he can read about the qualities of leadership and working with others that he relies upon in his



Gordon Smith displays the Scouting Handbook he had when he was a youth. The information in it then hasn't changed today and is still useful, he said. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

role as sheriff. The manual also includes public speaking, which Smith admitted was a skill he never thought he'd be using.

Smith brought the manual with him, displaying it as he said, "This book, 40-plus years later, still holds true."

Smith, a Bradford native, graduated from Bradford High School in 1985 and began his law enforcement career in 1986 with the Florida Department of Corrections. He joined the Starke Police Department in 1987 and moved to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office in 1990.

In 1999, Smith was selected to be the assistant chief for SPD. He was elected as SPD chief in 2001 and reelected in 2004.

Smith made a successful run for sheriff, winning the 2008 election. He was reelected in

2012, 2016 and 2020.

The sheriff earned his A.S. degree at Vincennes University in 1999. He's a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 204th session and completed Harvard Kennedy Schools Executive Education in State and Local Government. Smith is a state-certified instructor in Firearms, Chemical Weapons, Officer Survival, DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) and PPCT (Pressure Point Control Tactics) Impact Weapons.

Smith has completed numerous hours of executive training in leadership and management, including Florida Sheriffs Executive Training (2008), National Sheriffs Institute of

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## BHS Class of '77 to host June reunion

Bradford High School's Class of 1977 will celebrate its 45th reunion June 3-4 at the Starke Golf and Country Club.

June 3 will be '70s night, with anyone who graduated in the 1970s welcome to attend. The event starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10, payable at the door.

The reunion night is June 4, beginning with time for socializing from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Money must be received by Sunday, May 15. Please mail to: Gayle Nicula, c/o Class of 1977, PO Box 119,

Lawtey, FL 32058. On the memo line of your check, please write "Class of 1977."

For more information, please contact Sherry Petteway Williams at 352-278-3540, Ronnie Norman at 904-364-6985 or Gayle Shuford Nicula at 904-509-4269.

## BHS Classes of 1949, 1950 reunite



The Bradford High School Classes of 1949 and 1950 held their 73rd and 72nd reunions on April 21 at the Downtown Grill in Starke, where they enjoyed a fantastic meal and fellowship with each other. Members of the Class of 1949 are: (front, l-r) Vivian McRae Harley, Ruth Sibley Johns, (back, l-r) George Roberts, Rodney Hall, Drew Reddish, Clifton Griffis and Kenneth Grider.



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# Tigers defeat Tornadoes in baseball, softball tournaments

**Rawls drives in 3 runs to help UCHS baseball team reach semifinals**

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Quinten Rawls drove in two of his three runs in a four-run second inning, while pitcher Tra'von Lee gave up only two hits in the Union County High School baseball team's 11-0, six-inning win over Bradford in today's quarterfinal round of the District 6-1A tournament in Fort White.

The second-seed Tigers (12-11) played a semifinal this past Wednesday. If they won, they'll play for the championship on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at Fort White High School.

Bradford (2-17-1) was the tournament's seventh seed.

Union already led 1-0 when Ayden Elixson led off the bottom of the second with a single to right field. After Eli Rimes



Tra'von Lee gave up two hits in helping Union County defeat Bradford and advance to the District 6-1A semifinals. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

reached on an error, Elixson stole third and then scored on an error. Blake Agner walked before the Tornadoes recorded two straight outs. Rawls then hit a two-run single, while an error on the play allowed him to circle the bases and score himself, putting the Tigers ahead 5-0.

Elixson ended the game with a

double in the sixth. Rawls went 2 for 3 with three RBI, while Elixson was 3 for 4 with two RBI.

Lee, Rimes and Riggs Davis each had an RBI.

On the mound, Lee went all six innings, giving up two walks and striking out two.

The Tornadoes' best chance of manufacturing runs occurred in the fifth inning. Kevin Crawford drew a leadoff walk, followed by a single by Foster Smith. After a fly out, Kacen Thomassen ground into a fielder's choice, which resulted in Smith being

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**Sullivan hurls 1-hitter as UCHS softball team will play for title**

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hailey Rivera and Tamia Young each drove in three runs, which was more than enough for pitcher Megan Sullivan to work with in the Union County High School softball team's 16-1, four-inning win over fourth-seed Bradford in the semifinals of the District 5-1A tournament on May 3 in Hilliard.

The top-seed Tigers (17-4) play either second-seed Madison County or third-seed and tournament host Hilliard for the championship and an automatic berth in the regional playoffs on Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m.

Sullivan earned the win for Union, giving up just one hit and two walks. She struck out seven.

It was only a two-run game when Bradford (15-7) scored a run in the top of the third. Makayla Moore walked, followed by Rylie Blankenship reaching on an error. Moore scored on a Hannah McFarland single to make it 3-1.

That's how the score remained



Nyasia Williams is congratulated by Head Coach Jim Godwin as she rounds the bases after hitting a home run in a win over Gainesville. Williams also homered in the District 5-1A semifinal win over Bradford. Photos by Tameika Young.

until the Tigers scored 13 runs in the bottom of the fourth to enforce the mercy rule. McKenzie Clemons scored on a wild pitch, while Hayey

Burke and Campbell Webb, in consecutive at-bats, were hit by pitches with the bases loaded to

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Bradford's Foster Smith makes a diving attempt at catching a foul ball in right field.

## McFarland's 4-RBI performance helped Bradford reach the semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hannah McFarland hit two two-run doubles and finished with four RBI for the fourth-seed Bradford High School softball team, which defeated fifth-seed Hamilton County 11-1 in five innings in the quarterfinals of the District 5-1A tournament on May 2.

The Tornadoes (15-6) play top-seed Union County in a semifinal today (May 3) at 4 p.m. at Hilliard High School, which is hosting the entire tournament.

McFarland's doubles occurred in consecutive innings, helping Bradford score four in the second and three in the third.

Bradford loaded the bases in the second when Amber Wynn and Kirsten Hodges

hit back-to-back singles after Allie Funderburk reached on an error. Rylie Blankenship drove in a run on a ground out before McFarland pushed two across with her first double. Takeirra Bakken later drove in a run on a single.

The bases were loaded again in the third inning when Blankenship drove in a run on a single. McFarland, who went 3 for 3, then hit her second two-run double to put the Tornadoes ahead 7-0.

Wynn drove in a run in the fourth inning, while Masey Padgett hit a two-run homer as part of a three-run fifth inning.

