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One dead in Keystone Heights shooting

Casualties sheltered shooter's ex-girlfriend

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The Clay County Sheriff's Office said one person is dead and another hospitalized after the two tried to help a friend who was estranged from her ex-boyfriend.

Deputies arrested 20-year-old John Jacob Thornton of Keystone Heights on Saturday, June 24 for second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder.

According to a sheriff's office news release, both shooting victims had occasionally allowed Thornton's ex-girlfriend to stay at their home.



Thornton

The agency said that deputies found a 23-year-old male in the driveway

with multiple gunshot wounds when they arrived at a residence on State Road 100, near Lake Geneva. They found a 21-year-old female inside the residence with a single gunshot wound.

Clay County Fire Rescue pronounced the male dead, and the female was transported to a hospital.

"The female victim provided deputies with the name of the shooter...who fled the scene," the office said. "CCSO immediately alerted surrounding agencies, providing a description of the suspect and the pickup truck he was driving."

Bradford deputies later apprehended the defendant.

The agency said Thornton arrived at the home uninvited and was confronted by both victims, who told

him to leave.

"After attempting to reenter the residence, Thornton produced a shotgun and shot both victims," the office said.

Sheriff Michelle Cook extended her condolences to the victims and said she hoped the hospitalized victim fully recovers.

"The victims were trying to help a friend and sadly became the target of the suspect," she said. "Domestic violence is a real issue, and I encourage individuals who are victims of domestic violence or know someone who is to immediately contact the sheriff's office at 904-264-6512."

Cook added that domestic violence incidents may be reported anonymously through the office's SaferWatch smartphone app.



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Starke police chief's job headed to the ballot

Law enforcement consolidation discussion on hold

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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STARKE — Sheriff Gordon Smith was invited to present a plan to consolidate law enforcement agencies to city commissioners, but most commissioners voted to leave the future of the agency up to voters.

Starke Police Chief Jeff Johnson asked commissioners for a referendum on his position during the presidential primary in March 2024. Starke voters will be asked whether the police chief should be an elected position as called for in the charter.

Johnson, whose term ends in September 2025, said if voters eliminate the elected position, he will begin working on transferring policing the city over to the sheriff's office.

Johnson presented first June 20, sharing some statistics, including numbers for the current year, during which there have been more than 22,000 calls for service he said. Most of these are what he called Priority 3 calls, which include property visits, follow-up investigations, complaints and citizen assistance. Priority 1 calls which includes fires, traffic crashes and major crimes such as assaults and robbery accounted for 526 calls. In addition, there have been more than 2,500 traffic stops and 56 warrant arrests. The numbers did not include special events such as parades, sports and the fair.

Addressing the city manager's preliminary budget presented to the



Police Chief Jeff Johnson (standing at left) and Sheriff Gordon Smith address the proposed consolidation of law enforcement.

commission last month, Johnson said he opposes the brutal cuts. The chief was directed and managed to cut nearly \$500,000 from next year's spending with the assistance of his administration. He told the commission, however, that such cuts should occur over three to five years.

City Manager Drew Mullins plans to use utility revenue that would have been transferred to fund police and fire and spend it on aging infrastructure, which has been neglected.

"The transfer of law enforcement to the county is not going to solve our

financial problems," Johnson said. "Revenue sources have to be found to help fund the police department through impact fees, grants, etc."

Other complications he pointed out included the future of the police retirement fund, his salary through the end of his term, the audit required for the transfer of investigations and evidence, and the loss of grants.

Sheriff Smith said the men and women of the sheriff's office and the police department work together every day. The discussion is financial, not personal, he said. It's about living

within a budget and providing the same or better service.

Based on May 2021 to 2023, Smith said the sheriff's office already responds to an average of eight calls a day in the city limits.

"Combining would allow services to be delivered more strategically, efficiently and effectively with increased accountability and responsiveness," he said.

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Clay Economic Development Corp. funding airport site prep

Working with Space Florida to get businesses at facility

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The Clay County Economic Development Corporation president said his organization plans to use a \$122,000 state grant to develop sites at the Keystone Heights Airport.

Crawford Powell told the Republican Men of Clay during the club's June 21 meeting that his organization hopes to attract aviation maintenance and repair operations at the facility because of the industry's high wages.

"Typically, their employees are in the \$75,000, \$85,000, \$90,000, \$125,000 range because of the level of training and expertise," he said.

Powell added that the economic development corporation hopes to partner with the airport to develop 100 acres and is working with Space Florida to locate projects at the facility.

"What we are trying to do with the bulk of that money is get a lot of (environmental) testing done," he said, "possibly even getting some land cleared if that's possible."

Crawford said businesses looking to move to new sites want as much site preparation done as possible before they commit to a facility.

"The simple thing of getting trees cut and the stumps out, that's a six-month process right there," he said. "So, if you can do that beforehand, you expedite the speed to market for a company coming in."

Gopher tortoises and a filled-in pond

Crawford said speed to market is a critical metric for companies looking to locate to a new area. The three key factors in preparing a site for development are a Level 1 environmental assessment, clearing trees, and zoning.

"On a good day, it's 90 days," he said about completing the three critical tasks. "On a bad day, it's a

year, a year-and-a-half, depending on how big that project is and how much land they need. Companies typically don't want to wait a year-and-a-half to determine if this (project) will work."

"They don't want to find out that the site is overpopulated with gopher tortoises, and it's going to cost them \$7,000 a turtle to move every gopher turtle on that property," he continued. "They don't want to buy a piece of property and find out there are wetlands through the middle of it."

Powell said one recent example of an unexpected environmental issue popping up in a project is IKO's proposed \$250 million project near Clay Hill. He said the St. Johns River Water Management District viewed aerial photographs of the site from 1985 and discovered there used to be a pond in the middle of the parcel.

"They looked at the property owner with the aerial on the iPad and said: 'Hey, where's this pond that was here?'" The Property owner said: "Well, it wasn't much of a pond. I filled it in, and my cows graze on it." The district

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Clay County Economic Development Corporation President Crawford Powell addresses the Republican Men of Clay. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer

WORTH NOTING

Office closed

The office of the Bradford County Telegraph, Union County Times and Lake Region Monitor will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4. Deadline for classified ads is Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m. Deadline for display ads and other submissions is Monday, July 3, at 5 p.m. Email editor@bctelegraph.com, or ads@bctelegraph.com.

Collection sites closed

Bradford County Solid Waste Collection sites will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3 and 4, for the Independence Day holiday. They will reopen at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

Bradford/Union Veteran Service Office schedules

The Union County Veteran Service Office has moved. It is now located at 665 SE Fourth St. in Lake Butler. Regular hours are Wednesdays from 8:30-11 a.m.

The Union County Veteran Service Office will be closed on June 28 and on July 3-4.

The Bradford County Veteran Service Office will be closed June 28-29 and July 3-4. Regular 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.

Regular hours will resume after these dates. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-966-6385 or 904-263-0647 for an appointment.

Youth basketball camp

In collaboration with BHS coaches Sampson Jackson and Michael McMillian, the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County are co-sponsoring a two-day youth skills basketball camp on June 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BHS gymnasium.

For more information, please call 386-266-3063, 904-769-1194 or 904-966-1100.



Unemployment inched up in May

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STARKE — The unemployment rates in Bradford, Union, and Clay counties increased by around one-half percentage point in May.

All three counties tallied unemployment rates of 2.2% in April. Bradford's rate increased to 2.7% in May, Union's rate rose to 2.8% in May, while Clay County's percentage increased to 2.6%.

Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity said the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the state was 2.6% in May 2023,

unchanged from the April 2023 rate and down 0.3 percentage points from a year ago.

"There were 287,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 10,998,000," the state agency said. "The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.7 percent in May."

Monroe County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 1.7%, followed by Miami-Dade at 2.2% and Okaloosa and Gulf counties at 2.3% each.

Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate of 4.1 percent, followed by Highlands: 4.0%, Citrus:

3.9%, and Hamilton, Putnam, and Sumter counties: 3.7% each.

The increases in local unemployment rates were driven by increases in the workforce rather than job losses. Bradford County lost 17 jobs in May, but its workforce increased by 27 people. Union County lost one job while its workforce grew by 28, and Clay County lost five jobs while its workforce grew by 876.

Statewide, the most significant job losses came in state government educational services, which lost 8,100 positions.

The healthcare sector experienced the most significant employment increase, with 10,600 new jobs in Florida during May.

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Starke votes 3-2 to retain city fire department

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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STARKE — Starke commissioners have once again settled the perennial question of consolidating public safety services with the county by voting against both proposals at their June 20 meeting.

County Manager Scott Kornegay said it was several months ago when City Manager Drew Mullins approached the county about consolidating the city and county fire departments. That led to additional discussions about the particulars and the “very short and very concise plan” that Kornegay shared with city commissioners.

County Fire Chief Ben Carter crunched the numbers. Kornegay said for \$875,815 annually, the county could take on six firefighters and cover their salaries, benefits and additional operational costs. The county would lease the city’s fire station for \$1 a year and move Bradford County personnel into the station along with the former city firefighters. Instead of the two-man shifts Starke Fire Rescue is currently facing due to proposed budget cuts, the county’s arrangement would have provided for a four-person engine company most shifts — enough for the two-in, two-out standard for battling structure fires.

“We understand that you’re reducing your manpower whether we come to any sort of agreement or not, but this is the county’s way of trying to build that back and mimic the level of service that you’re currently accustomed to,” Kornegay said.

The county would not have taken on the fire department’s truck debt, nor would Starke Fire Chief Gary Wise work for the county. Kornegay said the city would continue to employ and pay Wise.

Wise has been with the city longer than any current fire department employee — nearly 30 years. According to him, the city pays him \$80,000 a year plus benefits.

City Commissioner Danny Nugent has been a vocal opponent of consolidating the fire departments. He said city taxpayers already help pay for the county law enforcement and fire protection, and he doesn’t think Starke should be asked to pay more to consolidate. He said the county should also have to purchase any equipment obtained from the city. As for the station, he said the city could lease the building for more than \$1 a year if it was abandoning its fire department.

Commissioner Andy Redding asked about how the fire budget would increase annually. Kornegay said an escalator clause had been discussed but not decided. It could be tied to CPI, for example, but with caps preventing costs from rising too high or dropping too low in a given year.

Redding asked what would happen to the city firefighters not hired by the county, but Kornegay said the city’s proposed budget for 2023-24 eliminates those positions. The county was approached about consolidation with the idea that doing so would allow the Starke station to remain fully staffed. Chief Carter said Bradford Fire

Rescue had also been holding positions vacant in anticipation that it could hire some of Starke’s displaced firefighters.

“I would like as many of these firefighters to have a place to land as possible,” he said.

Commissioner Shannon Smith wanted them to stay put.

“At this time, I have no desire to merge with the county on our fire department. I think our guys are top notch, and I think we just keep going where we’re going,” he said.

Mayor Scott Roberts said the discussion was not about the quality of the city fire department or its employees.

“They do a good job, but we do have other things going on besides the police and fire,” he said. The city manager’s budget cuts funding for those departments so more money can be spent on aging infrastructure.

Addressing comments claiming this move was just about the money, Roberts said it was a factor, but not the only one. He also countered the perception that consolidation would lower the level of service. Starke would continue to have an active fire station across the street from city hall.

As a supporter of consolidation, Roberts did not like having his concern for the city or its employees questioned.

“Nobody cares about this town or this city more than I do,” he said. “I don’t care if you moved here one year ago or 100 years ago, I assure you my decisions are based on what is the best for Starke. Will you agree? Maybe not. I can tell you one thing that won’t be questioned is my dedication to this service, why I

was put here by the people. Yes, you do have a say-so. I cannot be elected and somebody else can make this decision. And you know what? I would be fine with it. But to sit here and say that I don’t care about this town and I don’t care about the services being provided is way out of line with me.”

Roberts received vocal pushback from the crowd about how much money the city spends and letting voters decide on consolidation of services in a referendum. He said he appreciated the emotion and called a brief recess to regain control of the meeting.

“I want to apologize if I got out of line with anybody, but I’m going to tell you something: It means a lot to me, too. And it means a lot to you all, and I thank you all for turning out and having your opinion,” Roberts said.

