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Wainwright first inductee into corrections hall of fame

Lawtey native led agency for 25 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — The Florida Department of Corrections has inducted Louie L. Wainwright into its newly formed corrections hall of fame.

In a news release, the agency said it created the hall of fame to honor and recognize former employees, who impacted the agency in lasting and positive ways.

“FDC has a rich history, full of heroes and pioneers who deserve our admiration, recognition and most importantly our remembrance,” said Secretary Ricky Dixon. “Creating the FDC Hall of Fame allows us to formally recognize these men and women whose legacy will forever impact our agency. I believe we are



Wainwright in 1973

the generation to capture our history, to not only grow and learn, but honor our member’s service and dedication.”

Career milestones

The department said that as the nation’s longest serving corrections secretary, Wainwright was a pioneer in the field.

“In Florida, he established inmate education and job training and was a driving force for transparency,” the department said. “His soft-spoken demeanor, quiet confidence and behind-the-scenes leadership style drove the shift in corrections philosophy.”

Some of Wainwright’s professional accomplishments include:

— 1976; received the American Correctional Association’s highest tribute, the E.R. Cass award for outstanding service.

— 1976; presented the Florida Sheriff’s Association Distinguished Service Award for “Contributing to the advancement of better law enforcement.”

— 1984; Under Secretary Wainwright’s leadership Florida became the first correctional agency in the nation to be fully accredited.

— 1986; Accreditation Achievement Award from the Commission of Accreditation for Corrections for his efforts in support of accreditation in Florida and nationwide.

— 2001; Appointed to Corrections Foundation Board (re-appointed as President for consecutive terms).

— 2021; Following his passing, Corrections Foundation creates the Louie L. Wainwright Scholarship for FDC staff who are enrolled in college and seeking a certification or degree in the criminal justice or corrections-related field.

— 2022; First FDC scholarship recipient, Clarissa Davis (Hardee CI, Classification Officer and Chaplain) is selected and awarded funds to continue her education in both Criminal Justice and Biblical Studies.

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State suspends preschool license after investigation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Florida’s Department of Children and Families suspended the license of Bradford Preschool and Learning Center Inc. Friday evening.

The suspension comes after a parent complained earlier this month of a child allegedly mistreated at the Washington Street facility.

Makala Proctor told a Gainesville television station that daycare worker Regina Mann pushed her son down to the ground three times, then restrained the two-year-old.

Starke police said DCF’s investigation revealed administrative code violations observed through video footage obtained from the daycare in August.

One facility employee was arrested in 2015 for child abuse and culpable negligence resulting in injury, but charges were dropped after she fulfilled a pretrial intervention agreement.



The Bradford Preschool and Learning Center Inc. playground was empty after the state suspended the facility’s license.

According to an arrest report, a witness told Starke police that Robyn Bryant grabbed a 4-year-old by the throat and picked him up, then dropped

the child by a door and kicked him out into the playground.

Arresting officer Mark Lowery wrote in the 2015 report that the

victim told him: “Miss Robyn choked me and kicked me out.”

Celebrate independence at the Starke Splash Bash

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Starke has something completely new in store for the celebration of our nation’s independence, and it promises to keep you cool and make your heart soar.

The inaugural Starke Splash Bash will take place Sunday, July 3, sponsored by the city, Bradford County School District and Funtastic Fire Brigade, which is helping organize the event.

While annual community events for the Fourth surround the city, infrequent events in Starke have mostly been one-offs.

City Manager Drew Mullins saw a hole that needed to be filled, and thanked city commissioners for supporting his small vision and the volunteers — including Michael Heeder of Funtastic Fire Brigade — who helped turn it into the Splash

Bash set for Sunday, July 3.

“People are hungry for things to do in Starke and Bradford County. We’re excited to partner with these organizations to make this happen for our residents, and we hope the community will join us for the celebration,” Mullins said.

The day will include food, entertainment, an opportunity to get wet and then celebrate Independence Day with patriotic performances and

fireworks. It all happens at Bradford High School.

First off is the parade of golf carts,



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WORTH NOTING

Senior Food Program

Fellowship Baptist Church off S.R. 121 in Raiford has a new food program for seniors 60 and above beginning in July and taking place on the second Saturday of each month. Stop by the church to fill out a form, or get a copy by emailing Fbcchildrendirector@gmail.com

Fellowship Food Pantry

Fellowship Baptist Church off S.R. 121 in Raiford opens its food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m.

Collection site closings

Bradford County solid waste collection sites will close for the holiday on Monday, July 4, and reopen at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5.

Melrose Art Walk

Mossman Hall’s featured artists for the July 1 Art Walk are Jerry and Amy Stringham. There will be live music and vendors outside, with a chainsaw sculpting demonstration at 7 p.m.

The Artist’s Attic Treasures upstairs has been expanded and features a Christmas in July room, plus other preowned artsy and vintage collectibles.

On the first Friday of every month, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Melrose Art Walk encourages patrons to visit exhibits at each of the town’s galleries. The Art Walk is sponsored by the Melrose All Arts Council.

Film and poetry nights

Melrose’s Mossman Hall is hosting summer family movie nights on Saturdays July 16 and Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. Come see Indiana Jones in July and Back to the Future in August. The movies and popcorn are free.

An open mic poetry night will take place Saturday, July 9, at 5 p.m. hosted by Nicole Goff. The theme is Poetry for Freedom. Refreshments available.

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beginning at 4 p.m. Participants will gather at First Christian Church on West Call Street before the start time. Carts will head east on Jefferson Street, north at Bay, west at Center,

north at Broadway, west at Adkins and then parade around the track at Bradford High School until around 5 p.m., when the festivities are scheduled to begin. The water park area, including water slides and a kiddie pool, will be open for play until around 7:40 p.m.

Cornhole registration begins at the track at 5 p.m., and the games begin at 5:30 p.m. The vehicle cruise-in will take place outside of the stadium, with parking on Washington Street. Starke Police Department will also have multiple K9 demonstrations every 15 minutes, beginning at 5:15 through 7:15 p.m. Hungry? Food trucks will be selling a variety of good food throughout the evening. When the water park closes, the evening festivities begin with the introduction and recognition of the American Legion, followed by several performances from Byron Bagwell, Jaelyn Jackson and Lee Ann Purvis. Around 8:45 p.m., there will be a ceremony presenting the flags of the U.S. armed forces with musical themes. These will include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. All active military members and veterans present will be recognized, followed by patriotic performances from the event's talented singers. Following the national anthem, fireworks will begin around 9 p.m., and the event will conclude at 9:30. There are multiple parking areas to meet the needs of those attending. The city is requesting everyone to respect the private residential area and not park on or block private property. The primary parking area is at Bradford Middle School on Orange Street. Overflow parking areas include North Florida Technical College and the Bradford School District (former Starke Elementary) parking lots, with the exception of the parking lot directly across from the high school, which is reserved for handicapped parking. Other parking areas include the Bradford County Public Library on Pratt Street and the courthouse.