Wynn, who was 4 for 4 with two RBI, ended the game on a run-scoring double that put the 10-run rule into effect.

Padgett finished with the two RBI off her homer, while Bakken went 2 for 4 with an RBI.

Starting pitcher Cassidy Spratlin gave up one run on one hit and two walks through 4.2 innings. Blankenship finished it out, facing three batters and giving up two hits and no walks.

Bradford entered the tournament off a 10-4 win at Bishop Snyder on April 26 to cap the regular season.

Bakken gave Bradford a 3-0 lead in the top of the third on a home run that scored McFarland, who walked, and Taylor Reddish, who singled.

Bradford scored two runs with two outs in the fourth to go up 5-1. McFarland hit a triple, while Reddish reached on a bunt single to third. After Reddish stole

second, Padgett hit a single to score both runners.

Padgett and Bakken each went 2 for 4 with three RBI. Bakken's other hit besides her homer was a triple.

Reddish went 3 for 4 with an RBI.

Summer Sutton had an RBI as well.

Starting pitcher Spratlin gave up no runs on one hit through two innings. Bakken gave up four runs on six hits through 3.1 innings, while

Kirsten Hodges faced two batters in the sixth, with the second batter hitting a line drive to Bakken at second — the start of an inning-ending double play.

Reddish entered the circle to close it out in the seventh.

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# Keystone will play for District 3-3A softball championship

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School scored 10 runs in the first inning and put the mercy rule into play in just three innings in defeating visiting Interlachen 15-0 in the semifinals of the District 3-3A softball tournament on May 3.

The Indians (16-9) will host the championship game against either second-seed Palatka or third-seed Santa Fe on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m. The championship game winner will receive an automatic berth to the regional playoffs, which begin Wednesday, May 11.

Interlachen committed three of its eight errors in the first inning

as Keystone scored more than enough runs for pitcher Caitlin Frampton, who gave up no hits and two walks, while striking out four.

Kiley Channell hit a two-run single and drove in a total of three runs in the first inning, which also included a two-run single by Emma Rogel and RBI singles by Madi Mitzel and Abbie Roach.

Channell, Mitzel and Rogel each went 2 for 3. Channell finished with three RBI, while Rogel and Mitzel had two and one, respectively.

Roach and Kinley Carlton each had one RBI.

Prior to the tournament, the Indians went 1-1 in their final two regular-season games.

On April 26, host Baker County hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning that proved to be the difference as the Wildcats handed Keystone a 3-2 loss.

Mitzel hit a two-run single that put the Indians up 2-0 in the top of the first, while Channell and Alaina Kinsal went 3 for 4 and 2 for 3, respectively.

Keystone returned home on April 29, with Carlton hitting a two-run single in the third inning that gave the Indians the lead for good in a 6-3 win over University Christian.

The Indians fell behind 2-0, with the visitors hitting two doubles in the top of the first. Keystone came right back and evened the score in the bottom of



**Kiley Channell takes off for first after hitting what would be an RBI single in the first inning of the Indians' win over University Christian in the regular-season finale. Channell drove in three runs in Keystone's District 3-3A semifinal win over Interlachen. Photos by Cliff Smelley.**

the inning. Kinsal and Channell hit back-to-back one-out singles. Kinsal, who stole second, scored on Channell's hit. Channell would steal second as well and come around to score when an error was committed on a fly ball hit by Roach.

University took advantage of a double and an error with two outs to score a run in the top of the third.

In the bottom of the third, Channell reached on an error with two outs. After Roach was hit by a pitch, Mitzel hit a single that scored Channell and tied the score at 3-3. Carlton

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# Indians lose 8-7 in 8 innings in district baseball semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

A five-run sixth inning by the Keystone Heights High School baseball team evened

the score and eventually forced extra innings, but second-seed Baldwin scored on a walkoff single in the bottom of the eighth to defeat the Indians 8-7.

Baldwin took advantage of

three errors in scoring four runs in the second inning to go up 5-0. An error in the third allowed two runs to score and put third-seed Keystone in a 7-2 hole.

The Indians (13-13) loaded the bases with no outs in the top of the sixth when Alex Addington and Noah Branch walked and Ashton Roach singled. Bryce Hart and Dalton Hollingsworth hit back-to-back singles to drive in one and two runs, respectively. Chase Packham drove in a run on a ground out, while Conner Guy's sacrifice fly tied the score at 7-7.

Keystone had two runners on with two outs in the top of the eighth, with Hollingsworth reaching base on a dropped third strike and Ryan Jones getting hit by a pitch. A fly out would end the inning.

Baldwin's Jordan Rhoden led off the bottom of the inning

with a single. He was still at first after the Indians recorded two outs, but after a walk drawn by Christopher Kirk, Will Frederick singled on a line drive into center field to win the game.

Hollingsworth finished with two RBI, while Hart and Packham each went 2 for 4 with one RBI.

Guy finished with one RBI. Baldwin scored seven runs against starting pitcher Cole Cumbus, but only two were earned. Cumbus gave up four hits and no walks in two innings.

Ben Goforth pitched the remaining six innings, giving up five hits and striking out five.

Keystone entered the tournament off a 1-1 record in their final two regular-season games.

On April 26, the Indians hosted Toco Creek, scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth to

win 2-1.

Keystone had two outs with nobody on when Guy worked the count full and fouled off two straight pitches before hitting a double. He advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a wild pitch to tie the game. Jones walked and then scored on a Jeremy Miller double.

The hits by Guy and Miller in the sixth were two of three Keystone managed against pitcher Enrique Castillo.

Keystone starting pitcher Gage Smith gave up one unearned run on three hits and no walks through five innings. He struck out four.

Jesse Stanley and Jones each pitched one inning of relief, giving up one hit each.

The Indians hosted Clay on April 28, managing just five hits against pitchers Brandon Adams and Elijah Rogers in a 5-2 loss.

Keystone starting pitcher Ty Glenn and reliever Stanley combined to give up just five hits, but four went for extra bases, including a two-run homer in the top of the seventh that concluded the scoring.

The Blue Devils loaded the bases with one out in the top of the first on a hit batter, a walk and a single, but scored just one run on a sacrifice fly.

In the third, Clay took advantage of an error and a double to go up 2-0, while a leadoff double in the top of the fifth helped the Devils plate another run.

Keystone finally got on the board in the bottom of the fifth. Addington drew a leadoff walk and advanced on a Branch sacrifice bunt before scoring on a Roach single.