Other than some statistics, someone pointed out the commission hadn’t heard from Starke’s fire chief, and while Roberts said Wise was welcome to speak at any point, Wise claimed he had received mixed signals about that.

Wise said adding his compensation package and the fire engine loan payment to the nearly \$876,000 the county requested places the city’s costs in the same ballpark as the proposed budget \$1.04 million fire budget for 2023-24. Why, he asked, would the city give up its fire department if the cost of to the city remains the same? And why would they give it to the county “who is in just as bad shape as we are, if not worse?”

“We’ve been here for 137 years. That’s a long time. I’ve

been here 29 years, over half my life dedicated to this city,” Wise said, adding that 10 of the 12 firefighters have 13 or more years working for the city.

Roberts said the difference is two firefighters per shift working for the city of four per shift working for the county.

Wise said that’s the commission’s call, and he would run the department how they wish, but two firefighters per shift would diminish the level of service. Response times would increase, he said.

According to Chief Wise, between April 2022 and March 2023, Starke Fire Rescue responded to 35 building fires, 15 brush fires, 14 vehicle fires and 11 other fires. More often, the department responds to medical calls. Wise gave numbers from January 2020 to May 1, 2023. Of almost 4,000 calls, 1,797 were medically related. More than 600 calls were outside the city limits. The county fire department responded to calls in the city 78 times. Only twice did the county arrive “in time” per the national standard, said Wise.

Commissioner Redding asked about Wise’s role under consolidation. Chief Carter said given his experience, it would be “crazy” not to use Wise in a leadership role, although there were no specific details about how that would work. The city, county and union would have to figure that out. As for firefighter compensation, Carter said that would be addressed individually.

“I just want it out there that I have a tremendous amount of respect for all the men who work there at that department, the chief as well,” Carter said. “The county

has a great relationship and our EMS agency well before we were an established fire department has a great working relationship with the city department over there. Regardless of whichever way this goes, that relationship’s going to continue, and I’ll continue to support these men however I can.”

Commissioners Nugent and Smith made a motion to keep Starke Fire Rescue, and they were supported in the vote by Redding. Mayor Roberts and Commissioner Janice Mortimer voted against the motion.

Budget workshop to address fire cuts

Later in the meeting, Smith called for a budget workshop, saying they need to take another look and find more money for the fire department. He is not in favor of cutting shifts back to two firefighters, which is what the preliminary budget for next year calls for.

That preliminary budget is balanced, and Clerk Jimmy Crosby pointed out that moving money to the fire department would require taking it from somewhere else or raising revenue through taxes or a service fee.

The workshop will be on the agenda for the July 11 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

County LDR changes on mining headed to workshop

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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STARKE — Previewed changes to Bradford County’s Comprehensive Plan regarding mining and extraction were put on hold pending one or more future workshops.

Attorney Beth Moore from Sodr and Ingram Law Firm in Jacksonville spoke, saying she represented Chemours, which has been mining heavy minerals in the area since 1949, previously as DuPont. An application to continue mining west of Camp Blanding was approved in 2019.

While Chemours is a mining company, Moore said it is also a member of the community.

“We think the best course of action is to refer this to special workshops where Chemours along with other members of the regulated community, the business community, and the county can work on this product, provide more input to the language, and come up with, I think, probably a better product by looking at the needs of the county and how the language of the proposed amendment marries with those needs,” she said.

She asked the county to seek this input before submitting the amendment for state review, pointing out a couple of areas where the language was, in her

opinion, “overbroad.”

She gave the prohibition on mining in all wetlands as an example, saying a “robust regulatory process” exists to ensure mined wetlands are restored.

“Typically, with mining operations, any impacts to wetlands are just temporary. The wetlands are put back in place after mining operations have ceased,” Moore said, also suggesting that language prohibiting mining in areas designated for conservation also be “more narrowly tailored.”

Moore said the county can do this while achieving its goal of being protective of its natural resources.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews revealed that after receiving several phone calls, she was requesting the amendment be workshopped as well. This would allow other professionals to review the language and definitions and make sure they are “correct” prior to approval.

Commissioner Danny Riddick said the amendment is the same plan the North Florida Regional Planning Council designed a few years ago for Union County, which placed a moratorium on mining permit applications until the changes were in place.

The commissioners sitting as the zoning board nevertheless

recommended the commission pull the ordinance from the agenda pending future workshops, and it did.

Later during the commission meeting, Kate Ellison, who was one of many citizens who spoke out for years against proposed phosphate mining, recalled how many had requested workshops to, among other things, review the permitting process. The only scheduled workshop was canceled.

“Suddenly one person, one lawyer, walks up and asked for a workshop regarding the language in the land development regulations, and it’s granted. I just want to note that, for the record, citizen input is — perhaps could be — as important as the lawyers,” she said.

County attorney Rick Komando said the thought that an attorney’s request weighed more than the public’s was the “furthest thing from the truth.”

“Unfortunately, the public doesn’t get to see all the things that happen in that make the wheels turn behind the scenes, but it was actually the citizens’ comments as the basis for why mining regulations were sent to workshop,” he said. “Sometimes during the planning and zoning and those discussions, that doesn’t get communicated as

effectively to the public. It wasn’t the lawyer that motivated that decision. It was actually the citizens.”

The public will also have an

opportunity for input during any workshops.

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Lake Region

76 books removed from library shelves

School board discusses cutting funds for high school book purchases

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The school district's chief academic officer told school board members that the district has removed 76 books from school libraries because of challenges by parents and community members, and in reaction to legislation passed in Tallahassee.

Roger Daily told school board members during a June 20 workshop that out of the over 500 challenges to books the district has received, only 488 were completed and acted upon by the staff.

"Seventy-six of the district's 183,000-plus titles have been removed, so that's a very small fraction," Daily said.

He also said that a single complainant had brought 94% of the 488 recent challenges.

The officer added that 132 titles remain under review and that his three-member team is not reviewing books over the summer.

Daily said that under the district's new book review procedures, once a complaint is filed, the district's supervisor of instructional resources will notify the challenge oversight committee within seven working days. The committee will then review the material and recommend immediately removing the book, returning the complainant's request or referring the matter to the district's curriculum council.

The chief added that the school board would be notified

of each recommendation for challenged material and that the board has final authority over what items will remain or be removed from media centers.

Daily said the 488 books that were challenged had extremely low checkouts.

"Once in 10 years, twice in 10 years, five times the first year and nothing after that, that kind of thing," he said of the challenged titles' checkouts.

Daily said the district is installing new oversight procedures for purchasing new library books.

"We have developed new, additional procedures with multiple layers of scrutiny relative to future purchasing," he said. "Bear in mind historically, there was no oversight to purchasing, none."

Daily added that when he was a school principal, he had to get district approval to buy a computer monitor for the library. Yet, books were purchased for media centers without any approval process or review.

He said that now, for each new title contemplated, the media specialist, the school's principal, and the district would review each proposed acquisition.

It's an entire book of drugs

Daily also stressed that parents would completely control the books their students check out of media centers.

He said parents have three options regarding the books their children may check out:

-1- Take no action;

-2- Have an email sent to them each time their child checks out a book and

-3- Prohibit the district from checking out books to their children.

Daily said three parents, so far, have chosen Option 3.

Board member Michele Hanson, who represents the Lake Region, told her colleagues she objects to two books that are returning to library shelves after challenges.

She said one book makes continuous references to female anatomy and the second glorifies heroin use.

"It's an entire book of drugs," the former English teacher said, "how to use drugs, how to shoot them up, melt them, snort them, have sex on them. I mean, this girl spends the entire book talking about getting high and how to do it, including putting needles in your arms...This book is going back on the shelf."

Cutting the book budget

Daily said that library circulation rates are high in elementary schools but drop off dramatically in the later grades.

"It diminishes tremendously, particularly once you get to high school," he said of circulation rates, adding that his children have never checked out a book from their high school libraries.

"That's not because they don't read," he said. "It's because they consume their literature in different formats, most of it digitally on their devices. I would say that's true of most, and so the library



The Freedom 5K benefits the Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund. The 2023 scholarship recipients (recent Keystone Heights High School graduates) are (l-r) Candace Jackson, Keera Kyle, Bryar Schenck, Alison Hendon, Rachel Eatmon, Sarah Seibert, Kamryn Eatmon, Riley Barry and Carson Eatmon.

You can still sign up for Keystone's Freedom 5K

The Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund will host its Freedom 5K on Tuesday, July 4, which will begin and end at Keystone Heights City Hall at 555 Lawrence Blvd. The race begins at 8 a.m.

Registration can be done in person in Keystone at Firepower Coffee and Genesis Fitness or online at runsignup.com (enter

"Keystone" in the search bar). The cost is \$35.

You can also register on site prior to the race until 7:45 a.m. The cost of same-day registration is \$45.

Parking is available at Natural Park (across from City Hall) until 7 a.m. After 7 a.m., please park at Community Church (345 Palmetto Ave.), which is two blocks from the start/finish line.

Runners will receive finisher medals and performance T-shirts. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall male and female runners as well as the overall wheelchair division winner. Age groups will also be recognized.

The Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit organization created to honor the memory of Keystone Heights High School alumnus Jordan Cooper, who died in 2017 at the age of 25. The organization primarily supports local students with scholarships, including graduating high school seniors from KHHS. In addition, it also advocates and promotes anti-bullying education for all students in Clay County schools. Please visit: jordancooperscholarship.org to learn more.

for those age groups is really a place to print stuff on the computer."

"I know that people of a certain vintage in here lament that, but that's just how it is," he said of low library usage. "I don't see that returning."

Daily also said he was concerned about the district's ability to review future book purchases for high school media centers.

"We are expected to look at every single page of every single book," he said. "That's being asked. We don't have the capacity to do that."

Board member Ashley Gilhousen questioned the fiscal responsibility of pouring thousands of dollars into

library books when students don't check them out.

Daily agreed, saying the money could be allocated to technology or the other ways students are now interfacing with literature.

"I think we need to look at purchasing for high school (libraries)," he said. "Could we take that money and spend it in a better way, in a more effective way, rather than buy things with taxpayer money that people are not using?"

"I would rather put that money in the classroom," responded the board member. "I would rather support teachers who have prescribed use for literature and instruction."

Career fair, family fun in Waldo

CareerSource North Central Florida will hold a Career and Resource Fair on Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waldo City Square. This event is being hosted by the city of Waldo and will feature both area employers and community resources, along with food trucks and fun family activities.

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Buyer beware on deceptive solar deals

Clay Electric spokesman busts solar myths

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The director of member and public relations for Clay Electric Cooperative talked to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about the co-op's entry into solar energy and about some problems Clay Electric's members have encountered when installing solar rooftops on their homes.

Co-op's fuel mix

Thomas said that now, the co-op's power supplier: Seminole Electric has a fuel mix of 60% natural gas, 37% coal, and 3% renewables.

He added that since 2017, Seminole's Hardee County solar farm has produced 2.2 megawatts of power. Through a power purchase agreement, the supplier will also have an additional 300 megawatts of solar available in 2025.

Thomas added that other utilities are also constructing solar farms in the area, and it takes five to ten acres to produce one megawatt of power.

One megawatt supplies power to around 600 homes.

Seminole's natural gas generator near Palatka has a capacity of 1,134 megawatts.

Thomas said that even though power providers will continue to expand their renewables portfolios, fossil fuels will always be a part of the mix.

"Because believe it or not," he said, "when the sun doesn't shine, people still want their likes to come on."

The utility spokesman said that in Florida, stationary solar panels can supply power an average of five hours daily.

Thomas said about 2% or 3,000 members purchase solar power from Clay Electric.

He added that solar is the only plausible renewable fuel available in Florida.

He said the state does not have the sustained winds to support windmills, "unless you put them up at the beach and nobody wants to look at them."



Clay Electric Director of Member and Public Relations Derick Thomas: "We don't make or lose money whether you buy more insulation, get a more efficient HVAC system or buy a solar panel."



Seminole Electric's 1,134-megawatt natural gas generator near Palatka can provide power to around 680,400 homes.

He added that he thinks one Clay Electric member has a windmill at home.

Deceptive sales tactics

Thomas also said Clay Electric and other utilities across the country are struggling with deceptive sales tactics of solar sales representatives.

"You can Google it," he said of the misleading information, "you can get on YouTube; Channel 4 has done some stories with JEA."

He said the main problems the utilities see are that customers accept the claims of the solar sales representatives.