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Meet the Candidates

Heeder running for Starke City Commission

The following is a paid announcement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. The deadline for all submissions has passed. To advertise, please call 904-964-6305 or email johnryan@bctelegraph.com.

Hello to you. My name is Michael Heeder, and I am running for the Starke City Commission to represent District 1 and serve the city.

As a little bit of background, I am a small business owner in Starke and currently serve as your 911 Coordinator in Bradford County. I also work in the Emergency Management Division of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. In times of major emergencies and disasters, I work with a great team that provides support to public safety and serves the community.

I have over 38 years of public safety experience, having retired from Gainesville Fire Rescue as a fire captain and paramedic, and most recently with Bradford County as a volunteer firefighter, finally hanging up the old fire



Michael Heeder

helmet for good last year.

My business is the Funtastic Fire Brigade, a firefighter-themed entertainment service that covers all ages for special events and programs, with a special focus on teaching fire safety to children to help keep families safe.

I bring a proactive mindset to the commission, coming up with ways to save our taxpayer money, expand our community development and build up our infrastructure to make Starke a place we can be proud of. I have created community events and programs, like our Splash

Bash event, the Touch A Truck program, and other creative outlets to support and enhance economic development and tourism. These programs will bring in revenue that will help our city grow.

In 1962, President John Kennedy, speaking at Rice University about going to the moon, said that we strive to accomplish tasks and goals "not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills." Running for an elected office is a lot like space travel, because it should bring out our best to serve our citizens.

Nobody should run for office thinking it's some cakewalk assignment. It's not. You are elected to do a job - a very important job. People vote because they want a say in how their city is managed. That vote is their voice. They want to be heard. And we need to listen.

As your City Commissioner, I am listening. The city of Starke's Election Day is August 23, the same day as the August Primary, and I very much appreciate your vote for Starke City Commission District 1.

This announcement was paid by Michael Heeder for City Commission.

Riddick running for Bradford County Commission

The following is a paid announcement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. The deadline for all submissions has passed. To advertise, please call 904-964-6305 or email johnryan@bctelegraph.com.

Hi, I am Danny Riddick, current Bradford County Commissioner District 4. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your commissioner for the past 11 1/2 years.

There have been a lot of changes in the past 11 1/2 years. My son, Clayton married to Kirstin. They have four children. My daughter, Kelly married to John. They have 4 children. God started putting all this together 43 years ago when I met my wife of 39 years Sheryl Thompson at the Hampton Lake boat ramp. We have been living on Hampton Lake for the past 39 years. God has truly blessed my family.

I hope as you drive around Bradford County you can see some of the improvements made over the years. From the Ten Commandments monument at the courthouse, boat ramps improved, sidewalks installed on CR 18, 21 and 21B, repaved SE CR 221, fixed drainage problem



Danny Riddick

in front of Hampton City Hall, repaired railroad crossings on CR 18 and CR 221 in Hampton, repaved CR 325, roads milled, three small roads chip sealed, completed Rails to Trails from SR 100 around landfill to Immokalee Road.

More recently, we just finished paving SE 49th and we are working on paving the south side of SE 49th to straighten out U curve and working on Rails to Trails from SR 100 to Hampton. Repaving SW CR 227 from HWY 301 to CR 18.

Working on getting Speedville Fire Station up and running full time. We have started running calls during the day. We just need living quarters in order to have the station staffed 24/7. We are

working on trying to find a new location to move the garbage facility from SR 100 and CR 21B for safety reasons. I am still fighting hard with help for a red light at CR 21B and SR 100.

Starting soon the county will be paving roads with our new paving machine using gas tax money. This will be a big improvement on problem roads that milling and fog seal are not holding up on. We are working on infrastructure to bring in smart growth like the beautiful RV Park that has helped many businesses in Bradford County, Keystone Heights and our tax base. These are just a few of the projects completed or currently being done.

If reelected, my promise to you is to always pray about every decision and put God first. My strength still comes from Philipians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." There is a lot more work to be done. I am willing and ready to continue to work hard for you if reelected. I cannot fix every problem, but if you call me I will always call you back and try my best to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to run for reelection for County Commissioner District 4. Your support and prayers are appreciated. If you would like a yard sign or have questions, I can be reached at 352-318-4950.

Thank you and may God bless.

This announcement was paid by Danny Riddick, Republican, for County Commissioner.

Thompson running for Bradford County Commission

The following is a paid announcement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. The deadline for all submissions has passed. To advertise, please call 904-964-6305 or email johnryan@bctelegraph.com.

To the citizens of Bradford County District 2, my name is Kenneth (Kenny) Ray Thompson and I am seeking reelection for Bradford County Commissioner in District 2. I was born and raised in Bradford County; my father is the late Kenneth (Buddy) Thompson and my mother is Ms. Helen Thompson of Starke.

I have been married 43 years to my high school sweetheart, Nora Starling Thompson, and we have raised two sons Allen Thompson (Vanessa) and Kevin Thompson (Elizabeth) both of Lawtey and have four grandsons. I am a member and attend Christ Church of Starke (formerly known as Laura Baptist Church).

I graduated from Bradford High School in 1978 and began my working career at Gilman



Kenny Thompson

Paper Company where I retired after 20 years to start Thompson's Garage, which I have owned and operated for 24 years.

I believe my experience in serving the public, building and managing a successful family-owned business though some of the toughest economic times more than qualifies me for this position.

I am running for reelection as your county commissioner to continue to make our county government more efficient. Over the last eight years we have created a fantastic management team and we deliver services to our citizens more efficiently than ever before.

I would like the opportunity to return as your commissioner to work with this team of goal oriented, technically competent professionals. And to continue to make you, the taxpayers, the financial winners in Bradford County.

I have experience and training that no other candidate offers. I look forward to using my skills developed over decades of management, to work with our county staff to deliver services to the taxpayer at the lowest possible cost, making Bradford County taxpayers the financial winners!

The county infrastructure is coming along well. I have worked with our many departments to create a very diverse and competent workforce. Worked with the elected and appointed leaders to create the much-needed public safety radio network for emergency response that we upgraded, and has full functionality across the county.

While serving as your commissioner, we have paved and resurfaced approximately 22 miles of county roads. I have made it a priority to work with federal (USDA) agencies, our local water management district and many other local leaders to mitigate flooding issues that have created many disasters in the past.

I take every opportunity I

can to improve public safety. The County Fire & Rescue are smoothly and accurately run by Chief Ben Carter. Our public safety staff and our first responders throughout the county give heroically every day, and are very highly rated and respected statewide.

The county recreation facilities improve each year, by design, as well as upgrading bathroom facilities and play areas.

I am a reliable, efficient worker that will work hard for the citizens of District 2 and work alongside my fellow

commissioners as a team for the betterment of our County. The people of Bradford County have been wonderful to me, my family and my business, and it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your County Commissioner, District 2 for the past eight years.

I feel the accomplishments have been positive in the last eight years, with many things still in the process to be accomplished, and I am still excited to build this county up in every way. With your help and your support, we will continue to move forward in trying to better

our county. I would be honored to continue to serve as your County Commissioner for District 2.