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Conner Guy slides safely into third in the Indians' 5-2 loss to Clay in the regular-season finale. Keystone would go on to lose 8-7 in eight innings to Baldwin in the District 2-3A tournament. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

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# Obituaries

## Ramona Crapse

LAWTEY Ramona Mary June Crapse, 91, of Lawtey, went to her heavenly home on Monday, May 2, 2022, at Parkside Assisted Living in Starke. She was born in Leonardtown, Maryland on June 25, 1930, to the late Edward Bennett and Virla Karr Bennett. She spent most of her childhood residing in Missouri and Louisiana. While in Louisiana, she met the love of her life, Michael David Crapes Sr., and on Dec. 21, 1948, they were married. Together they relocated to Jacksonville, where they raised their babies and made many beautiful memories. They attended Anniston Road Baptist for many years while living in Jacksonville. In 1974, she and her family made Lawtey their forever home. She was an active member of Faith Baptist church where she enjoyed serving and worshipping her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She enjoyed selling Avon, where she made women feel beautiful, for over 30 years. She enjoyed cooking and planting plants at her home. Above all else, she was a God-fearing wife and mother whose greatest accomplishment in life was raising her children and taking care of her family. She will be missed by all who knew her; especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 63 years, Michael David Crapes Sr.; sons, Michael Crapes Jr. and Phillip Crapes; daughter, Patricia June Wheeler; brothers, Ralph Bennett, David Samuel Bennett and Holmer Bennett; sisters, Florence Bennett Pate and Iva Bennett Johns.

She is survived by her children, Bruce (Kye Mae) Crapse of Jacksonville, Bea (Jimmy) Ceballos of Lawtey, Mary Hill of Jacksonville; daughter-in-law, Denise Crapse of Keystone Heights; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, May 6, at 11 a.m. at Bible Baptist Church, with Pastor Roger Worten officiating. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Memory Gardens at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 5, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. 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](http://www.ferreirafuneralservices.com) to sign the family's guest book.

PAID OBITUARY

## Cynthia DeBlock

STARKE Cynthia Ann DeBlock, 64, of Starke passed away in Jacksonville on Saturday, April 23, 2022. She was born on May 23, 1957 in Newton, New Jersey to the late Edward J. Callahan Sr. and Marian M. "Onder" Callahan. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Shannon Lynn DeBlock; her parents; and her brother, Edward J. (Denise) Callahan, Jr.

Survivors include her son, Albert (Mary) DeBlock Jr.; brothers, Hugh Patrick (Jacqueline) Callahan and Timothy J. (Susan) Callahan; sister, Lynn (Eric) Steck; grandchildren, Vivian DeBlock and Sydney DeBlock, along with several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Monday, May 2, at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Father Jan-Yan Ligeza officiating.

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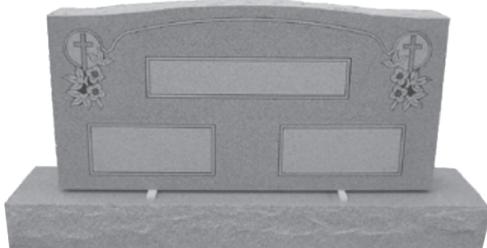
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## Paul Friese

HAMPTON Paul Glenn Friese, 78, of Hampton passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. He was born on Feb. 16, 1944, in Illinois to the late F. R. and Lorene "Nimmo" Friese. He was a long-time member of the IBEW #1205 and enjoyed music, hunting, and reading. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jolene Friese; and his parents.

Survivors include his children, Sandra Acree of Lawtey, and Glenn Friese of Jacksonville; sister, Barbara Mitin of Tennessee; grandchildren, Wyatt Friese of Jacksonville, Kevin Acree of Lawtey and Presley Acree of Lawtey.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, May 3, at Santa Fe Cemetery with Brent Kuykendall officiating.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091. [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

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## Virginia Kobiata

Virginia Ann Porter Kobiata passed away on Saturday, April 30, 2022. She was the only child of Charles and Betty Porter and was born in Logansport, Indiana on Jan. 5, 1928. They moved to Detroit, Michigan, where she graduated high school from St. Vincent's, where she had lifelong friends. She married Walter Kobiata on April 26, 1947 and they celebrated 52 years together before he passed in 2001. They enjoyed many years of retirement in Keystone Heights. She was very involved with the Lady's Association at the golf course, and St. William's Catholic Church. She had many cherished friends through her life who were very special to her. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Walter; infant son, David; daughter, Sandy Boston; and grandson, Jason Boston.

She is survived by her daughter, Karen Kobiata of Holland, Michigan; son, Michael (Patrice) Kobiata of Keystone Heights; grandchildren, David (Jennifer) Roberts III, and Laura Casler; great-grandchildren, Dominik Casler and Emily Roberts of Keystone Heights; son-in-law Mike Boston of Raleigh, North Carolina; and grandson, Brian Boston of Jacksonville; granddaughter, Marisa Boston; great-grandchildren, Felix Boston and Rafael Boston of Denver, Colorado.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 11 a.m. at St. William Catholic Church, Keystone Heights. Memorials in her name to Huntington's Disease Association would be greatly appreciated.

PAID OBITUARY

## Joan Loveland

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Joan Mae Loveland, 90, of Keystone Heights passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176 [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com)

## Barry Moore

Barry Layne Moore passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2022 due to a long term illness. He was an incredible artist, musician, father, brother, son, friend, uncle, and loved one. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Bud Moore; and his brothers, Monte, Larry, and Randall Moore.

He is survived by his son, Shane Moore, of Hampton; and his brother, Derrial Moore of Rising Fawn, Georgia; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 3 p.m. at Hampton Christian Church in Hampton. All are welcome to attend.

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PAID OBITUARY

## Jason Johnson

STARKE Jason Corey Johnson, 51, of Starke passed away Thursday, April 28, 2022 at St. Vincent's-Clay in Middleburg. He was born on Dec. 10, 1970 in Starke. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church of Gainesville and was self-employed, working in the construction industry. He loved spending time with family and friends, and the outdoors, but his passion was duck hunting. Preceding him in death was his mother, Faye Ann Bagwell.

Survivors are his children, Callan M. (Dakota) Johnson of Keystone Heights, and Michael Corey Johnson of Gainesville; his father, Johnnie P. (Melba) Johnson of Starke; brother, Shane Johnson of Dallas, Texas; nephew, J. Reed Johnson of Dallas, Texas; and his finance, Kelley Taylor of Starke. Also left is his granddaughter, Ella Grace Acker; his aunts and uncles, Donnie (Shirley) Bagwell of Starke, Tammie (David) Woodard of Starke; and the mother of his children, Michelle Sexton of Gainesville.