"People don't talk to us," he said. "They make these purchase decisions and then find out the truth, and then ultimately they're mad at us even though we didn't sell them the assets."

'You'll never have another electric bill'

Thomas said one misleading statement solar salespeople

make is that after the panels are installed, customers will never have another electric bill.

"If I use zero, I still pay a light bill," he said. "If you want to connect to the grid, you're going to pay a light bill."

Clay Electric charges its members a \$29 per month access charge which members pay even if they use no electricity. FPL collects a base charge of \$9.48 regardless of the amount of power its customers consume, and it bills customers a minimum of \$25 a month for users whose monthly bills fall below that amount.

'You'll make big money selling your power back to the utility'

Thomas also said solar prospects have been told they can make big money selling their excess power back to power providers.

"Also not true," he said.

This practice, known as net metering, became a public issue last year when the legislature

passed State Sen. Jennifer Bradley's bill that would have lowered the rate at which solar customers could sell power back to utilities.

The bill was vetoed by Gov. Ron DeSantis. Still, Thomas said the rates that investor-owned utilities pay solar customers for net metering differ from those for municipal utilities and co-ops.

Customers who expect a big payday from selling their excess power back to the co-ops blame the buyers when the promises made by the solar salespeople don't pan out.

'You'll never lose power'

Thomas said solar prospects are also incorrectly told that they will never lose power if they have a solar rooftop.

"If you have the solar asset," he said, "you interconnect your solar asset with the grid. When the grid loses power, you lose power because the solar panel can't connect the DC to the AC, so it opens up, and you're out of power. That's why you'll notice most people who bought solar either have a generator or, if they've got a lot of money, they

can buy batteries and operate, but if they don't have one of those two things, they're out of power too."

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Thomas said Clay Electric is not trying to persuade members from converting to solar energy.

"We don't want to talk you into solar," he said. "We don't want to talk you out of solar. We're your member-owned utility. What we want to be is your trusted energy partner."

He added that whether members are thinking about upgrading their HVAC systems, making their homes more energy efficient with insulation, or purchasing a solar rooftop, the co-op wants to provide accurate information.

"We don't make or lose money whether you buy more insulation, get a more efficient HVAC system or buy a solar panel," he said. "So, if you're considering any energy efficiency upgrades, or solar, before you sign a lease or a contract, call us. We'll be happy to walk through all the scenarios with you."

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said: 'That pond has got to come back.' That was six acres of pond right in the footprint of where the buildings were going to go."

Powell recalled that the property owner purchased mitigation credits to satisfy the water management district, but the ordeal could have crippled the project.

Recent big wins

Powell said that the proposed IKO constructions materials facility west of Clay Hill and the new Niagara water bottling plant in Middleburg could eventually bring over 300 total jobs to the county.

He added that the water bottling plant has already doubled its initial estimate of new jobs. He said Niagara's 825,000-square-foot building is more than double the company's original plans.

"It is so big that pilots coming into Cecil now use it as a landmark to know they're lining up correctly," he said of the bottling facility. "We have talked to Niagara about painting: 'Welcome to Clay County' on the top of their roof up there."

Powell also emphasized that both enterprises are family-owned and bring high wages with generous benefits. He said that when Niagara needed additional workers after hiring its first wave of employees, it relied on its new hires to recruit more staff.

"After they did their initial hiring where they used the Career Source folks to help them, they have not had to go outside of Niagara employees to get additional people to come to work for them," he said. "It was like: Hey, we've got job openings, tell your buddy, and they (did all the subsequent hiring) internally. They've never gone outside after they hired that initial corps of people."

Powell said the Canada-based IKO would offer average wages of \$65,000 annually. He claimed the construction materials manufacturer offers benefits packages that exceed those offered to federal employees.

"This is a generational opportunity," he said. "This is a chance where you might have a father and a son, but you could have multiple generations working at an operation like this."



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City sets special meeting for presentation of financial audits

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER – The annual and forensic audits are complete and city commissioners and others will finally get some answers concerning the spending of previous city manager Dale Walker.

A review copy of the audit was received at city hall last week and was gone over by Interim City Manager Richard Tillis, City Finance Director John Sapp and Commissioner Melissa Hendrix with an eye towards areas that needed corrections or additional information.

A special meeting has been set for Thursday, June 29, at 6 p.m. in the board meeting room at Lake Butler City Hall with representatives from city auditors Powell and Jones presenting the document to the commission. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

In other discussion and action at the commission's June meeting:

The city working with the Union County Historical Society on plans to move the old county jail from its present location (so that it can be replaced by a public safety complex which was recently funded by the Florida Legislature). The society wishes to move the building closer to the Townsend-Green

Building, where the Union County Historical Museum is located on the second floor.

The family of Jimmy Whitehead would like to donate the historic building (the oldest jail still in operation in the state at this time) to the historical society. The move will require careful planning, according to both Tillis and Sheriff Brad Whitehead. The city will have to draft a resolution reserving easement for the water and sewer lines that lie in the right of way. Whitehead has requested the closure of Northwest First Street between North Lake Avenue and Northwest First Avenue, which is already a restricted access road used for access to the current jail facility. The closure is needed now to allow the preparation, the running of utilities, enhancing security efforts and prepping the area for construction.

In a related topic, there are three problems with the Townsend-Green building, including at least one leak in the building's roof. Tillis said he is getting quotes for a temporary repair, as the city has a grant funding the repair and replacement of the roof and the floor in the first floor of the building (which has developed a large soft spot). The grant has been approved but the funds have not been sent to the city yet.

The third problem with the building in the possibility of termite infestation on the second floor. This has been a problem in the past and what has been observed may simply be damage from the previous issue as no live termites have been seen. The building has been serviced for the problem monthly since the original problem.

Tillis, Sapp and Interim Public Works Director Mike Banks have been working on methods to improve and clarify the fuel log process. Each employee will be given a fleet card and a logbook, that will stay with them as they move between vehicles rather than being left in a specific vehicle. The report from the card provider (WIX) tracks purchases by the individual, not the vehicle, so the method will prove easier to collate purchases at the end of each month.

Tillis is also working on defining the chain of command as it pertains to work requests sent to the various city departments. In the future, requests will be sent to the city manager, with copies sent to the specific department's director. The matter will then be scheduled when workers will be available, and everyone will be on the same page.



Five appointed to Union County Housing Authority

Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced the appointment of Donna Jackson, Doris Thomas, William Thomas, Charles Townsend and Susan Worthington to the Union County Housing Authority.

Donna Jackson
Jackson is the office manager of New River Developers. Previously, she was the finance director of the New River Public Library Cooperative and the Union County Clerk of the Court. Jackson earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Saint Leo University.

Doris Thomas
Thomas is the former executive director and housing manager for the Union County Housing Authority

and a public assistance specialist for the Florida Department of Children and Families. Thomas attended the University of Florida and Santa Fe College.

William Thomas
Thomas is a former sales manager at Elixson Wood Products. He previously served as a city councilman for the city of Lake Butler. Thomas received his associate degree from Santa Fe College.

Charles Townsend
Townsend is a deputy sheriff at the Union County Sheriff's Office. In 2019, he received the Distinguished Victim Services Award from Attorney General Ashley Moody. Townsend attended Florida Gateway College.

Susan Worthington

Worthington is currently retired. She previously served as a supervisor of accounts receivable in the medical field.

According to its website, Union County Housing Authority is a public housing agency that provides housing to eligible low-income families, the elderly and people with disabilities. To keep rent low, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development subsidizes based on individual incomes.

Eligibility is determined on annual gross income, family composition, and U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status.

Rotary Independence Celebration this weekend

The 29th annual Lake Butler Rotary Club Independence

Day Celebration is set for Saturday, July 1, at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler.

The day will begin early, with a Family Fun Run (7 a.m.), a 5K run (8 a.m.), the start of the fishing tournament (4 a.m. registration, boats in the water at sun-up) and the

car show (9:30 registration, show from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.). Vendors will be on hand, as will several food trucks. There will be activities for young people (bounce houses and a petting zoo 12-5 p.m.), live music (5 p.m.) and, at dusk, the annual fireworks display. There will also be a silent auction held in the Hal Y. Maines Community Center.

The day promises to be very hot, so people attending are encouraged to wear head coverings and cool clothing. Care should be taken to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen to prevent burning. Community members are encouraged to come out and enjoy the day celebrating our nation's independence.

Game-themed VBS at New River Baptist

New River Baptist Church is having vacation Bible school for children ages 3 through fifth grade. This year's VBS is called "Twists and Turns." It will be held from Monday, July 10, through Thursday, July 13. The time will be 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study Game Room, Wild Card Crafts, Multiplayer Missions and Skip Ahead Snacks! But more importantly, they'll see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest

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Commenters all oppose police/fire consolidation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Every public comment shared at Starke's June 20 meeting was in favor of the city retaining its police and fire department.

Commenters called for fully funding both departments as well, saying the city's finances were not a good enough reason to turn the departments over to the county.

Some also shared anecdotes about their personnel experiences, including Maria Wells, who said she's only had to call 911 twice, once for her son and once for her father. Both times, Starke Fire Rescue was the first on scene, and she said they were able to calm her and collect the details in a way dispatch was not.

"To lose any of those men would be a tragedy because they are so important to the city," she said.

Judith Young said she lives

in the historic district, and she often sees the firefighters rolling into action. She feared consolidation would drive up taxes and didn't trust the level of service could be maintained if multiple firefighters are losing their job.

"I'm not seeing it. I'm seeing men and women that love this community lose their jobs," she said.

"I'm seriously wondering about the thoughts that are going through each and every one of your heads right now," John Letourneur said. "The men and women that are involved, that give their lives to run into those buildings, and you just got to throw them out down the road. I'm sorry, I'm not going to stand for that."

Sarah Lipe said it's not true that consolidation would lower costs for anyone.

"The county is unable to efficiently staff and run services for the area to which

they are currently charged with serving and protecting. The thought that turning safety accountability over to a single agency that will perform these operations for less than what the city is currently operating on is a smokescreen," she said, adding that fewer police officers and firefighters would increase response times.

"(I) understand the defunding of public safety has been considered under the guise of saving the city money, but I ask you, at whose expense?" Lipe asked.

Glenn Shuford, experienced in firefighting and emergency response, said the quality of what the city receives from its firefighters was worth more than what the county was asking the city to pay for consolidation.

"If you consolidate, you control nothing. You don't control the police chief. You don't control the fire chief. You don't control nothing. Right

now, you have opportunity to give the citizens what they want, what they deserve what the taxes are for," Shuford said.

Speaking about the police department, Sarah Warren said she moved back to the city because it was the safest place to raise her child. Beyond law enforcement, she said officers dedicate hours working with local nonprofits and schools and raising money for initiatives like Shop with a Cop, which has benefited hundreds of children throughout the county for nearly 20 years.

"I ask that you take not only my account but every other citizens' account of safety, experience and trust into consideration before showing your opinion, which, in your own words, does not matter. Overall, I think I speak on behalf of everyone who showed up tonight when I say the votes being held

tonight have no right being in the hands of commissioners. Something of this magnitude should be left for the people to decide. We're the ones impacted by what you do," Warren said.

Young returned to the podium to ask how many deputies would be assigned to the city.

"We have how many people how many thousands of people that live in the city right now? You're building housing developments and apartment complexes. We're having events within this city that are going to draw bigger and bigger crowds here because we're trying to put Starke on the map. But all we're going to end up being is the citizens who are going to be targets," she said, insisting there would be a lack of law enforcement and an influx of crime.

Sherrise Boyd wanted to see the city try harder and support

its police department instead of taking the easy way out.

"I don't want us to become lazy in our position and find the easy way out. Sometimes working harder will give you a better benefit in the long run if you're willing to stick to it. This is a small community and I think it would be more appreciated to keep our local police," she said.

Though sometimes loud, sometimes emotional, the comments were primarily civil. Things became less civil during commissioner discussion when Mayor Scott Roberts had to wrestle with some disruption in the audience for control of the meeting. Roberts also felt his integrity was being attacked for taking positions the audience did not share.

While their support was unanimous, their residency was not. Several speaking were not city residents.

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Smith quoted The Office of Justice Programs to point out that most consolidations involve small city and county law enforcement agencies, usually where the population is below 50,000 residents. Of the thousands of small city police departments in the U.S., some operate with inadequate budgets, which limits community safety services.