I respectfully ask for your vote in the August 23 primary, and it only happens if you turn out to vote!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 904-782-3232.

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Thank you, Kenny

This announcement was paid by Kenny Thompson, Republican, for County Commissioner.

Hudson running for Bradford County Commission

The following is a paid announcement of intent to seek public office submitted by the candidate. The deadline for all submissions has passed. To advertise, please call 904-964-6305 or email johnryan@bctelegraph.com.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Christiann Hudson, and I am announcing my candidacy for Bradford County Commissioner District 4 as a Republican.

As a longtime resident of Bradford County, it has been my privilege to support the efforts of its citizens in many ways. As a Bradford High alumnus, I have strong ties to the community, this is my home. My husband and I are raising our family here; we have relatives all throughout the county and have worked, played and worshiped here most of our lives.

I began working for the county in 2006 as a clerk and administrative aid, moving through many aspects of the county administration until I was selected for the position as code enforcement officer and



Christiann Hudson

addressing/mapping specialist for the Bradford County Sheriff's Office.

In 2021, the needs of my family made it a difficult but necessary decision for me to pass my role at the sheriff's office to someone else so that I could guide and nurture my children during their developing years.

As my family has grown, the time to reflect on the current state of affairs has made me aware that another family is in need of my guidance. That family is composed of the citizens of Bradford County, and it is every bit as important to me as the husband I love and the children we are raising. As commissioner

for District 4, I will devote my efforts to finding financial stability and help develop solid budgets that will aid in the economic growth for the family that we want to grow and nurture.

The most important part of that commitment is the one of communication. Without a voice, changes can't be expressed. Without real contact nothing can be improved. Of course I have ideas on what needs to be worked on, but I also need to hear your ideas and concerns.

This is about my working for you, to get this family on the path of economic growth, healthy development, and the pursuit of happiness.

Please consider me as your representative for District 4.

This announcement was paid by Christiann Hudson, Republican, for County Commissioner.

Come Together Day

The Lawtey-Peetsville Community Come Together Day on Saturday, July 30, will be a fun day of activities for the entire family. There will be games, music, vendors, a car show, food trucks and free food for children.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lawtey Recreational Department on Middleburg Road.

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Lake Region



Florida Cracker Kitchen is closed while its owners rebrand the business.

Florida Cracker Kitchen rebranding

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A popular Lake Region restaurant is closed while its owners rebrand the business.

Florida Cracker Kitchen at the intersection of State Road 100 and County Road 21B opened in June of 2018 after taking over the location from Tom's High on the Hog Barbecue.

Brothers Blair and Ethan Hensley in Brooksville started Florida Cracker Kitchen, which specializes in Florida country-style cooking.

Jacksonville-based Heartfelt Hospitality Group has been operating the Keystone Heights-area restaurant in Bradford County under a licensing agreement with the Brooksville-based company.

The licensing agreement allowed Heartfelt to use the Brooksville restaurant's brand, menu and merchandise.

Heartfelt has also been operating two eateries in Jacksonville under the Florida Cracker Kitchen name.

The two companies have terminated the licensing

agreement, and the Keystone Heights restaurant will be rebranded as "Orange Blossoms Breakfast and Lunch."

Travis Norman, the owner of Heartfelt Hospitality, said staffing shortages caused his company's split with Florida Cracker Kitchen.

"From a staffing perspective, we had to readjust the menu, and they didn't want us to go away from their concept," Norman told the Jacksonville Daily Record. "We can't hire enough people to facilitate their concept."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Lawtey — CDBG 2nd Public Hearing

The City of Lawtey plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$600,000 in the Neighborhood Revitalization category through the combined FFY 2020 and FFY 2021 application cycle. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low- and moderate-income persons are as follows:

Activity Name	CDBG Funding	LMI Benefit
Administration	\$ 48,000.00	N/A
Engineering	\$ 78,800.00	N/A
Waterline Replacement	\$ 473,200.00	51%

The City's application contains two (2) activities within nine (9) service areas designed to serve all water customers of the City of Lawtey.

Service Area 1 (Addressed Needs)

The City will install 303 water meters as part of an advance metering infrastructure to include meter network, billing software, and meter system associated supporting infrastructure necessary to operate a functional automated system. Work will be completed within existing easements adjacent to all residential households served by the City's water distribution system. The estimated cost of construction is \$473,200.

Service Area 2 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will replace an additional 60 water meters for exist water customers located outside of the City limits. The estimated cost of construction is \$57,900.

Service Area 3 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 700 LF of first time paving with open drainage along 4th Street N from Lake Street to Middleburg Rd. The estimated cost of construction is \$70,000.

Service Area 5 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 700 LF of first time paving with open drainage along 3rd Street N from Lake Street to Middleburg Rd. The estimated cost of construction is \$70,000.

Service Area 6 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 700 LF of first time paving with open drainage along 2nd Street N from Lake Street to Middleburg Rd. The estimated cost of construction is \$70,000.

Service Area 7 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 730 LF of first time paving with open drainage along Jones Lane. The estimated cost of construction is \$73,000.

Service Area 8 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 1032 LF of first time paving with open drainage along 5th Street N from Brown Rd to Lake Street and continuing from Lake Street to Middleburg Rd. The estimated cost of construction is \$103,200.

Service Area 9 (Unaddressed Needs)

If funds are available after completing the primary project, the City will install 800 LF of first time paving with open drainage from Lynwood Ave and Brown Road along Brown Lane/Road. The estimated cost of construction is \$80,000.

The City of Lawtey does not expect that anyone will be displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, the City of Lawtey will assist them as described in the City's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at City Hall.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at City Hall, 2793 Lake Street, Lawtey, FL 32058, on July 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. A draft copy of the application will be available for review during normal business hours at City Hall by noon on June 30, 2022. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to Lisa Harley, City Clerk, 2793 Lake Street, Lawtey, FL 32058 or by phone at (904) 782-3454 no later than noon July 8, 2022.

A copy of the final application will be available for review in the Clerk's Office at City Hall no later than July 18, 2022. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before July 21, 2022. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Lisa Harley by phone at (904) 782-3454.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing by contacting Lisa Harley at (904) 782-3454. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice). Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Lisa Harley at (904) 782-3454 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

Our Country Day Parade theme: 'One Nation'

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The 54th Our Country Day Parade theme is "One Nation."

The parade will start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 2.

Other Our Country Day

events, also on July 2, are:

— 5K Freedom Run 8 a.m.

— Arts and crafts vendors' opening 9 a.m.

— Annual Baby Crawl 9 a.m.

— Watermelon-eating contest

1 p.m.

— Live music at Keystone Beach beginning at 5 p.m.

— Fireworks display 9:30 p.m.



Riding mowers for Lake Area Small Engine are (r-l) Christopher Brown, Miles Hudson and Owen Hudnall.