The family will receive friends at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke on Friday, May 6, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the First United Methodist Church of Starke at 11 a.m. with Rev. Mike Moore officiating. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to The First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 157, Starke 32091, or Trinity United Methodist Church, 4000 NW 53rd Ave., Gainesville, 32653. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200

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## Helen Pinches

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Helen Louise Pinches, 102, of Keystone Heights passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022.

Her funeral was held April 30 at Park of the Palms Church, Interment was May 2 at Silver Hill Cemetery in Frostproof.

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## Phyllis Ratz

Phyllis Ratz passed away Saturday, April 30, 2022. She was in Jacksonville, in 1934, and lived in Florida nearly her entire life. She is the eldest daughter of Annie Mae Marcy and Sylvester Phillip Wineman Jr. She graduated from Jackson High School in 1952, and soon after was employed by Prudential Life Insurance Company. She was married in 1955, after meeting the love of her life, Kenneth Ratz Jr. Soon four daughters were added to their family. In the midst of raising four daughters, she began and completed her college education. In 1974, she graduated from the newly formed University of North Florida (UNF), as a member of the Charter Class. As a recipient of a BA degree in elementary education, she began a career in teaching elementary school, first in private schools in Jacksonville, then for Duval County Public Schools and then for Putnam County Schools. Although she taught various grades in her career, she liked first grade the best, as she was able to witness the most progress in children's education and was able to teach many how to read their first words. She spent the first half of her life in Jacksonville, then she and Ken moved to Melrose, then St. Augustine Beach, then Fruitland Park, and then back to Melrose. After retiring from Putnam County Schools, she was one of the three co-founders of Lake Area Ministries in the Melrose/Keystone Heights area. After that, she spent her later years tutoring children, caring for her elderly parents and providing visitation of elderly shut-ins for the parishioners of St. William Church. She and Ken spent countless hours doting on their five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They also spent many hours with Rocky's children, Fletcher and Connor during their formative years. Her daughter, Linda, and her husband Rocky moved into the Melrose home and acted as primary caregivers for Phyllis and Ken during their later years. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 61 years, Ken.

She is survived by her four daughters and their husbands, Catherine (Henry) Rideout, Laurie (Michael) Thomas, Linda (Rocky) Ratz-Thompson, and Brenda MacGibbon (Todd Dixon); five grandchildren, Matthew Rideout, Amanda Khansa, Jacob MacGibbon, Jared MacGibbon, and Katarina Thomas; two great-grandchildren, Isabelle and Amelia Khansa; her sister, Sandra (Merv) Altman; sister-in-law, Evelyn Dykeman; nephews and nieces; and numerous cousins.

Her viewing will be Thursday, May 5, at 1 p.m. and funeral Mass at 2 p.m., both at St. William Catholic Church, 275 Satsuma St., Keystone Heights. A burial service will follow at Eliam Cemetery in Melrose. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or Lake Area Ministries.

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PAID OBITUARY



*My mind*  
Still talks to you  
*My heart*  
looks for you

*In loving memory of*  
Carolyn "Pig" McGowan  
1917 - 1980

*But my Soul*  
Knows you are  
*At peace*

Love, Cecil



You left me **BEAUTIFUL**  
*memories*  
**YOUR LOVE**  
is still my guide

*In loving memory of*  
Nancy Lee Mitchell  
1941-2017

And though I cannot  
*See you...*  
**YOU** are always at  
*My side...*

Love, Cecil

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# Obituaries

## Julian Slade

HAMPTON LAKE Julian Lester "J.L." Slade, 91, of Hampton Lake passed away Monday, May 2, 2022 at Riverwood Health and Rehab in Starke. He was born on Nov. 18, 1930 in Keystone Heights, to the late Lester and Lula (McKinney) Slade and was lifelong area resident. He was a member of The Church of Hampton, and prior to retirement worked as a heavy equipment operator for the Bradford County Road Department. He was an avid hunter and long-time member of Piney Bay Hunt Club and a founding member of Camp 229 Hunting Club. He also enjoyed gardening and fishing. One of his greatest joys was children, often aggravating kids at church, but, he always had candy for them. In addition to his parents; he was preceded in death by his wife, Bertice (Rosier) Slade.



Survivors are his daughter, JoAnne Slade of Hampton Lake; brother, C.W. (Brenda) Slade of Hampton; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at Santa Fe Cemetery. A visitation will be held at the graveside beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow with Pastor Donnie Lott officiating.

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## Adeline Teske

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Adeline Margaret Teske, 97, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. She was born in Watseka, Illinois on Aug. 12, 1924. She graduated from Cissna Park High School in 1942. During World War II, she was a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol in the Chicago area and flew an observation plane around southern Lake Michigan. She received her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University and her master's degree from Northwestern University. She became an adherent of the Baha'i Faith in Evanston, Illinois; later traveling extensively in Venezuela as an international Baha'i teacher, residing there for more than six decades, and serving for a period in the 1960s on the national governing body of the Baha'is of Venezuela. She taught in Illinois and Venezuela for over 60 years, teaching subjects from English, science and history, as well as all levels of mathematics. She retired from teaching in 2015 at the age of 91.



She is survived by her younger brother, Edgar Teske; and eight nephews and nieces and their families.

A graveside ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 19, at Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery in Gainesville. Please join us in offering prayers for the progress of her illumined soul in the next world.

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# ANIMALS

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"It can help with some of the fences that need to be fixed, some of the doors that don't work, some of the beds that need to be replaced. There's a lot that we can actually put that toward to better our facility," she said.

"I can't even think of what it's going to go toward yet, but there's a lot that we do need fixed here. Any kind of donation like that does mean a lot."

Byrd said Animals Services has benefitted from the kindness of others, who either donate money or items in person or by purchasing items included on Animal Service's Amazon wish list.

"Every little bit does help," Byrd said, noting that donations help provide the best care for the animals as well as saving the county money.

Community support has seemed to increase since the name change from Animal

Control to Animal Services as well as the fact that Animal Services is now a no-kill facility.

It's not just people stepping up to provide dollars or items such as food, blankets, cat litter and litter boxes. The facility has benefitted from volunteers doing such things as fostering kittens and providing transportation for spaying and neutering.