He said the city and county already cooperate on combined dispatch, criminal investigations and emergency management. The sheriff's office handles animal control and is assisting with code enforcement. Consolidation would allow a more comprehensive public safety strategy, including policies and practices, accountability, efficiency and cost savings for the city of Starke.

Having said that, Smith admitted the transition would not be easy.

"It involves complex political, legal and financial issues that affect a number of constituencies. It will require focused leadership and resources for at least three to six months to achieve formal combined services. This will be followed by several more months of patient adjustment and adaptive management to work out the inevitable kinks," he said.

When it comes to claims the city commission would lose control of policing, Smith called them wrong.

"Anybody that tells you that they're full of hogwash. I'll call them a liar because there's not any one of you commissioners up there that's ever called me and didn't get what you were asking for," he said, adding he is elected by voters both inside and outside the city.

County commissioners must also be willing partners, he said.

Smith's plan included \$37,000 in upfront costs to be paid by the city to cover uniforms, weapons, body cameras and transitioning vehicles and equipment. He

prepared the annual cost to the city's property tax levy, with the first year's cost being \$345,000. This amount would be adjusted annually as tax rolls are recertified.

The sheriff said all Starke police employees will be considered for vacant positions at equal or higher pay. Starting salary is \$22.03 an hour, and credit is given for years of experience. He promised better pay and benefits and opportunities for advancement.

Smith said the city is responsible for providing law enforcement and doing it in a fiscally responsible way that does not sacrifice the level of service. He said his office's proposal would provide the same of better service and significant savings to the city. City commissioners would retain full control of their contracted services with the sheriff's office, and the resources they pay for will not be reallocated elsewhere. There will be deputies dedicated exclusively to Starke.

"We are not outsiders. We work here, most deputies live here, and we would be proud to serve the city of Starke," he said.

Commissioner Danny Nugent said he supported having two agencies because they work well together and get more done. He feared police response times would be negatively affected by a merger.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer thanked Sheriff Smith for an excellent presentation, but she supported Chief Johnson's proposal for the charter referendum.

"Unlike the fire department, we have an elected position. The only authority we have over him is his budget, and he's responsible to the people as well," she said. "The referendum, I think, is the right way to go. It's fair to the police department and it's fair to the citizens, and to the sheriff as well."

The sheriff said a decision is needed, otherwise the future of the officers is in limbo until the public votes. They won't know if they should be

preparing to leave the police department or not. It also means the positions the sheriff has been holding vacant so more of those officers would have a place to land would go away. He said he would need to start hiring for those jobs. If Starke officers are qualified and apply, Smith said he would hire them, and that places the police chief in a bad position.

"I think in fairness, you make a decision. The people elected you," he said.

Commissioner Andy Redding said there was a \$1.2 million difference between the police budget and what the sheriff was asking from the city for consolidation. Smith said the existing infrastructure of his operation is why he could make it work for \$345,000 to cover the additional personnel costs.

Commissioner Shannon Smith agreed with a referendum on the chief's elected position, but he did not think the commission should postpone a vote on consolidation.

"I couldn't sit here and say there would be less service and vote for something like that," he said. "I believe in my heart that we can pull this off together. The officers with the city have a better opportunity with (the sheriff) with better pay. I just believe that is the right way to go. I just can't see us waiting another year to pull the trigger and do this."

Mayor Scott Roberts questioned Chief Johnson about cutting back his administrative positions and eliminating investigations and other duties outside of patrol. That would cut the city's police budget considerably, he said.

"We'd be like JSO's road guys. We call them tape-pullers," Johnson said, explaining if it's something more than a minor problem, the tape-pullers secure the scene and wait for others to arrive. The service level would be negatively impacted, he said.

Roberts wanted to know the difference between the sheriff assigning two deputies to Starke and the chief doing the same, but Johnson insisted

Smith couldn't do with \$345,000 what his department does with \$1.5 million. Turning city policing over to the sheriff would nearly double the calls for service, he said.

Commissioner Smith said the police budget ballooned to more than \$2 million one year, and the "cuts" proposed only lower the spending to what it was prior the anomaly. "You said you took the half million off, basically it just put you back to where you were, and you're not losing anything. That's where I'm at. I just wanted to make that clarification," Commissioner Smith said.

Redding, who had asked for an organizational chart for the police department, said a half million dollars was being spent on administrative positions. Even if those positions were cut, the budget would still be around \$1 million, or \$645,000 more than the sheriff was going to charge the city. He said he's worn the uniform, and now he's a commissioner.

"I respect the badge, and I respect every one of you, but we have to look at both sides," he said.

Roberts said the discussion about the police budget will be ongoing.

The debate about the police chief's position and future of the department can continue until the March presidential primary. Three commissioners, Roberts,

Mortimer and Nugent voted in favor of holding the referendum and postponing any action on consolidation until then. Commissioners Smith and Redding voted against it.

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Affordable housing neighborhood approved

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Affordable housing developers with the Sandcastles Foundation finally received city commission approval of a revised site plan to build 22 homes at the end of North Westmoreland Street.

The commission previously rejected a rezoning request and another version of the site plan that was compatible with the current zoning but not compliant with the land development regulations.

The latest version of the site plan swaps a nonconforming office/community center with another single-family home and moves the sidewalk to the approved side of the street.

Last month, the developers and their attorney met with the commission during a regular meeting where everyone could speak more frankly about the project and get additional questions answered.

Before the site plan

and preliminary plat were unanimously approved June 20, developers repeated their assurances that the affordable housing project would remain so for 50 years per their lending agreement with the state, even if the property ownership changes. Florida Housing Finance Corporation also has strict rules for the inspection and maintenance of these developments. There are requirements for tenants as well, including no felony convictions.

“Sandcastles really wants to be a good member of this community and provide something to the community that it needs,” said attorney Robert Williams. “This will be something that we can all be proud of. Not just today, we can be proud of this five and 10 years down the road. That’s our goal.”

One of the city’s concerns revolved around property taxes, which Sandcastles Foundation — as a nonprofit — would not be required to pay. A legal agreement

will be drafted committing the foundation to payments in lieu of taxes on each home based on the valuations of the property appraiser. These will not be homesteaded properties either, so they are not eligible for tax exemptions. The city will receive more revenue per rental home than if they were individually owned.

Williams also said they were willing to repair any street damage resulting from construction.

“If we tear up the road, we will fix the road. We understand that’s our obligation,” he said.

Residents in the area had previously expressed concerns about traffic, road repair and stormwater runoff.

While the new neighborhood will generate more traffic, the city’s traffic study did not find that road improvements would be necessary.

The project’s stormwater plan has already been permitted by the water management district.

Grant promotes inclusion, diversity

Southeastern Grocers Inc., parent company and home of Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores, together with the SEG Gives Foundation, is now accepting applications from nonprofits throughout the Southeast for its 2023 Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant. The grant supports organizations that work to address racial disparities in health care, food insecurity and education, while building a more inclusive and equitable future for all.

Nonprofit organizations with missions to elevate underserved communities throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi are encouraged to apply at www.seggives.com/grantapp through Sept. 30 to be considered for a Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant

ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The grant is named for the trailblazing 103-year-old Winn-Dixie associate Romay Davis, whose dedication to inclusivity and unwavering commitment to diversity and empowerment inspired the grant program aimed at elevating underserved and underrepresented communities. In an era marked by restricted rights for women and people of color, Davis consistently shattered glass ceilings by challenging society’s limited beliefs with her unfathomable accomplishments.

Davis is a World War II U.S. Army veteran, NYU multi-degree scholar, New York fashion designer and model, Taekwondo Black Belt and community advocate. At 80 years old, Davis started her career with Winn-Dixie in Montgomery, Alabama, to stay active and engaged; she continues to motivate others through her story and enduring dedication.

In 2022, The National WWII Museum in New Orleans recognized Davis for her contributions as a veteran of the

U.S. Army 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion and presented her with the Silver Service Medallion for her exemplary military service and exceptional leadership. The 6888th was the only all-Black Women Army Corps unit deployed overseas during World War II and was assigned the momentous and critical task to clear more than two years’ worth of backlogged mail. Davis’ unit was given six months to sort 18 million pieces of mail, which they completed in three months. By restoring the timely flow of mail between the front lines and the Home Front, Davis and the women of the 6888th significantly raised the morale that sustained troops through the final months of the war.

Last year, SEG presented a total of \$300,000 to 30 deserving organizations through the Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant. The grant has provided more than \$685,000 in funding to deserving community organizations since its inception in 2020.

Emergency Supply Checklist

Emergencies can happen at any time. Whether it’s a fire, hurricane, flood or some other disaster, if you take the time to prepare an emergency supply kit, you and your family will be better prepared. The supplies can be kept in a plastic container, suitcase, backpack or other container. For more information, visit www.ready.gov or www.floridadisaster.org.

- Water - one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation (3-day supply)
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods (3-day supply)
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Non-prescription drugs, such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid and/or laxative.
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Whistle or mirror to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers (if you have an infant)
- Water and pet food (if you have a pet)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton T-shirt to filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to make a shelter
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long-sleeve shirt and sturdy shoes (stored in a waterproof container)
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler’s checks and change
- Paper towels
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in water container
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents, such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card, account numbers and companies
- Books, games, puzzles, portable music device
- Have children create their own personal checklist with familiar things that will keep them comfortable during an emergency, such as a book, stuffed animal or blanket.

NOTE: It is recommended that you update the food in your kit every six months and rethink your needs once a year.

Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Bertram Eugene Balfour, 41, of Columbus, Georgia was arrested on June 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Miranda Faye Barnett, 24, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for aggravated battery.

Linette Leann Barron, 50, was arrested on June 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua Aaron Bogdan, 25, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on June 22 for assault and a probation violation.

Joseph Franklin Bush, 49, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 18 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and battery.

Eddie Lewis Dean, 66, of Starke was arrested on June 20 for abuse of an elderly or disabled person.

Rick Glenn Desjardins, 50, of Waldo was arrested on June 19 for out-of-county warrants.

Jimmy Lee Dixon, 34, of Macclenny was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for DUI.

Chandler Parrish Ellison, 28, of Belle Glade was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 21 for robbery, kidnapping, and aggravated assault.

Brandy Lee Gee, 38, was arrested on June 17 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, and destroying evidence.

Francisco Javier Gonzalez Mendoza, 28, was arrested by Lawtey police on June 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jonthay Patricia Gray, 23, of Alachua was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for DUI, driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of marijuana.

James Michael Griffin, 26, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 21 for larceny.

Marcel Veshawn Henderson, 49, of Jacksonville was arrested on June 17 for withholding support.

Timber Brooks Henley, 22, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 23 for probation violations.

Joshua Lane Hodge, 20, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 17 for DUI.

Zachary Dustin Hurt, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested on June 19 for burglary and larceny.

Jason J. Johnson, 49, of Nokomis was arrested on June 19 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Andriy V. Kharchenko, 23, of Boiling Springs, South Carolina, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for vehicle theft.

Tyrone King, 63, of Lake Butler was arrested on June 21 for a probation violation.

Robert Lee McCallum, 33, was arrested by Starke police on June 20 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Robert James Newman, 39, of Starke was arrested on June 17 for battery and an out-of-county warrant.

Adam Maurice Nicholson, 45, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for a probation violation.

Seth Micah Norviel, 48, of Starke was arrested on June 23 for battery and aggravated assault.

Christopher David Plemons, 35, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on June 19 for battery, resisting an officer and a probation violation.

Christopher Scott Rhoden, 30, of Starke was arrested on June 19 for contempt of court.

Michael B. Stellinghorn, 33, of Tampa was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for a probation violation.

Joseph Duke Townsend, 21, of Lake City was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for possession of marijuana, a weapons, offense, possession of drug equipment, possession of cocaine, possession of drugs, and selling marijuana.

Harriet Crystal Waldron, 40, of Starke was arrested on June 23 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving a vehicle with an expired tag.

Darcy Russell Harvey Walker, 63, of St. Augustine was arrested on June 22 for an out-of-county warrant.

William Lee Woods, 38, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for battery.

Union

Johnnie Lee Alexander, 57, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 19 for failure to appear.