Rothwell is Our Country Day Parade Grand Marshal

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The director of the Clay County Agricultural Fair Scholarship Pageant will be the grand marshal for the 54th annual Our Country Day Parade on July 2.

Diana Rothwell partnered with the Clay County Fair Association to relaunch the pageant and has been the event's director since 2015.

Rothwell said the fair had a pageant in the 1990s, but the event had gone dormant for several years.

In 2014, she approached then fair manager Pete Sutton about restarting the event.

"I just knew that Clay County did not have a pageant attached to the fair," she said, "and I knew almost every other fair does because I had judged some of them."

Rothwell added that the pageants' primary benefits are developing young women's skills and giving them access to scholarships.

"I thought it was a great opportunity for Clay County because it's a huge county, and our young ladies were missing out on scholarship money."

Rothwell also previously co-directed the Miss Keystone Heights High School Scholarship Pageant.

She said that some of the fair pageant's most significant milestones have occurred recently, with Villages Media singling out the event in a documentary it produced about the state's 67 counties.

And this year, the largest



Diana Rothwell

magazine in the pageant world: Pageantry Magazine, recognized and awarded the pageant with two Pageantry Magazine Spirit Awards. The magazine's upcoming summer/fall issue will feature interviews and photos of the fair queens and spirit winners. "That's pretty exciting," Rothwell said of the awards.

She added, however, that the scholarship money the pageant has provided overshadows the external recognition.

"Our Miss Queen, she has \$1,500," she said. "Our Teen Miss gets \$750, and the two younger girls get \$150 a piece."

Rothwell added that this year the pageant added two prizes in each of its four divisions: an interview prize and a community service award, each with a \$100

scholarship.

Rothwell previously served for 20 years in Clay Electric's Holiday Helpers program. The program has sponsored several food drives throughout the co-op's service area, and much of the food was donated to the Clay County Food Bank.

In the past, she has combined two of her projects, taking some of the fair's pageant queens on a food bank tour to show them its importance and giving them invaluable, hands-on experience of making a lasting impact.

Rothwell said she was first inspired to serve the community by watching her father share his garden with those less fortunate.

She added that she developed her work ethic and the value of teamwork while laboring with her three siblings doing household chores.

Clay Electric has employed Rothwell for 25 years, where she is currently a junior accountant.

In addition to her other community service efforts, she leads a women's Bible study group at Keystone's Immanuel Anglican Church. She serves as vice president on the church's board and teaches children's church.

She and her husband, Roger, have been married for 36 years. They have two children: a daughter, Rachel, who is married to Bo Bright, and a son, Michael. They also have three grandchildren.

In addition to Rothwell riding in the grand marshal's car, all four Clay County Fair queens will be riding in the Our Country Day Parade.

KH council approves Country Meadows

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — By a 3-2 vote, the city council approved the planned unit development for a 52-lot neighborhood called Country Meadows by its developer.

The city's planning and zoning committee earlier approved a 55-lot neighborhood. The developer reduced his proposal by three lots to make room for a recreational area.

Council members Bobby Brown and Chris Thompson voted against the plan for the development at the intersection of Sunrise Boulevard and Paradise Point Drive.

Council Member Tony Brown said that the 14-acre parcel is one of the few in the city large enough for a new neighborhood and that if the council wants the city to grow, the council had no choice but to approve the PUD.

"I've lived here when we had a caution light and when we had

our first red light," Brown said. "I've seen Keystone grow and we're not dead."

Council member Bobby Brown said he preferred to stick with the parcel's current residential zoning rather than approving the PUD. Brown also expressed concern about the smaller sizes of the neighborhood's interior lots, arguing that the recreation area taking up square footage from the internal lots is unneeded because Sunrise Park is across the street.

Clay leaders overview of paved roads

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The county's deputy director of engineering told Clay County commissioners that the total cost to repair all the county's paved roads would total \$60 million.

During the commission's June 14 meeting, Taylor Abernathy presented the results of a pavement survey performed on all 795 miles of Clay County paved roads.

Abernathy added that residential roads make up 714 miles of that total. The survey

ranked the condition of county roads from good to poor.

When asked by Chair Wayne Bolla how much it would cost to prevent any further deterioration of county roads, Abernathy replied \$11.5 million. The county's total road budget is \$7 million a year.

Abernathy said the county has six options to repair or replace pavement, ranging from sealing cracks at a cost of \$1.50 per linear foot to reconstruction with a cost of \$6.90 per square foot.

Commissioner Betsy Condon said she disagreed with some of the survey's findings. She said the survey rated some roads in her district, like Bedford Lake Road, Bedford Oak Drive and Immokalee Road, as good. She added that in her opinion, those roads were in worse shape than other roads the survey rated as poor.

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(L-R) FFA Advisor Carley Feagle, State Degree Award winners Isabel Johns, Jenna Baker, Jade Budny, Jenna Moss, Mallory Hollingsworth, and FFA Advisor Erin Verplanck Smith.

FFA recognized at state convention

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The senior and junior FFA chapters at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School received the National Chapter Award and the Premier Chapter Award during the Florida FFA Convention in Orlando.

The 94th annual gathering was held at Orlando's Caribe Royale from June 12 through June 17. Five thousand students, advisors, administrators, alumni, parents and industry partners attended the convention.

According to a Florida FFA news release, the Premier Chapter Award recognizes superior achievement by chapters in agricultural education and the FFA.

"To be eligible for this award, a chapter must be proficient in several areas, including alumni and community partnerships, financial planning and public relations, along with recruitment and other FFA activities," the organization said.

Other northeast Florida chapters earning the award were Baker County, Bradford, Lake Asbury Middle, Middleburg and Santa Fe.

The National Chapter Award was given to chapters that have excelled in the areas of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture and have worked hard to fulfill the mission and vision of the FFA.

In addition to the chapter awards, students Jenna Baker, Jade Budny, Mallory Hollingsworth, Olivia Horne, Isabel Johns, and Jenna Moss received their State FFA Degrees. The State FFA Degree is the highest honor bestowed upon any regular member of the Florida FFA Association.

Also recognized in Orlando were Blake Kendrick for the Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication Proficiency Award and Tyler Shaw for the Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Proficiency Award.



(Left) Tyler Shaw and Blake Kendrick. Shaw won the Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Proficiency Award, while Kendrick took home the Agriculture Mechanics Design and Fabrication Proficiency Award.



American Degree recipient (center) Parker Lewis with FFA advisors Carley Feagle (left) and Erin Verplanck Smith. All photos by Keystone Heights FFA.

Award and Tyler Shaw for the Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance Proficiency Award.

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Wants to give preemies a fighting chance

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Tayler Lee, the winner of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club Service Scholarship, told the club during its June 22 meeting that she wants to help children in the same way that health care providers helped her after her birth.

"Nursing has always been what I wanted to do with my life," she told the club. "After I was born, I spent eight weeks in the neonatal intensive care unit. Knowing that those nurses worked tirelessly to keep me alive, it has always been an influence



Tayler Lee speaks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club on June 22.

on deciding what I wanted to do in my life."