Rescue organizations from cities such as Gainesville and Jacksonville have made trips to the Bradford facility part of their schedule. The K9s for Warriors organization, which provides service dogs for veterans, has also been collecting animals from the facility.

Bradford County Sheriff's Office Animal Services, located at 16946 S.W. 75th Ave. in Starke, is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The phone number is 904-964-9200. You can visit the facility's Facebook page for more information or access its website via bradfordsheriff.org.

# Legal Notices

## Bradford

### PUBLIC SALE

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on the following unit at 10:00am on Friday May 6th, 2022 at 2117 N Temple Ave., Starke, FL. On the following unit containing personal items:

#81 - Belonging to T. Derouville  
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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Starke 301 U-Stor LLC, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at 1650 S. Walnut Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated. Sale will take place May 14th, 2022 @ 11:00am. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 10:15am.

A01- Timothy Cantu  
A51- Winnie Maynard  
A80- Sharon Vessel  
B15- Kelsey Brantley  
B80- Timothy Cantu  
Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charges according to Florida Statutes 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale. Open bids only. CASH PAYMENTS ONLY All Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers Premium. Contents must be removed by close of business 5/14/2022. For any winning bid the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept by close of business 5/14/2022.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 04-099-CA-0147  
LUKE T. FULMER, PLAINTIFF, VS. CLYDE D. TAYLOR, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST CLYDE D. TAYLOR, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED. DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: CLYDE D. TAYLOR, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING ANY ESTATE, RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST CLYDE D. TAYLOR, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property described as:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 22, WOODLAWN, OF SAID SECTION 21, AND AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 225. has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written

defenses/response, if any, to it on VeRonica R. Owens, Esquire., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 189 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before May 31, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, before service on Plaintiff or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record. Dated: April 14, 2022 DENNY THOMPSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 04-2022-CP-000034 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF DANIEL LEE MCINNIS, SR. Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DANIEL LEE MCINNIS, SR., deceased, whose date of death was February 14, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, PO Drawer B, Starke, Florida 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 FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is April 28, 2022.

Personal Representatives: Daniel L. McInnis, Jr. 1414 Azalea Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32205 Charlotte A. McInnis 3580 Pall Mall Drive #1802 Jacksonville, Florida 32257 Attorney for Personal Representatives: Kristopher D. Robinson Florida Bar No. 582018 Robinson Collins 1604 Stockton Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204 Telephone: (904) 483-3857 E-mail Addresses: kris@robinsoncollins.com amy@robinsoncollins.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 22000009CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOSEPH DAVID LUKE Deceased.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

(intestate) The administration of the estate of JOSEPH DAVID LUKE, deceased, 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 file number for the estate is 22000009CPAXMX. The estate is intestate. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in section 90.5021, Florida Statutes, applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative.

Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served must file with the court, on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on that person, any objection that challenges venue or jurisdiction of the court. The 3 month time period may only be extended for estoppel based upon a misstatement by the personal representative regarding the time period within which an objection

must be filed. The time period may not be extended for any other reason, including affirmative representation, failure to disclose information, or misconduct by the personal representative or any other person. Unless sooner barred by section 733.212(3), Florida Statutes, all objections to venue or the jurisdiction of the court must be filed no later than the earlier of the entry of an order of final discharge of the personal representative or 1 year after service of the notice of administration. Persons who may be entitled to exempt property under section 732.402, Florida Statutes, will be deemed to have waived their rights to claim that property as exempt property unless a petition for determination of exempt property is filed by such persons or on their behalf on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on such persons or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceedings involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property. An election to take an elective share must be filed on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the notice of administration on the surviving spouse, an agent under chapter 709, Florida Statutes, or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse; or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death.

Personal Representative: /s/ Deborah Luke Deborah Luke 1817 Truman Dr Lawtey, FL 32058 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Bradley J. Busbin Bradley J. Busbin, Esq. Email: Brad@BusbinLaw.com Florida Bar No.: 0127504 Busbin Law Firm, P.A. 2295 S. Hiawasse Road, Suite 207 Orlando, FL 32835 Telephone: (407) 955-4595 Fax: (407) 627-0318

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 04-2021-CP-000115 AMENDED PETITION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION IN THE ESTATE OF: CORNEILUS C. SCOTT, Deceased

You are hereby notified that an Amended Petition For Summary Administration has been filed in Bradford county, Florida, Probate Division, Clerk of Court, Bradford County, Probate Division, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The decedent's date of death was May 06, 2021. The total value of the estate is \$5,886.00. The name's of the beneficiaries are as follows: Mary Beth Scott, address unknown, Neil C. Scott, Daniel R. Scott, Douglas Scott, Michael Scott, and Cleighton Scott. You are required to respond with any claims or demands against decedent's estate to the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County, Probate Division, File Number: 04-2021-CP-000115, in the estate of Corneilus C. Scott.

A hearing is scheduled for Case Management Conference on Monday, June 20, 2022, at 11:30am, as to the status of providing formal notice to Mary Beth Scott, and as to subsequent amendments to the petition to reflect surviving spouse's intestate share of the estate.

Petitioner Daniel R. Scott 645 Lake Susan Road Hawthorne, Florida 32640

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THE PUBLIC MEETING THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a budget workshop on May 17, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting. 5/5 2tchg 5/12-BCT

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 05/13/2022 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. 1FMCU03167KC05449 2007 FORD 5/5 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. S220426A, an application by Bradford Bamboo LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to dwelling 1 unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy 1.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: That portion Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 34 lying East of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) except the Northerly 1.00 acre.

Containing 1.44 acre, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear

and be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North

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# Legal Notices

## Bradford

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S220426A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDASTATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER ACRE EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY 1.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL 10F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 22-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida, to consider the exercise of its authority pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, to close and abandon an opened platted street, Bedford Street, as per plat of Bedford Oaks recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 71 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.

SE 22-03, an application by Taylor's Concrete Construction, Inc. to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.17.5 "I" (Industrial), Special Exception # 12 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow a Concrete Batch Plant to be located at the property being described as follows:

A parcel of land lying in the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 North of SE 144<sup>th</sup> St. and South of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 lying North of SE 144<sup>th</sup> St. and South of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, all being in Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being Bradford County Parcel Number 04447-0-00000. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. All interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.

Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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SE 22-01, an application by Timbuktu Enterprises, Inc., be granted as provided for in Section 4.15.5 "CI"(Commercial Intensive), Special Exception # 2 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow "sale of alcoholic beverages, bar, tavern or lounge" to be located at the property being described as follows:

Z 22-01, an application by Timbuktu Enterprise Inc., to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 00°20'00" East 89.13 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 16 to the Point of Beginning; thence South 00°20'00" East 157.87 feet, along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 16; thence South 72°10'00" East 878.27 feet to the West right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence Northeastly, along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) and along the arc of a curve concave to the West and having a radius of 11,404.16 feet, a distance of 132.15 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of North 18°09'55" East to the end of said curve; thence North 17°50'00" East 17.85 feet, along the West right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 72°10'00" West, 929.15 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 3.80 acres, more or less.

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To Whom It May Concern: Florida Gateway College intends to designate the position of Dean of Enrollment and Marketing for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class (SMSC) of the Florida Retirement System. This is in accord with Florida Statute 121.055 (1) (b) 1.b

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Notice of Intent

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CITY OF STARKE FL - CITYWIDE SCADA UPGRADES AT LIFT STATIONS

LEGAL NOTICE City of Starke, Florida (Owner) will receive sealed Bids for Citywide SCADA Upgrades at Lift Stations, CWSRF WW040200, until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 2, 2022 at City of Starke Florida, City Manager's Office, City Hall, P.O. Drawer C, Starke, FL 32091. Bids received will then and there be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany the Bid. This Project consists of installing SCADA RTU control panels at existing lift stations across the City and a master radio polling control panel at the wastewater treatment plant and all material and equipment, and construction services inherent to the Work. The Work shall be substantially complete by January 31, 2023 and completed and ready for final payment by March 2, 2023 as set forth in the Agreement.

Pre-Bid conference by web conference at 11:00 a.m. local time on May 19, 2022. Instructions for web conference to be sent to registered parties in advance. Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically at no cost on or after 10 a.m. on May 4, 2022 by registering with the Issuing Office via email only at dandrews@woodardcurran.com (and a copy to shines@woodardcurran.com) with the subject line "Starke FL - Citywide SCADA Upgrades at Lift Stations" to obtain the Bidding Documents and other related public information. Printed copies will not be made available. The Project being bid is subject to Section 255.20 Florida Statutes and other applicable Laws. The Owner expects to finance the resulting Agreement/Contract with assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), which administers a State Revolving Fund loan program supported in part with funds directly made available by grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Applicable requirements include and compliance with following is required as a minimum: Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-503 (Revolving Loan Program) and/or Chapter 62-552 as applicable; applicable female participation; affirmative action and equal employment opportunity provisions; the American Iron and Steel requirements of H.R. 3547 "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014"; and the Davis Bacon Act and wages. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in Florida, are as follows:

Goal for female participation: 6.9 percent statewide  
Goal for minority participation: 22.2 percent for Bradford County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2021-DR-007618  
Division: FM-F  
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF Diane Deering, Petitioner  
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION  
TO: ANTHONY P. BURCH  
9611 SW 40<sup>th</sup> Way  
Lake Butler, Florida 32054  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Change of Name has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Anny Leon Esquire, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 2301 Park Avenue, Suite 404, Orange Park, Florida 32073, on or before MAY 23, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at Duval County Courthouse, 501 West Adams Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Change of Name. 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 Designated 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

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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 this day of 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022

JODY PHILLIPS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: GIANETTA JAMES  
Deputy Clerk GIANETTA JAMES  
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to adopt an ordinance granting an electric franchise to Florida Power & Light Company.

The public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held during the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on May 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads as follows: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE; IMPOSING PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FOR MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO UNION COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the ordinance.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 or 1.800.955.8771.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, that, pursuant to the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Board of Adjustment of Union County, Florida, on May 16, 2022, at 5:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida.

SE 22-01, a petition by Shadd Lodge LLC, to request a special exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5.5 of the Land Development Regulations, to permit a conference center within an AGRICULTURAL-4 (A-4) zoning district, in accordance with a site plan dated March 1, 2022, revised on April 10, 2022, and submitted as part of a petition dated March 4, 2022, to be located on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 19 East, Union County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 26; thence North 01°12'54" West 73.94 feet, along the East line of said Section 26 to the North right-of-way line of State Road 238; thence South 88°31'11" West 3,428.66 feet, along the North right-of-way line of said State Road 238; thence continue South 88°31'11" West 527.30 feet to the East right-of-way line of Northwest 140th Avenue; thence North 02°00'23" West 1,248.0 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said Northwest 140th Avenue to the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 02°00'23" West 630.00 feet, along the East right-of-way line of

said Northwest 140th Avenue; thence North 89°07'37" East 1,100.00 feet; thence South 02°00'23" East 630.00 feet; thence South 89°07'37" West 1,100.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 15.91 acres, more or less. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

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## Lake Region

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Keystone Heights

The Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Keystone Heights will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on May 19, @ 6:00 p.m. to consider a variance application filed with the City. The variance(s), if approved will allow for relief from Article XX, Environmental Preservation and Article I, Section Sec. 5-6, Burning or burying garbage. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed variance.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the City of Keystone Heights Executive Assistant by mail at Post Office Box 420, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, or by telephone at number (352) 473-4807, no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Keystone Heights

The Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Keystone Heights will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on May 19, @ 6:00 p.m. to consider a zoning application which requests a zoning change from Residential Single Family (RSF) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) filed with the City for parcel number 19-08-12-022578-001-00. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 555 South Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, FL 32656.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed zoning application to PUD.

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# Hope Christian baseball team is victorious on Senior Night

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hope Christian Academy's baseball and softball teams celebrated their seniors on April 28 against Old Plank Christian Academy (Jacksonville), with the baseball team scoring a late run to win 8-7.

The baseball game saw the Lions (7-3) score three runs in the first inning. Hope plated another four in the fourth to take



Hope's Simon Hanson slides into home to help the Lions defeat number-one Old Plank 8-7.



a 7-2 lead.

Old Plank scored five runs in the top of the fifth to tie the score, but the Lions scored the game winner in the bottom of the inning.

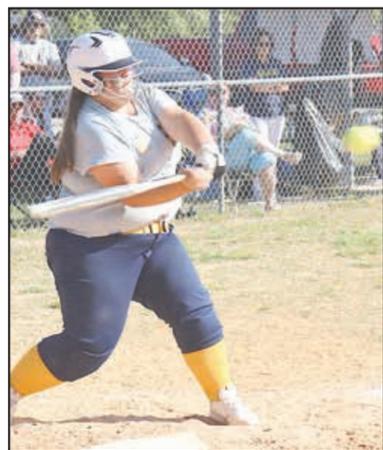
It was the second straight win for the Lions and their fourth in six games. During that span, they had wins over

First Christian (High Springs) by a score of 4-3, Gainesville Christian Community by a score of 8-3 and Southside Christian (Waycross, Georgia) by forfeit.