Jennifer Deneane Bryan, 39, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 20 for probation violations.

Bo James Dampier, 35, of Old Town was arrested by Union deputies on June 20 for a probation violation.

Joshua G. Joyner, 33, a Department of Corrections inmate was arrested by Union Deputies on June 19 for smuggling contraband into a prison and destroying evidence.

Larry Bernard Pace, 52, a Department of Corrections inmate was arrested by Union deputies on June 19 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Joshua William Padgett, 31, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 23 for failure to appear.

Devonta Datrone Philips, 27, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 25 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of drugs.

Randi Renee Thomas, 42, of High Springs was arrested by Union deputies on June 20 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Clay

Pamela Jeanette Baldree, 43, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 19 for failure to appear.

Adam Anthony Hall, 40, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on June 20 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug equipment, and use of false identification.

Michael Lloyd Kite, 83, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 20 for aggravated assault.

Duncan James Lloyd, 21, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 22 for domestic battery.

Thomas Robert Morrison, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 17 for domestic battery.

Derick Ray Voss, 37, of Melrose was arrested by Clay deputies on June 23 for burglary in grand theft.

Biker dead after crashing into ditch

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — The Florida Highway Patrol said a Starke man died after his motorcycle ran off a roadway and crashed into a ditch north of Starke.

The agency said in a news release that the 62-year-old was traveling eastbound on Northeast 185th Street on a black Suzuki motorcycle.

FHP said the driver was not wearing a helmet and suffered fatal injuries after the motorcycle struck the ditch and came to rest on the south shoulder of the roadway, also known as Mark Lee Starling Road.



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Staples ready this time to take BHS baseball job

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

John Staples has been announced as the new Bradford High School baseball coach.

This time, he's ready for the opportunity.

Staples, who's spent a year at BHS as an assistant football coach and the girls flag football head coach, was actually hired for the job in the summer of 2018 before changing his mind less than a week later.

"I probably rushed into that situation way too quickly," said Staples, who had been serving as a volunteer baseball coach at Baker County High School at that time.

When the position came open this time, Staples said he was "ready to make a run with it."

"A lot of people question why I would take over a program that's won 12 games in four years," Staples said. "That's why I took it over. I want to change the standard. I want to be a difference maker."

Staples has 344 career wins. In 18 years as a head coach, he guided teams to a district championship 10 times and to the regional playoffs 15 times overall. Staples won a state championship at Arlington Country Day and is the winningest coach at Baker County. He's also been a head coach or assistant coach at Cocoa, Eau Gallie, Merritt Island and P.K. Yonge and was the pitching coach for a Brevard Community College team that finished second in the nation in 1985.

After changing his mind about taking the Bradford job in 2018, Staples continued to work as a volunteer baseball coach at Baker County. However, he knew he would give that up eventually for the betterment of the program and Head Coach Jarrell Rodgers, who played for Staples.

"I needed to get out of the way so he could grow," Staples said. "The baseball control freak in me took over at times. He needed to be handling those things instead of me."

Staples came to BHS last year,



John Staples, who has 344 career wins, is ready to take the reins of the Bradford High School baseball program. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

working as an assistant coach on Head Football Coach Jamie Rodgers' staff. Upon getting the baseball job, Staples said Rodgers asked him, "It's just killing you to make one more good run (in baseball), isn't it?"

"I've got another one left in me," Staples said. "I plan on being here a while with this program."

Staples will still be a part of the football staff, but he will move into the role of special-teams coordinator, which will allow him to get in the work he needs to get done during football practices and still have time in the day to devote to the baseball program.

"We're going to go Monday through Wednesday in the fall. It's going to make for some long days after football (practice) for me," Staples said, adding, "The fall is going to be very critical to the success of our baseball program. We can't wait until January to get things going."

Wanting a chance to take over the baseball program did present Staples with a "tough, tough mental dilemma." He was the coach of the girls flag football team, which put together an incredible season last year, going undefeated in the regular season, winning a district championship and outscoring opponents 567-53 in compiling a 16-1 record.

"Honestly, there are two state championships right around

the corner for those girls," Staples said. "If I wasn't just a 100-percent baseball man, I never would've made that move. (Baseball has) been a huge part of my life. I started out in Rockledge little league. My dad got moved around quite a bit with Montgomery Ward. I played in a lot of different towns. My mom said she's been in more ball parks than any lady in the southeast. Between me and my brothers, she never missed a game."

Despite his lifelong involvement in the game and his coaching resume, Staples said he alone won't be a difference maker for Bradford's baseball program.

"With me taking it over, it doesn't automatically make us a 20-win team," he said. "There's a process involved that's been pretty successful in the past. I see no reason that it can't be (successful) here."

Having said that, Staples wants to turn the Tornadoes around immediately.

"I'm not here to build anything. I want to step in and start winning right now," he said.

Then, in a reference to the movie "Major League," Staples added, "As Lou Brown said, 'I'm too old to go diving into lockers.' We've got to get out and get after it right now."

For Staples, the "process" includes a strong work ethic as well as sprinting on and off the field.

"Those are things that don't take any talent," he said.

The coach also wants his players to respect the game.

"I'm an old baseball purist," Staples said. "I still believe in the old, corny stuff — wearing the uniform correctly and treating the game like it needs to be treated."

Staples wants his players to exhibit "great field posture." That means not doing things such as throwing helmets in anger or putting when an error is made. He vows that BHS will have a

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The Altrusa International District Three Foundation board members (l-r): Treasurer Scott Frieser (Charlotte, North Carolina), Secretary Amanda Seyfang (Starke), Director Anita Ashworth (Monticello), Governor Elect Mantha Young (Lake City), Gov. Dimple Overstreet (Starke), Vice Governor Nancy Shumaker (Statesboro, Georgia), Director Roberta Klusmeier (Orlando-Winter Park), Parliamentarian Kitty McElhaney (Lake City) and Director Scott Tice (Ocala).

Starke's Overstreet to serve as Altrusa District 3 governor

Dimple Overstreet, who's a member of Altrusa International of Starke, is the new governor for District Three.

The road to becoming an Altrusa district governor doesn't happen overnight. For Overstreet, that road got its start in 2014 with her installation as the Starke club's president. One of the requirements for a district governor is to have served as president at the club level.

A few years later, Beverly Hardy, the Starke club's only member to serve as District Three governor (she would go on to serve as international president), approached Overstreet about nominating her as a District Three director. Overstreet agreed, thinking she wouldn't be elected, but she was wrong.

She stepped into a whole new world with this election and began her trip to become the District Three governor. This trip would involve serving one year as a director on the District Three board, three years as vice governor and two years as governor elect. Counting the two years as the Starke club president, that's a total of eight

years leading up to becoming their communities.

Altrusa International District Three is made up 23 clubs in four states: Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Florida has the largest number of clubs with 12, followed by

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Ty Stevenson is photoed holding this beautiful trout he caught fishing in the Gulf of Mexico



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Channell a happier person entering final season at UNF

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Softball has been a part of Savannah Channell's life for as long as she can remember, but the University of North Florida shortstop learned this past season is that the sport doesn't define who she is as a person.

Channell, a 2019 Keystone Heights High School graduate, said she was frustrated at times during the 2023 season. Her batting average fell to .200 after she averaged .267 in her two previous seasons (one each at UNF and Liberty) and partial COVID season (at Liberty). She also had a four-game stretch in which she rode the bench.

After her accomplishments at Liberty, where she began her college journey, Channell admitted she arrived at UNF taking things for granted. There was no way she wouldn't automatically be a starter. There was no way she wouldn't continue her success.

"That's bad to say, but then I got a reality check," Channell said.

Channell, the daughter of Bobby Channell and Christy Hedgecock, said the result of her struggles was that she "truly found Christ."

"I always knew who Christ was, but I really felt who He was to me," she said. "I started leading all of us through prayer before every game and just trying to share the feelings I was having."

Those feelings were of joy. They were there when she had a good game. They were there when she had a bad game.

"All my teammates have noticed it," Channell said. "I'm just a happier person. No matter what happened, I would have a smile. If I struck out, I'd laugh it off."

Don't misunderstand Channell. She still has a passion for the sport. She's going to do her best to make tremendous improvements in 2024, which will be her last season. She would love to eventually get into coaching softball.



Savannah Channell makes a throw from her shortstop position at the University of North Florida. Photo provided courtesy of UNF Athletics.

It's just that now, she doesn't measure the entirety of her life by what happens on the field. Channell said, "Ultimately, only Christ can define me."

COVID strikes

When Channell left Keystone to go to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, she was excited. Excited about an independence that comes after graduating from high school and leaving home. Excited about meeting new people. Excited about experiencing the game she loved at a higher level.

She was batting .298 (third on the team) and had started 22 of 23 games before the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the season being canceled.

"We went through just a time of uncertainty," Channell said. "Prayer was our number-one thing."

Channell remembers being confined to the house she was living in because of snowstorm.

"You couldn't go anywhere. You just had the TV on, and you were wondering what was happening in the world," she

said, adding, "I just had to stay in Virginia and just hope my family was OK."

The semester consisted of online classes, Zoom sessions and quarantines.

"We had COVID testing two to three times a week," Channell said. "You had to be tracked. If someone did test positive, they had to trace you all the way back to the whole week previous — where you had been, what you did, who you came into contact with."

Players couldn't participate in practices with their teammates. They couldn't go to the weight room to work out.

"You could run. That was about it," Channell said. "Being away from home — it was not ideal at all, but I knew that if I wanted to play the game that bad, I would just have to stick it out and wait."

Big stage, big hit

Putting the lost COVID season behind them, the Liberty Flames won the ASUN Conference championship to qualify for the NCAA regionals.

Channell had some memorable at-bats that season. She went 2 for 3 with four RBI in a 6-0 win over Lipscomb and had three RBI in a 7-2 win over New Mexico State. At the Bama Bash, hosted by Alabama, Channell hit a solo homer in a 6-3 loss to the Crimson Tide and a two-run shot in an 8-5 loss to LSU.

The performance in the Alabama tournament had her feeling confident heading into Liberty's conference schedule, but Channell described her play against ASUN opponents as "decent." She said her at-bats weren't as good as she wanted, but she knew she'd always have her defense.

"I really take pride in my defense," she said.

Channell was struggling mightily in the NCAA Knoxville Regional. She struck out in all four at-bats in an opening 4-3

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- 11:00 – Parade begins**
- 12:00 – Car Show, Field activities and Touch A Truck begin**
- 12:30 – K9 demonstration – Starke PD on the track infield** (subject to change)
- 1:00 – Pie eating contest, sponsored by Revel’s Fast Lube**
- 1:30 – Mock crash - Jaws of Life demonstration** (subject to change)
- 2:00 – K9 demonstration – Starke PD on the track infield** (subject to change)
- 2:15 – Car Show Awards and Mayor’s Choice Awards announced**
- 2:30 – Music Performance: Eli Rogers**
- 3:00 – Water Play Area on the football field opens**
- 3:15 – Watermelon eating contest, sponsored by Capital City Bank**
- 3:30 – Music Performance: Jaelyn Jackson**
- 4:00 – (Cornhole free play at Tennis Courts)**
- 4:30 – Music Performance: LeeAnn Purvis**
- 5:30 – Music Performance: JD Norman**
- 6:30 – Music Performance: Matt Wilsey & the Gentlemen Jukebox Band**
- 7:30 – Harley Quinn & Batman appearance, followed by Meet & Greet**
- 8:00 – Florida’s largest S’mores Station opens**
- 8:25 – Water area shuts down at sunset**
- 8:30 – Music Performance: Southern Burn**
- 9:20 – Military Recognition and Appreciation**
- 9:35 – National Anthem**
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Schedule of Events 29th Annual Rotary Club
Independence Day Celebration

Sat., July 1 at Lakeside Park

Fishing Tournament:

Registration begins at 4:00 a.m.

Boats in the water at Sunrise

Family Fun Run - 7:00 a.m.

5K Race - 8:00 a.m.

Car Show Registration - 9:30 a.m.

Car Show - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bounce Houses & Petting Zoo 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Live Entertainment begins at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Works begin at Dusk

There will be food trucks, vendors, and a silent auction.

The 29th annual Lake Butler Rotary Club Independence Day Celebration is set for Sat., July 1, 2023 at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler.