The Keystone Heights High School graduate added that she plans to start her journey at North Florida Technical College in Starke, ultimately becoming a labor and delivery nurse practitioner.

Lee also said that community service has been a part of her life throughout high school, noting that while at KHHS, she logged 200 hours of community service. She also served as president of the National Technical Honor Society.

Art camp concludes 20th-something year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Thirty-eight students and one adult participated in a two-week art camp last week at Faith Presbyterian Church in Midway. The sessions concluded with a show on Saturday, June 25.

Retired teacher Gayle Bone started the summer camp at Melrose's Mossman Hall while she was a kindergarten instructor.

"This might be the last time I can do it because I'm 72 now, and it's getting harder," she said.

Bone said art education for children is spotty in the Lake Region, with Keystone Heights Elementary offering classes

but Melrose Elementary not providing art instruction.

"Some students have taken private instruction, but not many do that," she said.

This year's students ranged in age from six to 16, plus the sole adult.

In addition to completing two projects each day, the campers studied the work of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo who is widely known for her self-portraits.

"She was in a lot of pain her whole life," Bone said of the painter. "She ended up doing some strange artwork. I didn't really like her artwork, but she's very famous."

This year's projects included

still lifes, self-portraits: based on the work of Kahlo, retablo boxes: Peruvian folk art, jelly prints, molas: embroideries inspired by Panamanian Indians, and papier mache.

One of Bone's former students is now one of her assistants.

Hannah Royalty started attending Bone's summer camp as a kindergartener and continued throughout her primary and secondary years. She then attended the Florida School of the Arts at St. Johns River State College in Palatka.

Bone said her 26-year-old assistant helped Bone with much of the planning for this year's camp and assisted students with projects.



Art Instructor (left) Gayle Bone with her assistant Hannah Royalty.



Dustin Brown, 11, shows off his papier mache rooster.

Clay libraries to increase e-book collections

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Clay County Director of Library Services Karen Walker told county commissioners that although the county's library system plans to use its entire allocation from the state's Aid-to-Libraries grant to purchase e-books this year, the libraries need additional funding from the county to continue to modernize its collections.

Last month, Walker reviewed an analysis of the collections with commissioners which showed:

—The medical, legal, computer, health and science

collections, in both adult and juvenile, contained outdated information. Many of the sections will need more than 75% of their material replaced to bring them up to date.

—Between March 2020 and January 2022, the libraries increased digital content by 77% and patron checkouts by 62%.

—Of 13 surrounding public libraries, the county ranked last in e-books with only 2,224 titles on hand. By comparison, the New River system, which includes Bradford, Union and Baker counties had 167,622 e-book titles. Since the survey was completed, Clay has more than doubled its number of e-book titles.

—COVID shifted checkouts from print to digital in all categories through 2020, although fiction genres, except Young Adult, continue to circulate better in print than e-book format.

—If the libraries weeded and replaced titles according to one industry standard, it would have to replace more than 75% of its collection. Generally, the libraries jettison titles that have less than three checkouts the previous year.

—Currently the libraries have 1,178 holds on digital material—e-book and e-audiobook—and an average wait time of 38 days, while it has 735 holds on physical material.

—Now, bestsellers have a hold wait of between 43 to 74 days. If the libraries were to purchase these additional copies outright, it would cost \$2,000 per month and leave the system with shelf space, storage and weeding issues as their popularity diminishes. Alternatively, the libraries plan to lease up to 40 titles per year at an annual cost of \$8,395. Using leased copies gives the system

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UNION COUNTY

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Hello, my name is James Rooney Jr, more commonly known as J.R. Rooney. I am running for County Commissioner District 4.

I've grown up most of my life in Union County, more specifically the District 4 Providence area. I started second grade at L.B.E.S and graduated from U.C.H.S. in 2009, later graduating from F.S.C.J. with a degree in construction management. In



J.R. Rooney Jr.

2010, I ran for this office as a Republican, losing by a small margin in the primary election. In 2012, I married my soulmate Sabrina Rooney (Norman) and since we've had two wonderful

kids, Trace and Raegan Rooney.

To the voters of District 4 and Union County: I pledge to not be that stereotypical politician that we have all grown used to over the years. I will be available and involved in our district and county events. I will be open to hearing your concerns, issues and/or praises and willing to take them to the board. I will be the voice of all the people of District 4. I will keep you informed of anything that is going on to fix or resolve your issues to the best of my ability.

Do your due diligence, look into all the candidates. I encourage you not to vote for people because of last names or who they know; vote for someone who will actually represent you and your beliefs. Discuss your concerns with candidates, get their views and how they intend on working to resolve these concerns.

We live in a time right now were everything costs more than it did yesterday, all prices are going up and we need to do our best to keep taxes down. We go into this election with multiple Republican candidates, an independent and no Democratic candidates. As a lifelong Republican myself I know this is a big difference from years past as our county was mostly Democratic when we first moved here and now many voters are switching to the Republican party.

I would be honored to represent all the people of District 4. Remember your vote does matter and can make change. Help me be the voice of all of us. Vote J.R. Rooney this August.

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Martin running for Union County Commission

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As a long-time resident of Union County, I, Eric Martin, am humbly seeking election to serve as County Commissioner for District 4.

I moved to Providence in 1992 and graduated from Union County High School in 1997. After graduation, I left to proudly serve in the United States Army and upon my return home I



Eric Martin

earned a degree in respiratory therapy. As a respiratory therapist, I continued to serve the community for approximately

a decade at Shands Hospital as well as working the front lines of Covid 19. I am now serving as an employee of Lake Butler Hospital.

While attending county commission meetings, I have become aware that District 4 has many needs. It will be my commitment to help improve District 4 as commissioner. I will work to make our infrastructure safe and upgraded where needed, and to improve our EMS to assist and serve our citizens better.

I will also be dedicated to riding our roads and visiting our parks to ensure our community is well maintained and hazard free.

Remember to vote for Eric Martin on Nov. 8, 2022.

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Dobbs running for Union County Commission

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My name is Channing Dobbs and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the position of Union County Commissioner for District 2. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your commissioner for the past four years.

I have been blessed to call Union County home my entire life. I am a fifth-generation resident of Union County and a member of the Union County High School graduating class of 2007. My family and I are members of First Baptist Church of Sanderson. My wonderful wife is Kayla Dobbs (Freeman)



Channing Dobbs

and we have four beautiful daughters: Pamela (10), Raelynn (6), Ramsey Kay (5), and Madeline (1).

Since my time in office, Union County now participates in Rural County Days. This is a day set aside in Tallahassee for rural counties to come together to promote awareness to the Florida

Legislature of the needs of small counties. During this event, we can make others aware of the contributions that small counties make to the state.

Other commissioners and I found this to be a benefit for Union County by building relationships with our legislators, as well as other leadership in Tallahassee. These relationships have assisted in an additional 1.5 million dollars in funding for the widening project for NCR 229, which will also include a bridge replacement on SCR 229. We've also used funds restricted for transportation to improve the county's fleet and purchase new equipment. While doing this, we have also strived to boost employee morale and reduce turnover, which has allowed the county to improve road maintenance.