Hope played Gainesville Christian Community this past Tuesday to conclude its regular season.

The Lions' softball team, unfortunately, didn't come away with the victory on Senior Night, losing 12-2 to Old Plank. Hope entered the game having won three of five, with those victories coming against Gainesville Christian Community by a score of 11-5, First Christian by a score of 10-8 and Open Bible Christian (Valdosta, Georgia) by a score of 8-4.

Hope played Gainesville Christian Community this past Tuesday and will travel to play Starke's Northside Christian on Friday, May 6, at 4 p.m. The Lions then conclude their regular season on Monday, May 9, with a home game against Corinth Christian (Jasper) at 4:30 p.m.



ABOVE LEFT: Chance Taylor bats for the Lions, who scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth. LEFT: Lydia Morgan drives in a run for the Hope softball team in its loss to Old Plank. Photos by Virginia Denmark.

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Executive Management and Training (97th session), Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Advanced Chiefs Training (2005), Florida Police Chiefs Executive Development (2002), Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute Chief Executive Seminar (class 26) and Federal Executive Development Training (1999).

In addition, Smith has advanced training and certificates in such areas as Homicide Investigations, Criminal Interviews and Interrogations, Hostage Negotiations, Sex Crimes Investigations and National Incident Management Systems.

Smith and his wife, Stefanie, are the parents of Hailey Coffey and Hayden Smith. They have three grandsons: Coby, Cayden and Hudson.

### Get involved

As Smith described how the Scout manual of his day is still relevant today, he talked of how he's used it for the benefit of his grandsons with such things as tying certain kinds of knots and building pinewood-derby cars. Smith said his grandsons needed cars for a church event, which prompted him to joke, "I'm NASCAR rules. If you're not cheating, you're not trying. I watched about 10 to 15 YouTube videos."

In all seriousness, Smith used the fact that he devotes time to his grandsons to demonstrate that Scouts are in need of the same thing — adults who are willing to give of their time.

"Everybody can participate," Smith said. "Get involved. Make a difference. If you really care about your future and who's going to be taking care of us, get involved."

Jack Sears, Scout Executive/CEO of North Florida Council, BSA, echoed that same sentiment. He shared a statement that he's been starting his days

with for the past 30 years: "Somewhere out there, there's a young person that's going to take your place in this world. That is not a choice. That is a fact. Now why don't you go out today and do something about your replacement?"

"You see, your attendance here tonight — your donation of time and talent and treasure — is helping the Boy Scouts of North Florida to work on our replacements, replacements who believe in duty to God, country and others," Sears said.

Bob Milner, a member of the Starke American Values Dinner leadership team, said it's difficult today to get adults to volunteer with Scouting. After dinner attendees watched a video that showed the different activities Scouts are involved in, Milner said, "None of the things you saw up here happen without people like Walt Westcott."

Milner knew Westcott was in attendance and asked him to stand and say how long he's been a Scout leader. The answer was since 1966.

"The man has been a Scout leader for a half century," Milner said, adding, "That's what we still need. I encourage any of you who have just a little bit of spare time or who can make some spare time — help be a volunteer for a Cub Scouts pack or for a (Scouts BSA) troop."

Stepping up and supporting local Scouting with dollars doesn't seem to be a problem. Those who attended the dinner had the opportunity to pledge to give certain amounts over the course of the next year. Some who didn't attend made donations anyway.

In all, this year's Starke American Values Dinner raised \$12,400.

Alluding to the dinner's theme of "Keeping the Fire Burning," Dinner Chair Scott Roberts said, "These funds will help keep the fire burning with Scouting and its timeless values for another 100 years."

### Fire burning

"We keep the fire burning

for our Scouts by developing and implementing new and creative experiences," Roberts said. "After a successful pilot program and high demand, we continue to expand our unique and world-class programming at Camp Shands by offering an ATV fun day outside of summer camp in addition to a frontier day — shooting-sports events for all ages.

"Last fall, our two Cub Scout family camping weekends at Camp Shands reached capacity as over 800 families shot bows and arrows and BB guns, played sports and, of course, ate s'mores at a campfire."

Roberts said more than 825 Scouting families are planning to attend this year's summer residence camp at Camp Shands, which is south of Melrose in Hawthorne.

Roberts shared how monies have been used to complete \$150,000 worth of renovations, including such projects as the Taylor Dining Hall at Camp Shands and the swimming pool at St. Johns River Base at Echocotee in Orange Park. An additional \$250,000 has been earmarked for the installation of a new floor in Taylor Dining Hall and to purchase sailboats and outboard motors for St. Johns River Base at Echocotee, Roberts said.

Renovations of North Florida Council facilities also include replacing five roofs and purchasing new kitchen equipment for Ashley Lodge at St. Johns River Base at Echocotee.

Regarding the monies pledged at the Starke American Values Dinner, Roberts said, "One hundred percent of each dollar raised is leveraged locally to ensure that the Scouting program grows and thrives right here in Bradford County. Your gift tonight allows us to maintain our camps, create scholarships and uniforms and activities, and provide resources and training and guidance to volunteers and leaders to assist them in continuing the perpetuation of Scouting in generations to come."

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# BHS baseball team caps regular season with win

BY CLIFF SMELLEY  
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's baseball team entered the District 6-1A tournament off a win, with Mattox Burgin striking out eight in 3.2 innings of work to help the Tornados defeat visiting Bell 6-2 in their regular-season finale on April 28.

The Tornados fell behind 2-0, but took the lead for good with a three-run second inning. Kevin Crawford hit a leadoff double, while Elijah Noonan walked. Crawford scored on a Foster Smith double. After Burgin walked to load the bases, Blake Wynn hit into a fielder's choice, with the Bulldogs recording the force out at home. However,

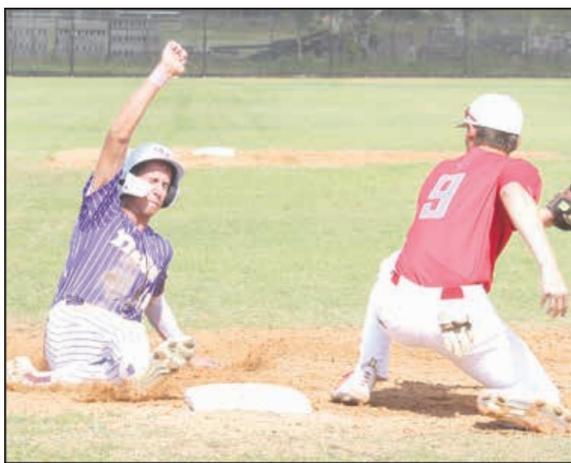
Smith and Burgin scored on an error, putting the Tornados ahead 3-2.