The day will begin early, with a 5K run, the start of the fishing tournament and the car show. Vendors will be on hand, as will several food trucks. There will be activities for young people, live music and, at dusk, the annual fireworks display.

The day promises to be very hot, so people attending are encouraged to wear head coverings and cool clothing. Care should be taken to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen to prevent burning. Community members are encouraged to come out and enjoy the day celebrating our nation's independence.

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4th of July Tips for Pet Owners:

- Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the sound. Please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities, and opt instead to keep them safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area at home. Put your pet in the quietest room in the house, avoiding crowded events, unfamiliar locations or noisy fireworks displays that may cause them to panic.
- Use calming music, white noise machines, fans or even a pet TV video to help block out the sounds outside.
- Make sure your pet is wearing a collar and ID tags at all times, and that their microchip is registered with all current information.
- Exercise your dog early in the morning before the crowds and noise begin.
- Try indoor activities before the shows begin, such as an indoor obstacle course, hide-and-seek game or a short training session.
- Give your pup something to do during the firework shows, such as a long-lasting chew, special treat or interactive toy. Cats typically need quieter spots to hide in, such as under a bed.
- If possible, give it to your pup 5-10 minutes before fireworks begin — not just as soon as they start.
- Talk to your vet in advance about providing calming aids, such as compression shirts, CBD treatments, medications, pheromone diffusers and collars that could ease some of the stress of the noisy evening.
- Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them.
- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals or leave them in reach for pets.
- Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pets' reach. Keep citronella candles, insect coils and tiki torch oil products out of reach.
- Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give your pet severe indigestion and diarrhea. Never use fireworks around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals.

FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

1. Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
2. Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
3. Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
4. Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
5. Never hold lighted fireworks in your hands.
6. Never light them indoors.
7. Only use them away from people, houses and flammable material.
8. Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
9. Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
10. Never ignite devices in a container.
11. Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
12. Soak both spent and unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
13. Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.
14. Never use illegal fireworks.

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Obituaries

Gentry Cooksey

Gentry O'Neill Cooksey, 18, of Lynchburg, Virginia, passed away suddenly at his home on Saturday, June 24, 2023. He was born on June 30, 2004, to Scott and Jaime (Hinman) Cooksey in Gainesville. After he graduated from Liberty Christian Academy last year, he began his study at Liberty University in pursuit of a degree in psychology, with the intent to practice family counseling. He was a member of the Praise Team and Concert Choir and played several instruments in the jazz, commercial, and marching bands at LCA. He also participated in wrestling and theater while in high school, but was especially proud to be a member of LCA's Croquet Club during its inaugural year. He enjoyed playing music and working out. He had a huge heart for children and couldn't wait to be a dad one day.



He is survived by his parents; twin brother, Easton; sister, Alaina; paternal grandparents, Mark and Bonnie Cooksey; maternal grandparents, Michael and Connie Hinman; maternal great-grandmother Beatrice Creamer; four sets of uncles and aunts, Matthew (Heather) Griffith, J.J. (Alicia) Etheridge, Josh (Jessica) Henry, and Quintin (Brittany) Zuber; cousins, Dustin (Brooklyn), Lexie, Aeden, Lochlan, Kylie Rae, and Kamryn; and his girlfriend, Rachel Harvey.

Services will be held at his church, The Hope Company in Lynchburg, Virginia on Saturday, July 1, 2023. Visitation will be held at 1 p.m. with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. Those wishing to make memorial contributions, please consider The Hope Company, 742 Leesville Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502 and Liberty Christian Academy Band, 3701 Candler's Mountain Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Plants/flowers will be received by Heritage Funeral Services.

Heritage Funeral Service and Crematory, 427 Graves Mill Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502, 434-239-2405 is assisting the family. Memories and thoughts may be shared with the family at www.heritagefuneralandcremation.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Betty Davis

Betty Jean Davis, 90, a lifelong resident of Graham, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at her home surrounded by family. She was born on Sept. 23, 1932, in Graham, to the late Carl and Ida Jones. She was the beloved wife of the late Basil Davis, whom she was married to for 70 years. She retired from the state of Florida as a human-services worker following 30 years of employment. She was a Christian and enjoyed attending her church. She was very involved in her grandchildren's many activities as well as just spending time with each of them. In addition to her parents and husband, preceding her in death was a brother, Leslie Jones; sisters, Irma Langford and Wilma McKinney; and a son-in-law, Woody Mason.



She will be missed by her children, Jean (Jim) Kendrick and Kay Mason of Graham, and Harold (Ruth) Davis of Brookler; grandsons, Brian and Justin Kendrick, Eric and Ryan Mason, and Wayne and Jason Davis; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, June 27, at Jones Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke. Burial followed in Rock Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery of Brookler.

PAID OBITUARY

Charles Dobbs

Charles Burton Dobbs, 81, of Lawtey, died Sunday, June 18, 2023, at Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Sharon C. Dobbs; and son, Charles Daniel Dobbs.

He is survived by his daughter, Melinda (Bill) Gatlin of Lawtey; four sisters; two brothers; and numerous extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091.

Kenneth Garrison

Kenneth Wayne Garrison, 75, of Starke gained his heavenly wings on Monday, June 19, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Starke to parents Loys and Theresa Garrison on March 31, 1948. He graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville in 1966. He lived most of his life in Jacksonville and Keystone Heights. He was well known in the construction industry as one of the best construction superintendents. Construction ran deep in the Garrison family. He continued following in his daddy's footsteps, which paved the way to Kenny's successful career. He worked 28 years at The Haskell Company and was co-owner with his son of G & G Excavation and Construction for 10 years. There was nothing he couldn't build. He retired from the construction industry in 2010. He loved the water and boats. He was an avid boat racer back in the day and won a slew of races. He had the "ultimate" boat mechanic, his dad, known as "Pop," and everyone knew when Kenny came to race, he meant business. He loved water skiing, fishing and just being on the water. He had a gentle demeanor and loved his family to his core. He had a love of all animals, but dogs were his heart and soul. His dogs, Maggie and Maddie, were his true comfort and companions to the end. He lived out his retirement years in Starke, his home roots. Family heritage is where Kenny found peace. One June 19th, he saw the waving, checkered flag and won the final, ultimate race of his life into the arms of his Lord and Savior. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loys and Theresa Garrison.



He is survived by his loving wife, Tina Hammer Garrison; brother, Michael (Linda) Garrison; sons, Gregory (Carol) Garrison, Michael (Joanne) Chapman, Jason (Tiffany) Ivan; daughters, Tammy Garrison (Jerry) Smith, Brittney Ivan (Brandon); 12 grandchildren, Erica, Whitney, Brandon, Ciara, Zach, Skyler, Ciley, Cidney, Ethan, Gabriella, Amelia and Bonnie; and seven great-grandchildren, Kynleigh, Kamby, Kaleb, Emilia, David, James and Cooper.

This tribute was prepared by the family of Mr. Kenneth Garrison. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, June 23, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Haven Hospice of Gainesville.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Luke Lawhorne

Our Angel and Warrior. Luke Franklin Lawhorne, 3, of St. Augustine passed away on Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Cincinnati Children's Hospital with his loving family surrounding his bedside. He was born on Feb. 6, 2020, in Gainesville to Christopher and Courtney Lawhorne. He loved playing baseball and football around the house with his older brother, William. He also enjoyed dancing and playing hide and seek with his sister, Ellie. He was an inspiration to everyone he encountered. Despite his rough days, he could always brighten your day with a high-five and the love he radiated. He possessed a certain confidence and compassion that you don't normally see in a 3-year-old. He continuously displayed the character of a warrior as he fought multiple conditions and treatments that ultimately took his life.



He is survived by his parents, Christopher and Courtney Lawhorne; brother, William, sister, Ellie; great-grandparents, Michael and Sherry Ruzkowski; grandparents, David and Mary Anne Lawhorne; grandmother, Lisa Baker; and grandfather, Greg Callaway.

Luke will be remembered by his contagious smile, adorable laugh, huge heart, zealous high-fives, avid dance parties, and courageous attitude.

His memorial was held Thursday, May 25th in St. Augustine.

PAID OBITUARY

Norma Martin

Mrs. Norma Jean Martin, 88, of Starke passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in Starke. She was born March 19, 1935, in Florida to the late Henry and Margaret (Pashia) Morrison and graduated from Leesburg High School. After moving to Starke, she began her 44-year career with Community State Bank, starting out as a teller and retiring in the customer-service department. She was a longtime member of First Christian Church of Starke. She enjoyed collectible angels and making crafts of all types, especially southwest pottery. She also enjoyed making crafts for the media department at Starke Elementary School and loved taking time with her cactus garden.

She leaves behind a son, Doug (Eileen) Martin of Starke; a sister, Shirley (Donnie) Bagwell of Starke; and a brother, George (Crocket) Morrison of Leesburg; along with numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Also left behind is her favorite four-legged friend, Frazier.

The Martin family would like to acknowledge Joe Gallagher, Kelli Moreland, Laura Crews, Steve Futch and staff at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home; Riverwood Nursing Home employees and staff; along with Shands Hospital and Haven Hospice for the special care and extra help they had given the family during this time.



Funeral services will be held Friday, June 30, at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church of Starke. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Mary Miller

Mary Reagan Miller, 77, of Starke, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023. Memorial services will take place on Monday, July 3, at 1 p.m., at the Jones Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 Nona St., Starke, 32091.

Lynell Oliver

Mrs. Jeffy Lynell Dodd Oliver, 85, of Starke passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. She was born on March 24, 1938, in Lexington, Mississippi. She was a graduate of Bradford High School and a graduate of Santa Fe College nursing school. She worked for Alachua General Hospital for many years as a charge nurse, patient care coordinator and director of ER and flight services. She later transferred to the Starke hospital, where she served as their director of nursing. She and her late husband, Walter, then attended the Mayflower truck-driving school and traveled the US as they moved their family cross-country. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter B. Oliver III; her father, William J. Dodd Jr.; mother, Beatrice Dodd; and her brother, William O. (Billy) Dodd.



Survivors include daughters, Brenda (Victor) Griffis of Starke, Susan (James) Harris of Old Town, Kimberly (Michael) Jackson of Raiford; sister, Mary Priest of Jacksonville; brother, Robert (Annie) Dodd of Graham; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 27, at Madison Street Baptist Church with Pastor Chase Harris (grandson) officiating. A private burial will take place at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091.

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Hazel Rowe

Hazel Marie Rowe, 94, of Starke, passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at her home with her loving family by her side. She was born on March 7, 1929, in Fitzgerald, Georgia to the late John Smart and Mattie Hartley Smart. She was raised in Lawtey and Starke and has been a lifelong resident of Bradford County. Early in life, she worked on her family farm. In the late 1940s, she met her best friend, Trubie N. Rowe, and they were happily married on March 1, 1947. She was a devoted wife and loving mother to her four children. She enjoyed being a homemaker, tending to her family, cooking for everyone, and cleaning fish when Trubie brought them home. She was most passionate about her family and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband of 44 years, Trubie Rowe; her children, Roger Rowe, Freddie Rowe, and Margie Gunter; four brothers; five sisters; and her son-in-law, Luther L. Cadle.



She is survived by her children Linda Kay Cadle of Starke; grandchildren, Becky (Curtis), Marty (Susan), Marley (Sherry), James, Luther (Brandy), Diane (Steve), Brandon, Roger, Karen, Sharee, Johnny and Jason; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Brandon, Kaylee, Bryce, Krista, Bryson, Payton, Wesley, Justin, Emmett, Christopher, James, Courtney, Joshua and Elijah; great-great-grandchildren, Chase, Emerlyn, McKenzi, and Josiah; along with many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, June 30, at 3 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Pastor Kris Elkins officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior at the funeral home.

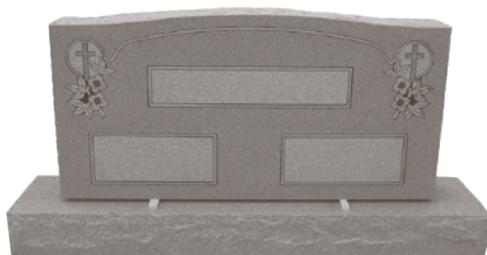
Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757. Visit www.ferreirafuneralservices.com to sign the family's guest book.