During one of our meetings, I moved that the board adopt Resolution 2019-05 which declares that Union County recognizes the importance of

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Voter Registration Books Close Monday, July 25, 2022, for the August 23, 2022 Primary Election. All party changes and new registrations must be in by 5:00 pm on July 25th to the Union County Supervisor of Elections office.

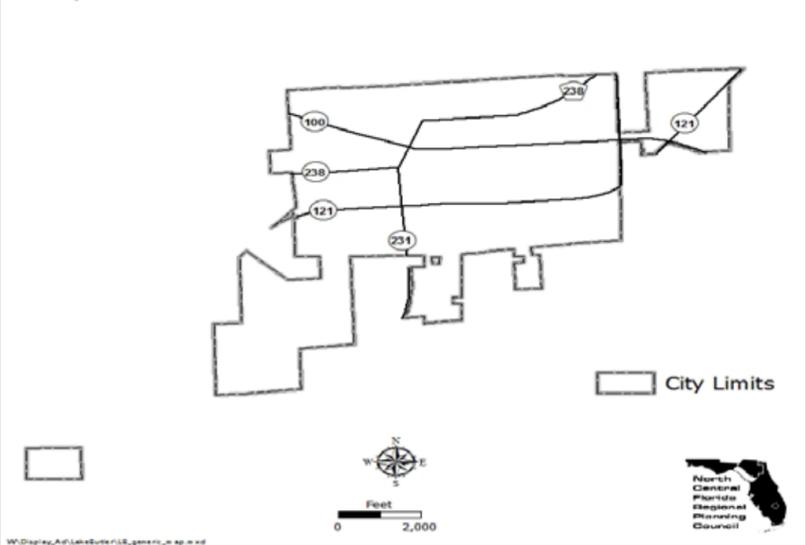
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The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text and Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 22-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series, including the Future Land Use Plan Map 2032, of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the City, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

City of Lake Butler



The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on July 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The City Commission will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION CPA 22-01 BY THE CITY COMMISSION, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING THE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, INCLUDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP 2032, BASED UPON AN EVALUATION COMPLETED BY THE CITY TO REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of this public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notices regarding the matter will be published.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment on the date, time and place as stated above.

Copies of the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Letters

RV Park exceeding expectations

Dear Editor:
The mission of the Bradford County Development Authority is to initiate, develop and coordinate economic development efforts in order to achieve and sustain the optimum conditions for economic growth and opportunity within the communities of Bradford County.

In the Envision Bradford 2023 plan, which was adopted after several all-inclusive community meetings were conducted, a general consensus was taken of what we do well so that we know what type of business we want to attract that could thrive in our area. Bradford County is a member of Visit Natural North Florida (VNNF), a 14-county coalition whose singular mission is to promote ecotourism by showcasing members' cultural, historical and natural assets and it was noted that we do "outdoors" really well. As examples, look at the Bradford Sportsman's Farm and the FIRM located at the Keystone Airpark.

The Keystone Heights RV resort, while still relatively new (statistics show it takes two to five years for an RV resort to build its reputation and following), has quickly exceeded expectations. Local jobs were provided to area businesses for the construction and the RV resort owners have continued to utilize local businesses for the additional phases.

The resort offers a variety of often sought-after amenities such as a heated pool, spa, game-room and others. These amenities are attracting visitors to our region, who are then spending dollars at the gas stations, restaurants and grocery stores. The resort is aiding in creating visibility for our region that is known for doing outdoors well by attracting visitors who previously wouldn't have considered vacationing in this area.

The RV Resort development will contribute to Bradford County's ambition to become an exemplar community for eco-tourism. We look forward to the trickle-down effect that the development can have for the businesses in our area. Our region has so much to offer to visitors. In addition to attracting out-of-state

tourists, resulting in collection of tax dollars from their purchases at our state park, museums, airport, gas stations, restaurants and other retailers in the area, we also see the benefit that the development will bring to our residents.

During the Envision planning session one area of improvement that was noted for Bradford County was the lack of both short- and long-term housing. With a percentage of the sites dedicated to be available for long-term visitors to the area, in addition to the seasonal offering, this development could help meet this need.

In closing, I again voice our support. With minimal environmental impact and the benefit of future growth, jobs, taxes and short-term housing, this is the type of development that fits our community needs.

Patricia Evans, Chairman
Bradford County Development Authority

Celebrate safely

Dear Editor:
From 1994 to 2021 there has been a 74.7% decrease in injuries per hundred thousand pounds of consumer fireworks used in the U.S., while there has been a 265% increase in consumption. Consumption has increased from 117 million pounds in 1994 to 428.8 million pounds in 2021, and injuries per 100 thousand pounds of fireworks used during the same period dropped from 10.7 to 2.7.

2021 was a record-breaking year in the U.S. with the greatest use of fireworks and the lowest fireworks-related injury rate ever recorded. Use increased by a factor of 4 since 1994, while the injury rate is a quarter of what it was then. Truly incredible results.

1994 was the first year the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) tested consumer fireworks in China for compliance with U.S. safety standards as regulated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Phantom Fireworks urges everyone to use their fireworks safely and responsibly. As the Independence Day holiday approaches, Phantom reminds people to be respectful of their neighbors when shooting fireworks.

Make sure to let your neighbors know the time you will be shooting your fireworks, and make sure the time is within what is permitted by your local ordinances. Do not start too late in the evening, as most fireworks shows end by 11 p.m.

Among the key safety measures, Phantom Fireworks recommends the following:

—A sober adult should be in charge of the fireworks; children should never handle the products.

—Use common sense and be careful.

—Follow your local laws on fireworks use.

—Use fireworks on hard, flat surfaces; if you shoot on grass, lay down a plywood board as your hard, flat surface.

—Have water readily available for emergencies (a hose is best; fire extinguisher or bucket of water will work).

—Keep plenty of distance between the launch site and spectators - 150 feet for aerials and 35 to 50 feet for ground items; and shoot fireworks in a clear open area.

—Brace your aerials, tubes, and fountains with bricks to avoid tip-over.

—Use safety gear (safety glasses and gloves) when lighting fireworks;

—Keep pets inside during fireworks use (the noise can frighten animals).

—Douse your fireworks thoroughly with water when you are done, and dispose of them in a covered metal container outdoors and away from buildings.

—Clean up when the show is over, which includes picking up any debris that may fall into your neighbor's property.

For the complete list of safety tips, please visit:
<http://fireworks.com/education-and-safety/safety-tips>.

In the "Safety" section of fireworks.com, you will also find fireworks use safety videos, state laws and regulations, chemical compositions of fireworks, and much more information useful to all fireworks enthusiasts.

William A. Weimer
Phantom Fireworks Vice President



Library staff perform a silly rendition of "Baby Shark." Pictured are (l-r): Priti McNutt, Tennille Brannen, Renee Crews, Savannah Baggett and Mary Brown.