Crawford and Noonan each had an RBI in the fifth, while Jonathan Brugh hit an RBI double with two outs in the sixth.

Smith and Brugh went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

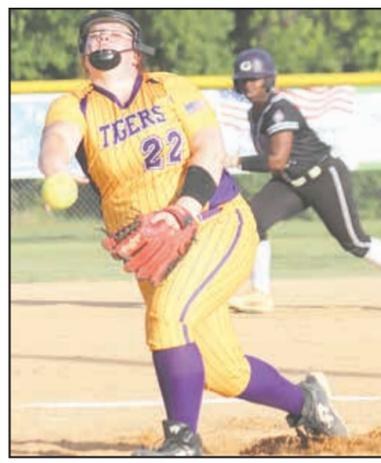
On the mound, Burgin, in a relief appearance, gave up one hit. Matthew Stafford and Carson Knight combined for three innings of relief, giving up a combined two hits.

Bradford entered the game off a 10-0, five-inning loss to host Baker County on April 26. The Tornados had just two hits against Wildcats pitcher Ty Walker.



Union County's Ayden Elixson (left) slides into third base well ahead of the tag attempt by Bradford's Carson Knight on a successful steal in the Tigers' District 6-1A quarterfinal win.

Megan Sullivan gave up one hit in the Tigers' District 5-1A semifinal win over Bradford. It was her third straight shutout victory. Union will play for the championship on Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. at Hilliard High School.



## UCHS

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make the score 6-1.

After the inning's first out, Young hit a two-run double. Angela Tucker drove in a run with a single, while Young scored on an error. Rivera hit a sacrifice fly to score a run before Nyasia Williams hit a two-run homer over the fence in left to put the Tigers up 13-1.

Union added runs on singles by MacKenzie Orton and Tucker and a bases-loaded walk drawn by Young.

Rivera and Leah Clark each went 2 for 2 for the Tigers, while Young was 1 for 1.

Tucker and Williams each finished with two RBI, with Tucker going 2 for 4.

Union's Burke, Orton and Webb each had one RBI.

It was yet another strong performance by Sullivan, who earned shutout wins in the Tigers' final two regular-season games.

On April 26, Sullivan gave up two hits and struck out seven through 6.2 innings in a 4-0 win over visiting Columbia.

Clark hit a two-run homer with two outs in the third. The long ball scored Tucker, who reached on an error.

Clark finished with the two RBI, while Tucker and Clemons each had one. Clemons, who hit two doubles, went 2 for 3, while Tucker went 2 for 4 with a triple.

Young also hit a triple, going 2 for 4.

Pitcher Lily Neal faced the final two batters, giving up one hit.

Union concluded the regular season with a 3-0 win over visiting Gainesville on April 28, with Sullivan giving up four hits.

Williams gave the Tigers the only run they'd need, hitting a one-out home run in the fourth inning.

Union added two more runs in the fifth on a Rivera single.

Williams and Tucker each went 2 for 3.



Abbie Roach looks for an opportunity to score from third in the Indians' win over University Christian in their regular-season finale.

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would then single to score Roach and courtesy runner Amberlea Wagner as Keystone took a 5-3 lead.

Mitzel pitched a complete

game, giving up five hits and one walk. She struck out six.

The Indians added the final run in the sixth when Wagner (running for Mitzel, who doubled) scored on a ball put into play by Delia Johnson.

Mitzel finished as the team's only multi-hit batter, going 2 for 3.

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put out at second. A ground out to third with runners on the corners put an end to the threat.

Union entered the tournament off an 0-3 week that began with a 2-0 loss to visiting Fort White on April 26.

Union had just four hits against pitcher Jonathan Fischer, with one of those being a double from Riggs Davis.

Rimes started on the mound for the Tigers, giving up an unearned run on one hit and two walks through five innings. He struck out five.

On April 28, Baker County's Jayden Givens hit an RBI single in the top of the ninth as the visiting Wildcats defeated Union 6-5.

A Jay Cohen home run, after Jake O'Steen reached on a single, tied the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth.

The Wildcats took advantage of a single and two doubles to score two runs and take a 5-3 lead in the top of the eighth. Union answered with two runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Cohen and Lee doubled and singled, respectively, before Cohen scored on a wild pitch with two outs. After Rimes drew a walk, Lee scored on a wild pitch to force another extra inning.

Baker's Easton Stevens reached on an error to lead off the top of the ninth. One out and one hit batter later, Givens delivered the single that would be prove to be the game winner.

The Tigers got their leadoff batter on in the bottom of the ninth when Trevor Holtzendorf singled, but the Wildcats recorded three straight outs to end the game.

Cohen, who also hit a double, went 2 for 4 with two RBI, while O'Steen went 3 for 5 with an RBI.

Rawls started on the mound for Union, giving up three runs on three hits and one walk through six innings. He struck out 10.

On April 29, host University Christian scored six unanswered runs to defeat the Tigers 10-6.

Union was trailing 4-2 before scoring four runs in the third inning. Rawls hit a home run to lead off the inning. O'Steen reached on an error, while Cohen was hit by a pitch. A Lee double scored O'Steen, while an Elixson single brought Cohen home. Lee would later score on an Agner sacrifice.

University took advantage of three triples and an error to score runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Rawls, who also hit two doubles, went 3 for 4 with an RBI, while O'Steen went 2 for 4. Agner, Cohen, Elixson and Lee each had one RBI.

## INDIANS

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The Indians made it a one-run game in the sixth. Connor Guy hit a one-out triple and scored on a wild pitch.

After Clay made the score 5-2 on Alec Burke's two-run homer in the top of the seventh, Keystone put its first two batters on in the bottom of the inning

when Addington drew a walk and Branch hit an infield single. Clay's Rogers struck out two straight batters before walking Hollingsworth to load the bases. Rogers rebounded with another strikeout to end the game.

Guy was the Indians' only multi-hit batter, going 2 for 3.

Glenn gave up three runs on four hits and two walks in six innings. He struck out seven.

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