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Dimple Overstreet (far left) is installed as the governor for Altrusa International District Three. Joining her are fellow Starke club members Beverly Hardy (center) and Martha Epps. Hardy is the immediate past president at Altrusa's international level, while Epps recently ended her term as chair of the District Three board.

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by Georgia with three, North Carolina with six and South Carolina with two.

During her two-year term as district governor, Overstreet will visit all 23 clubs. She hit the ground running when she held her first board meeting on the Sunday following her installation. Her

next outing will be to attend the Altrusa International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. When she returns, from the convention, she will host a "Get Acquainted" meeting in July with her new board at the new Holiday Inn Express in Starke.

The 2023 Altrusa District Three Conference took place April 27-29 in Jacksonville. On the final day, Overstreet was installed as governor by two members from the Starke club: Hardy, and Martha Epps, who is now the past chair of the Altrusa District Three Foundation.

Also serving on the District Three board for this new term is Amanda Seyfang. Seyfang, who just finished serving a year as the Starke club's president, will serve as the District Three secretary for the next two years.

The Starke club had 20 members in all attend the conference ceremony. Overstreet said she "is ready to serve as the district governor for the next two years, and she hopes to shine her light and be a star in Altrusa members' day."

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of June 29, 2023

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY CASE NO.: 2022-CP-000015 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of FREDERICK R. PHILLIPS deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 4779 SE 109th Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Tina Phillips
Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that FIG 20, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 156
Year of Issuance: 2021
Parcel Number: 00832-0-00207
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0009
Description of Property: Legal Description: Lot 7 Deerfoot Trail A parcel of land situated in Fractional Section 3, Township 7-South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being Lot 7 of an unrecorded map of Deerfoot Trail as surveyed by Joseph G. Knapp, Registered Land Surveyor and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument at the Intersection of the Northerly right of way line of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad right of way, with the West line of said Section 3 and run N 00 deg 27 min 29 sec W, along the West line of said Section 3 a distance of 281.57 feet to the North right of way line of Edmonds Drive; thence run S 71 deg 18 min 56 sec E, along said North right of way line 555.68 feet to the point of curve; thence run Southeasterly along said Northerly right of way line with a curve concave Southwesterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 deg 11 min 31 sec, a radius of 437.05 feet and an arc length of 314.21 feet to the point of reverse curve; thence run Southeasterly along said North right of way line with a curve concave Northeasterly, said curve having a central angle of .41 deg 11 min 31 sec, a radius of 371.05 feet and an arc length of 266.76 feet to the point of tangency; thence run S 71 deg 18 min 56 sec E, along said Northerly right of way line 727.64 feet to the point of curve; thence run Easterly along said Northerly right of way line with a curve concave Northerly,

said curve having a central angle of 22 deg 40 min 00 sec, a radius of 1147.09 feet, an arc length of 453.80 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 82 deg 38 min 56 sec E, 450.84 feet; thence run N 86 deg 01 min 04 sec E, along said Northerly right of way line 94.36 feet to an iron pipe; thence run S 00 deg 13 min 40 sec W, along said Northerly right of way line 16.04 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 86 deg 01 min 04 sec E, along said Northerly right of way line, 963.92 feet to an iron pipe and the point of beginning; thence continue N 86 deg 01 min 04 sec E along said Northerly right of way line, 115.00 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N 03 deg 58 min 56 sec W, 195.13 to the waters of Lake Sampson; thence run S 82 deg 59 min 17 sec W, along said waters, 115.16 feet to a point bearing N 03 deg 58 min 56 sec W, from the point of beginning; thence run S 03 deg 53 min 56 sec E, 189.04 feet to the point of beginning

Also any lands lying between the above described Lot and the waters of Lake Sampson/ Together with all riparian and littoral rights thereunto appertaining. Name in Which Assessed: WILLIAM L. SUMMERLIN & YVONNE I. SUMMERLIN

Name on last tax roll, if different: YVONNE I. SUMMERLIN

All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 07/12/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.

DATED: May 31, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: JUNE 8, 2023; JUNE 15, 2023; JUNE 22, 2023, June 29, 2023
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 11
Year of Issuance: 2019
Parcel Number: 00084-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-008
Description of Property: That portion of the following described property which lies South of State Road No. 100:

A strip of land on the West Side of the East half of Southeast Quarter Eight Hundred Ten Feet wide at North end and Three Hundred Twenty Five feet wide at the South end, the Eastern boundary line of which strip of land runs from the half section line running East and West of said Section Two in a

Southwestern direction to the South boundary line of said section, all of said land lying and being in Section Two, Township Six South, Range Twenty East.

Name in Which Assessed: CREIGHTON STANLEY PADGETT AS LIFE ESTATE & SUSAN RAY
Name on last tax roll, if different: RAY SUSAN (DEC) ET AL

All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 08/02/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: LISA BRANNON, DATED: June 8, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: June 15, 2023, June 22, 2023, June 29, 2023, and July 6, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 04-2023-CP-00045

IN RE: Estate of DOYCE ALBERT GRIFFIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Doyce Albert Griffis, deceased,

whose date of death was March 25, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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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 June 22, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 22-000107-CP
Division

IN RE. ESTATE OF ALMA KELLEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Alma Kelley, deceased, whose date of death was April 23, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 22, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 04-2023-CA-000242
DIVISION: MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CONSTANCE M. ERDMAN A/K/A CONSTANCE MAY ERDMAN, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, CONSTANCE M. ERDMAN A/K/A CONSTANCE MAY ERDMAN, DECEASED

Last Known Address: UNKNOWN
Current Address: Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida: LOT FIVE (5) KNIGHT'S REPLAT, A RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF KNIGHT'S SUBDIVISION, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 1002 NORTH THOMPSON STREET STARKE FL 32091

has been filed against you and you are required to file written defenses with the clerk of court and to serve a copy within 30 days after the first publication of the Notice of Action, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Bradford County Telegraph. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 12 day of June, 2023.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: L. Brannen
Deputy Clerk
**See the Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.
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CONCURRENT NOTICE
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: June 29, 2023
Name of Responsible Entity: City of Hampton
Address: 5784 Navarre Avenue (P.O. Box 250), Hampton, Florida 32044
Phone: 352-468-1201

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Hampton, Florida.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about July 19, 2023 the City of Hampton, FL will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a public infrastructure improvements project within the City of Hampton.

The proposed activity includes the construction of a replacement potable water well to be located in the vicinity of the existing water plant that is located at 10106 Prospect Avenue, Hampton, Florida. Improvements will include drilling a replacement well, well casing replacement, pump replacement, electrical system replacement, emergency generator, piping replacement and related water well improvements. The project will also include grant administration, engineering design, construction administration, project observation, additional engineering, and preliminary engineering. As currently anticipated in the preliminary design, the proposed activities will affect 0.0 acres of the mapped 100-yr floodplain.

The anticipated funding sources for the proposed improvements include the following:
\$600,000 from the FFY 2021-2022 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Neighborhood Revitalization category.
\$25,000 from the City of Hampton, American Rescue Plan Funding

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The City of Hampton has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Hampton City Hall, 5784 Navarre Avenue, Hampton, Florida 32044, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm., and by appointment during

normal business hours.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Hampton at P.O. Box 250, Hampton, Florida 32044. Comments may also be submitted by email to coh1@outlook.com. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/Administrator at 352-468-1201. All comments must be received by July 18, 2023. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Hampton requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City of Hampton certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Dale Wiseman, in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hampton to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Hampton certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Hampton; (b) the City of Hampton has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the City of Hampton to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Dale Wiseman, Mayor, Environmental Certifying Official
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Legals for the week of June 29, 2023

BRADFORD

NOTICE - REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Bradford County School District is soliciting bids for the Custodial Services for Southside Elementary, 823 Stanbury St, Starke, FL and Bradford Elementary, 3856 SE 144th St, Starke, FL. The bids will be opened at 2:00 pm on July 6, 2023. No late bids will be accepted. If interested and would like a bid packet, please contact Tonya Hodges at Hodges.Tonya@mybradford.us.
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NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN
The City of Hampton proposes to adopt by ordinance a SCHEDULE FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN OF THE ADOPTED LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held at City Hall at 5784 Navarre Avenue, Hampton, Florida, at 7:00 p.m., on July 25, 2023.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-CA-0105
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF KATHLYN D. SANDERS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES LEE ALDRIDGE, SR. whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
JAMESIA JAMES A/K/A JAMESIA NICHOLS AKA JAMESIA ALDRIDGE whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 28, KNIGHTS REPLAT, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on De Cubas & Lewis, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is PO BOX 5026, CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33310 on or before a date at least thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the (Please publish in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in

order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of June, 2023.
DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Kanetra Jenkins,
As Deputy Clerk
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COMMISSION MEETING CANCELED
Due to the July 4th holiday the City of Starke Commission will not hold a meeting on July 4, 2023. There will be a special meeting on July 11, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 209 North Thompson Street in Starke in the Commission Room. Public participation is encouraged. There will not be a City of Starke Commission Meeting on July 18, 2023.
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NOTICE OF SALE
T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicle(s) on July 21st 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
Vin # 1FT8W4DT4KEC08014
2019 Ford
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on July 19, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on July 12, 2023 and end at 10AM on July 19, 2023. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.
KO Storage of Starke, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121
Time: 10:00AM CST
A16, Jones, Ashley, B42, Rogers, Reeva, C10, Kendricks, Miesha, B08, Blevins, Dwight, A36, Davis, Shakevia, A02, Aldridge, William, A60, Matthews, April, B35, Pickron, Monica, B26, Rewis, Lonnie, A48, Wallace, Marisa
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.
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TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; ALEECE CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, A/K/A LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; CHELSIE CURTIS, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, A/K/A LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; KHYRIN HOLMES, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, A/K/A LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; Last Known Address: Unknown
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COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT, AND RUN THENCE WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY, 100 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT, 435.6 FEET; RUN THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, 100 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE AFORESAID EAST BOUNDARY, 435.6 FEET TO P.O.B. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A 1995 FLEE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL # GFFLR39A01995VH, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED AND AFFIXED TO THE REAL PROPERTY. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 04954-0-00100
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4493 SE 101st ST, HAMPTON, FL 32044
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, within 30 days after the first publication on Jason M. Tarokh, Esq., Plaintiff's

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE #: 04-2023-CA-000114
ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC., Plaintiff
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER

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attorney, whose address is PO Box 10827, Tampa, FL 33679, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint or amended petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 23rd day of June, 2023.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Kanetra Jenkins
Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Mining Regulations workshop on July 6th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Commission meeting room, located in the North wing hallway of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Av., Starke, Florida. For all inquiries, please contact the County Manager's office at (904)-966-6327.
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FOR SALE
COMMUNITY STATE BANK WILL BE ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS ON A 2003 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM JUNE 28, 2023 THRU JULY 12, 2023. PLEASE CALL COMMUNITY STATE BANK @ (904) 964-7830 OR (904) 364-2867.
COMMUNITY STATE BANK HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS.
VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AS IS.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 07/21/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 06/29/2023.
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA A HEARING REGARDING THE BELOW RULES WILL BE HELD July 24, 2023 5:01 P.M. Bradford County School District Office 501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091
POLICY NUMBER: 5.034
POLICY TITLE: Athletic Participation by Transfer Students
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To follow the rules and regulations of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA), Florida Statutes, and this policy when making a determination on eligibility for a transfer student to participate in interscholastic athletics
SUMMARY: NEW: To comply with all rules and regulations of the FHSA.
POLICY NUMBER: 5.130*
POLICY TITLE: ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SCHOOL RELATED CRIMES
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: New language - Pursuant to 790.115(2) (a)3, Florida Statutes, students are prohibited from carrying a firearm or weapon in a vehicle on school property or at a school-sponsored event.
SUMMARY: REVISIONS: To Enforce Zero Tolerance and School Related Crimes and The Florida Statute Regarding Firearms.
POLICY NUMBER: 6.104
POLICY TITLE: PROBATIONARY STATUS FOR NONINSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: probationary period
SUMMARY: REVISIONS: Clarify Probationary Period of Noninstructional Personnel
POLICY NUMBER: 6.120*
POLICY TITLE: Year of Service Defined for Administrative and Instructional Personnel
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Clarification on revisions to the contractual period of service required for the position
SUMMARY: REVISIONS: Information on participation in state funding program, absence without leave and recruitment or retention and prior experience.
POLICY NUMBER: 6.520
POLICY TITLE: SUSPENSION AND DISMISSAL
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: New language - Pursuant to 790.115(2) (a)3, Florida Statutes Firearms on school property
SUMMARY: REVISIONS: Clarifications on firearms on employees, vehicles and school property.
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION: The School Board has determined that this policy will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the policy.
A statement of estimated regulatory costs ("SERC") has not been

prepared by the School Board.