UC Library offers summer fun for all ages

BY MARY BROWN
Union County Public Library

Union County Public Library summer programs offer something for everyone.

Each summer children up to age 12 are invited to pick up a reading log and read for fun prizes. So far, the UC Library has handed out over 250 reading logs to area children. Teens are encouraged to read by playing "Teen Bingo" and earn cool prizes, including gift cards.

Families recently enjoyed the "Shark Attack" event at the library that included fun games, crafts, ocean displays and much more. Next on tap was the performance of Jiggleman, whose crazy antics kept the large audience of over 200 entertained and laughing.

The library also presented an online paint project where kids created glow-in-the-dark jellyfish paintings. The library is hosting an outdoor snow event on June 30th where children can play in "real" snow, enjoy snow cones, go ice fishing and lots more.

On July 21 the annual end



"Jiggle Man" entertains the kids with his antics and banter at a summer library event.

of summer water party will be back with the giant water slide, lots of fun and games, as well as refreshments.

The library's programs for children are made possible with funding from the New River Public Library Cooperative and the Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services. Coming up in July the library will offer both adult and teen painting programs, while the Senior Social Club (who meet on 1st and 4th Tuesdays at 10am) will be holding a Luau Party on

July 26. Union County Library's summer programs rely on, not only the dedicated library staff, but many teen volunteers as well. The Junior Friends of the Library teen organization is comprised of UCHS students who help at library events, earn service hours and upon graduation are eligible for the JFOL scholarship.

For more information about library programs, visit their Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/UnionCountyLibrary or call 386-496-3432.



UC Public Library volunteers: back row (teen volunteers) - Landyn Lynn, Sarah Archer, Kayley Tomlinson, Ian Brennen, Brandon Gatlin, Kaylee Thompson and Savannah Thompson; front row: JFOL Sponsor Tennille Brannen, Leah Brannen, Tristen Woodall, Tifton Roseke and Nadia Norman.

Board reorganizes, deals with business issues

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — At its June 21 meeting, the Lake Butler City Commission took care of some annual routine business and discussed the possibility of regulating food truck as a means to protect local brick-and-mortar businesses.

County Attorney John Maines swore in one new commissioner and two longtime commissioners for their new terms. New Commissioner Melissa Hendrix and returning Commissioners Annette Redman and Fred Sirmones faced no competitors for their seats so an election was unnecessary.

During board reorganization, Mayor Jack Schenck retained the position, with no other nominations for the position. The board appointed Redman as vice mayor.

Once the reorganizational requirements had been met, the commission discussed a topic introduced by Schenck concerning the recent surge in the number of food trucks operating in the city.

Schenck said he had been contacted by several brick-and-mortar food service establishments in the city who were concerned about the trucks and who mentioned that the truck were having a negative effect on their business. Schenck said the trucks were an asset to

the city only in that they offered residents a little more variety in the meal choices, but that there were issues concerning their operation as well.

Schenck told the board that besides having an effect on the restaurants in town here were other factors that have convinced him that some form of regulation needs to be enacted.

He said that the trucks collect sales tax on their sales to consumers, but that the portion of the taxes that went to the counties was given to the county in which the food truck was licensed — in many cases not Union. He also noted that the trucks paid no property taxes for the land on which they were parked. He did note that the proprietors of the trucks were required to purchase an occupational fee of \$40 to be allowed to do business in the city. He asked the commissioners and Maines whether there was any way to collect funds from the mobile businesses and, if so, whether or not the funds could be used to help pay for improvement of the appearance of the brick-and-mortar businesses and thereby the city. He said he had tried to speak with someone at the state Department of Revenue for ideas on the topic but had not received an answer as yet.

Maines said an ordinance could help to curtail some of the issues by regulating hours of operation and restricting the locations in

which the trucks could park but questioned as to whether and ordinance was necessary as it would address many non-issues. He noted that such an ordinance might curtail some of the food truck activity and thereby have the effect of redirecting business to the brick-and-mortar establishments. He said that the possession of a city occupational license was checked by the code enforcement officer routinely so that was a non-issue.

Redman said she believed that at least some of the trucks were owned and operated by Union County residents and asked about how any ordinance would effect non-profits using foot trucks to raise funds.

Nothing was decided on the issue, although commissioners agreed to revisit the issue when Schenck and Maines had looked into the possibility of an ordinance and exactly how it would work and control the issues.

The city anager gave a brief report, telling commissioners that more grant money, approx. \$1 million, was coming in to city coffers for various needs and projects and that the city had received a donation of \$5,000 from a local man to assist in the renewal and upgrade in appearance of the city's downtown area.

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the Second Amendment and preserves the right of the people of Union County to keep and bear arms. The board passed this resolution unanimously.

Having established a good working relationship with the other board members, collectively, we strive to maintain a balanced budget

without incurring debt. I believe in leaving the county better than I found it by not taking on debt at the expense of our future generations.

I'm proud of the work we have accomplished in the last 4 years and look forward to years to come. I want to thank you all for your support and humble ask for your vote on August 23 for District 2 County Commissioner. I look forward to talking to each of you in the months to come.

The primary election will be

held on August 23, 2022, with the deadline to register to vote or change parties being July 25, 2022. The general election will be held on November 8, 2022, with the deadline to register to vote or change parties being October 11, 2022. For any questions, please feel free to contact me at 904-796-5295, and don't forget to vote!

This announcement was paid by Channing Dobbs, Republican, for County Commissioner.

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the flexibility to meet current goals and constantly refresh titles based on demand.

—While libraries generally pay less than retail for hard copy books: \$14.14 per title with an average retail price of \$24.78, they pay nearing three times retail for e-books—retail: \$15, library cost: \$40.

—The libraries offer over 3,000 magazine titles in digital format at a cost of \$5,000 annually. There were 464 digital

magazine checkouts in December 2021 and 521 in January of 2022.

—To accomplish its goals, the libraries are requesting an increase in its collection budget from the current \$325,000 a year to around \$500,000 for each of the next five years.

Walker told commissioners during their April 12 meeting that she is prioritizing the e-book collection because it is the area that is in the most need.

"It is also, honestly, the quickest

fix," she told commissioners, "because when you order the material, as soon as you hit the button it downloads and we have that in our collection."

Walker added that the library ordered 604 e-book titles on March 16, "and 99.5% of those have checked out already. Within a couple of hours, 48 of them had been checked out. The need is definitely there."

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

June 18 through June 24

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

Robert James Bellamy, 55, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for an out-of-county warrant and withholding support.

Refused to give up mother's car keys

Brison Ellis Bynum, 22, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for larceny and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's mother called officers after her son took her car keys, left their Shady Oaks Trailer Park home in her vehicle, and returned later.

Deputy Jerad Mallard wrote in the report that Bynum appeared to be under the influence of an unknown narcotic. After the defendant refused several times to return the car keys, Mallard arrested him.

Tried to stick finger in baby's mouth, choked mother

Calvin Holbert Carter, 36, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for battery.