The School Board has determined that the proposed policy is not expected to require legislative ratification based on no SERC being required at this time by F.S. 120.54 or F.S. 120.541. In the event a SERC becomes required, the School Board will promptly prepare one.
Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023-CA-51
ARTHUR WAYNE ROBERTS, PLAINTIFF,
vs.
GEORGE SPIRES, ZONA SPIRES, ETTYE ANDREWS, ANNIE CROFT ROBERTS, S. R. ROBERTS, D. R. ROBERTS, INA C. ROBERTS, 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 GEORGE SPIRES, ZONA SPIRES, ETTYE ANDREWS, ANNIE CROFT ROBERTS, S. R. ROBERTS, D. R. ROBERTS, INA C. ROBERTS, OR IN THE REAL PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF ACTION
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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.
Dated: June 9, 2023
Kellie H. Rhoades
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: C. Norman
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2023-CP-000015-CPAXMX Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ELIZABETH THOMAS, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Shirley Elizabeth Thomas, deceased, who died on March 11th, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the co-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

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The date of first publication of this notice is June 22, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Dan W. Armstrong
Dan W. Armstrong
Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives
Florida Bar No. 506613
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IN THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 63-2023-CA-0003
VANERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JASON L. SHADD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON L. SHADD; SHAY L. SHADD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAY L. SHADD; CAPITAL CITY BANK; and UNKNOWN TENANT Defendant.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated June 21, 2023 entered in Case No. 63-2023-CA-0003, of the Circuit Court in and for Union County, Florida, wherein JASON L. SHADD, SHAY L. SHADD, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAY L. SHADD, CHRIS FORSYTH, CAPITAL CITY BANK, and UNKNOWN TENANT are the Defendants, that Kellie Hendricks Rhoades, CPA, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in the lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 W. Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054 on SEPTEMBER 07, 2023, beginning at 11:00 A.M., on the prescribed date, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
TOGETHER WITH A 2004 FLEETWOOD MODEL 52X28 HOME BEARING SERIAL NO. S: GAF1335A88726CY21 AND GAF1335B88726CY21.
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Dated this June 27th, 2023.
As Clerk of Circuit Court
By: C. Norman
As Deputy Clerk
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been served this ___ day of _____, 2023
Attorney for Plaintiff
via email to: Leslie S. White, Esq., lwhite@deanmead.com
Attorney for Defendant, Capital City Bank,
via email to: J. Marshall Conrad, Esq., mconrad@ausley.com; csullivan@ausley.com
Defendants
via U.S. Mail to: Jason L. Shadd, 13609 NE 235th Place, Raiford, FL 32083; Shay L. Shadd, 11309 SW 167th Circle, Booker, FL 32622; Unknown Spouse of Shay L. Shadd, n.k.a. Chris Forsyth, 11309 SW 167th Circle, Booker, FL 32622; Unknown Tenant n.k.a. Amanda Hardenbrook, 13609 NE 235th Place, Raiford, FL 32083.
Exhibit "A"
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loss to James Madison. Liberty bounced back to defeat Eastern Kentucky 5-1 to keep its season alive, but Channell struck out in both of her at-bats in that game.

The Flames' next opponent was regional host Tennessee. When she saw that she was still in the lineup, Channell said she asked Head Coach Dot Richardson why. Richardson told her about a teammate she had on the Olympic team she played on who struggled at the plate unless it was a big game. Then, she always came through.

Richardson had a similar feeling about Channell. Channell said her coach told her, "I don't know what it is, but something's just on my heart, and I think it's the Holy Spirit saying you're going to do something great this game."

Something great didn't happen right away as Channell struck out in her first at-bat against the Vols. The second time she stepped to the plate, Liberty had the bases loaded with two outs in the fourth inning. Channell said the count was 2-2 when she told herself, "I'm just going to react to this pitch. I don't matter what happens. I'm just going to react and trust it."

She drove that pitch over the fence in left for the first-ever grand slam in Liberty's postseason history.

"It gives me chills all the time," Channell said of thinking about the play. "I would definitely say that in my career, that's one of the best feelings I've ever had."

It's not so much the hit that sticks with her, but the story of her

coach feeling that the Holy Spirit was telling her that Channell was going to experience success in that game.

"I just think that's awesome," Channell said.

Liberty went on to beat Tennessee 6-4 before being eliminated in an 8-5 loss to James Madison.

For the season, Channell batted .256 with 40 hits, 27 runs scored and 29 RBI. She hit four home runs and three doubles, playing in all but one of Liberty's 59 games. She had 57 starts.

Channell was named to the ASUN All-Freshman Team and earned second-team ASUN All-Conference honors.

During that season, Channell also got to play against sister Rylin Hedgecock, who was playing for Arkansas.

"We beat them, so that was awesome," Channell said.

It added up to a pretty good freshman season, but it wasn't enough to keep Channell at Liberty.

Joining UNF

She made some lifelong memories at Liberty and was part of a "great group of girls," but Channell said she just wasn't happy there. So she entered the transfer portal and played in the Florida Gulf Coast League in the summer of 2021. Channell said the summer league was great in that it allowed her to be seen by college coaches.

Channell visited UNF and discovered an environment that felt like home and offered more to do than just play softball.

"I toured UNF, and I just loved it," she said. "It offers maybe not as big of a program (as Liberty),



Savannah Channell takes a swing during an at-bat for the Ospreys. She's working hard to have the highest batting average of her career entering her final season at UNF. Photo provided courtesy of UNF Athletics.

but there's a lot of social life there. I've really enjoyed that."

The life of a student-athlete is still "hectic and crazy" at UNF, where you balance your time between athletics and academics. Channell said the only thing that's different for her now is that since she's an older player with a high enough grade-point average, she has no study hall requirement.

"I have the same amount of classes and the practice routine," she said.

In her first season UNF, Channell played in all but two of the Ospreys' 59 games, with 55 starts. She batted .252 with 27 runs and 23 RBI. Channell

was tied for second on the team in doubles with 10. She also hit three homers and drew a team-high 34 walks, which helped her finish with a team-high on-base percentage of .412.

The Ospreys played for the ASUN championship — just the second championship game in program history. The opponent was Liberty, which, of course, made for another memorable moment.

"You can't really describe that feeling," said Channell, whose team lost 9-0. "It's like excitement and nerves and 'I'm going to throw up' all in one setting." She added, "It felt like a lot of pressure, but I loved being

able to do that and just be a part of something like that."

Some other 2022 highlights included driving in three runs in two games, one of which was a 12-0 win over Georgia Southern in which Channell hit a two-run homer.

She had four games in which had over two RBI. In one (an 11-2 win over Jacksonville), Channell went 3 for 3 with a two-run homer and double. In another (a 5-4 loss to Jacksonville State), she went 3 for 4 with a two-run homer and a double.

Channell also got the chance to play against sister Tori Hedgecock and her Mercer team.

This past season, Channell played in 47 of the team's 53 games, with 46 starts. She batted .200 with 15 runs and 10 RBI. Channell had five doubles and one homer and was second on the team in walks with 23.

One of her highlight games was in a 7-7 tie against North Alabama in which she went 3 for 4 with a double and three RBI. Another game of note was an 8-0 win over FAU in which she went 2 for 4 with two RBI.

Goals

Though she's found happiness regardless of her on-the-field performance, Channell is striving to boosting her performance in 2024. She said she wants to become the player her teammates know will come through in clutch situations.

"I would say this summer I've hit the gym more than ever. I'm really trying to get way stronger just because that's going to aid me when it comes to my hitting," Channell said, adding,

"I'm hitting more and more than I ever have. My end goal is I want to have one of the highest batting averages of my career. Obviously, it's my last year. I want to sell out."

She also wants to become more of a leader and be someone her teammates can approach for any reason and feel comfortable talking to.

"I just want to be the best teammate I can for everybody this year," Channell said.

Channell graduates in August with her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration and Interdisciplinary Studies. She's participating in an internship with Beyond 90, a Jacksonville nonprofit that provides support services, skills-building classes and housing for refugees.

"I just want to be able to help people," Channell said. "Maybe not hands-on, but if I can be behind the scenes and at least know that I'm helping somebody, that's what I want to do."

In the future, she eyes working in medical sales or healthcare administration. First, though, she plans to work on earning a master's degree.

Something Channell would also be interested in doing is coaching. She's getting the chance to run some camps at UNF this summer and hopes to be a graduate-assistant coach at UNF.

Channell said the game's given her a lot, so she'd like to in turn give back to others.

"I don't doubt for a second that that's something I'd want to do in the future," she said of coaching. "Just being able to share my knowledge is the biggest thing for me. I feel like it's a waste if I don't."

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"class program."

The number-one goal for the Tornadoes is to make other teams beat them. Staples said that comes from playing solid defense and minimizing errors and having pitchers throw strikes.

"That's all you can do," Staples said. "If you get beat, you get beat. That happens in baseball, but let's minimize giving games away."

One member of Staples' staff who knows him well is Johnny Elask, a Starke native who played for Staples at Baker County. Elask was a part of the Wildcats' 25- and 20-win seasons his junior and senior seasons, with Baker advancing to the regional semifinals in 2009 and the regional finals in 2010.

"He understands what the expectations are," Staples said of Elask, who was named Baker County's MVP his senior season. "That's important to me. Knowing the expectations and having loyalty out of the coaching staff is what I'm looking for."

Staples said he'd like to have the involvement of two people who are no strangers to BHS baseball, including former

longtime head coach Mike Hartley. Staples remembers how tough an opponent Bradford was at that time.

"When I first got to Baker, Mike Hartley was the coach here," Staples said. "That's when (Bradford had) (Josh) Nicols and (Will) Hartley and (Michael) Blankenship and those guys. We

had some wars with those guys.

"I want to get back to having wars with these other teams. I wouldn't have taken the job if I didn't feel like we could go in that direction."

The new coach would also like to see Jeremiah Johnson — another longtime Bradford coach — become involved in some

capacity.

"I've always thought a lot of Coach Johnson," Staples said. "He's a fixture in the baseball program around here."

Staples has been involved in nothing but success since he arrived at Bradford. Aside from the flag football team's accomplishments, he was part

of a boys football program that went 12-2 and advanced to the state semifinals.

Now, he wants to do his part to help the baseball team reach those same heights.

"These kids in Bradford are winners," Staples said. "We've just got to get the right pieces in

place and understand the process and what we've got to do to get to where we want to go."



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\$3.49 Lb. SAVE UP TO 50c Lb.

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Ground Beef

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3 Day Sale!
June 30th - July 2nd

Ground Beef Patties

Family Pack **\$3.49** Lb.

Chicken Wings

Family Pack **\$1.59** Lb.

Boneless Pork Loin Roast

\$1.99 Lb.

2 Pack Boston Butts

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Coca-Colas

12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans **\$6.99**

Coca-Colas

8 Pk. 12 oz. Btts. **\$3.99**

8 Count • Wonder Hamburger or Hot Dog Buns 2/56 or 8 Count
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Fresh Quality Meats

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Fresh Lean N' Tender
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USDA Select Angus Beef
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Party Wings

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USDA Select Angus Beef • Boneless
Bottom Round Roast

\$6.99 Ea.

16 oz. Hardwood Smoked Oscar Mayer
Sliced Bacon

\$2.99 Ea.

10 oz. • Carolina Pride 4 x 6 • All Item Varieties
Lunch Meats

99c Ea.

16 oz. • Sunnyland
Jumbo Meat Franks

\$4.99 Ea.

16 oz. • Sheboygan Assorted Varieties
Italian Sausage or Brats

\$4.29 Ea.

20 oz. • Main Street Bistro
Scalloped, Au Gratin Potatoes or Mac & Cheese

\$20.99

See Best 3 Lb. Bag 21/30 Oz. EZ PEEL SHRIMP \$21.99 or \$16.00 Oz.
Cooked Shrimp

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