According to an arrest report, while the victim was holding the couple's infant and preparing a bottle for the child, the defendant walked up to the pair and began to stick his finger in the baby's mouth. The mother thought the act might upset the child and asked the defendant to stop.

"Carter became upset, grabbing the victim, forcing her into the back bedroom where he began to hurt her," wrote Deputy Moises Carotti in the report. The victim added that Carter kicked and choked her to the point that she blacked out. "She remembers 'coming to' (awakening) and running through the hallway, running for her life," the officer added.

Edward William Davies, 60, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for a probation violation.

Ernest Clyde Dyal, 59, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 24 for a probation violation.

Mother misidentifies vehicle, hits son more than 10 times

Deanna Michelle Hensley, 45, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's son said some friends came by the house to see him, and his mother mistook the friend's vehicle for her own.

"Deanna Hensley pulled an 18-year-old female out of the vehicle thinking the vehicle was hers," wrote Deputy Savannah Duncan. "(The victim) went to stop Deanna from attacking the girl, and Deanna began to strike (the victim) in the face. (The victim) said Deanna hit him more than 10 times in the face." Duncan added that when she spoke to Hensley, the woman appeared to be intoxicated.

Justin Michael Hill, 24, of Starke was arrested by state troopers on June 21 for a probation violation and possession of marijuana.

Ashely Nicole Matuse, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 23 for a probation violation.

Sholeke Lomeke Merriwether, 33, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 20 for failure to appear.

Treyonce Malik Robinson, 19, of Starke was arrested by state troopers on June 21 for selling marijuana.

Matthew James Rolfes, 28, of Lookout Mountain, Georgia was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 19 for DUI.

Thomas Cole Smith, 24, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies and state troopers on June 19 for failure to appear, driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of cocaine.

Union

Couple arrested for dealing meth

Kodi Cheyenne Crews, 33, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 21 for

trafficking in amphetamine, selling drugs, possession of drugs and using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

According to court papers, members of the Union County Drug Task Force oversaw two controlled purchases of methamphetamine by confidential sources from the defendant during May.

When deputies executed an arrest warrant on June 21, at the defendant's residence near State Road 121 between Lake Butler and Dukes, they found Crews, along with her boyfriend Shawn Eiserman, in a truck. A search of the vehicle yielded 17 grams of methamphetamine and 1.4 grams of marijuana.

Shawn Mathew Eiserman, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 21 for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana, trafficking in amphetamine and possession of narcotics equipment.

Daquan Malik Frazier, 22, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 24 for failure to appear.

Erika Jordan Garcia, 34, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on June 23 for a probation violation.

Howard Frederick Redding III, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 21 for selling drugs, possession of drugs and using a two-way communications device to facilitate a felony.

Camryn Aaliyah Silcox, 19, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 25 for possession of a synthetic narcotic and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Clay

Donald Lefell Chase, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 19 for domestic battery.

Aaron Scott Pons, 33, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 22 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Desiree Angelina Shingler, 35, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 23 for a probation violation.

Tony Shane Wills, 30, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 18 for trespassing.

center line and the shoulder of U.S. 301, near State Road 233, also known as the Starke bypass.

Desue wrote that after he told Taylor he was conducting a criminal traffic investigation, she invoked her Miranda rights and refused to perform field sobriety exercises or submit to a breath alcohol test.

Defendant enters plea before trial

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A Keystone Heights man scheduled to go on trial in Starke for domestic

battery instead pleaded to harassing a witness while the state dropped the original battery charge.

James David Howard, 31, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Dec. 14, 2021, for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, after the defendant's live-in girlfriend told him she was moving out, the defendant hit her in the back of the head several times and once in the mouth.

Howard told a deputy that the victim open-hand slapped him in the face. However, the deputy observed no visible injuries to the defendant.

County Judge D. Tatum Davis sentenced Howard to 15 days in jail and 12 months' probation.

Unplugged victim's camera, caught by neighbor's

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A delivery driver who left a package at a Bradford County house, then returned later to burglarize the home, was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

Circuit Judge James M. Colaw also sentenced Desmond Isaiah Bonnett, 22, of Jacksonville to two years' drug offender probation after the defendant pleaded to the Dec. 8, 2021, offenses of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft and criminal mischief with property damage.

According to court papers,



Bonnett

the victim told deputies that her video surveillance camera got unplugged during the burglary.

However, the Ring camera of the victim's neighbor captured images of an individual delivering the package and

returning to the house a short time later for the break-in.

Bradford Sheriff's Detective James Crews wrote in a sworn affidavit that the video revealed a red decal on the rear doors of the blue van driven by the burglar. He added that he traced the decal to a Jacksonville-based delivery contractor, and witnesses identified the defendant as the person using the van at the time of the burglary.

The victim told deputies that damage to the ransacked home and the value of stolen property totaled \$2,870.78.

The defendant's previous convictions included battery, resisting an officer without violence, petit theft, leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and driving without a valid license.



Investigators used Capitol surveillance video, news media images and social media photos posted by Jan. 6, 2021, Stop-the-Steal rally participants to document Jonathan Daniel Carlton's movements during the rally and subsequent riot at the U.S. Capitol. Prosecutors claim this image shows the defendant exiting the building at 3:39 p.m., after spending around 20 minutes inside the Capitol.

Feds: Officer needs stiffer sentence

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

RAIFORD — Federal prosecutors asked a judge to sentence a former Union Correctional Institution officer that participated in the Jan. 6, 2021 U.S. Capitol riot to three months in prison. Prosecutors said that because the defendant was a sworn law enforcement officer at the time of his offense, he should receive a harsher punishment.

On March 29, Jonathan Daniel Carlton pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of parading, demonstrating, or picketing in the Capitol building.

Before Carlton's sentencing, Assistant U.S. attorneys submitted a memorandum to the court, asking that Carlton serve three months in prison, three years' probation, 60 hours of community service and pay a \$500 fine.

Earlier this month, the defendant's attorney asked for a sentence of probation only for the former officer.

In arguing for jail time, prosecutors said the defendant made two separate entries into the building, entered the Capitol after seeing rioters climb scaffolding and clash with police, initially lied to law enforcement about his participation in the event and has expressed no remorse about his activities on Jan. 6.

"As a corrections officer," prosecutors wrote in the memo, "Carlton would be well aware of the danger of a large mob against

vastly outnumbered police officers. Moreover, he swore an oath to uphold the Constitution. As a law enforcement officer, Carlton held a special position of trust that he disregarded not only on January 6 but in the coming weeks when he lied to the FBI and hindered their investigation. That also demonstrates a very real need for specific deterrence in the form of incarceration."

According to court papers, Carlton traveled to Washington by car the day before the riot with Bradley Weeks of Macclenny.

The two men attended the "Stop the Steal" rally and then marched to the Capital with other protesters.

"At about 2:00 p.m.," according to a statement of offense filed by the Justice Department, "Defendant Carlton was a part of the group that had gathered on the lawn just north of the Northwest stairs. Defendant Weeks and Defendant Carlton watched as other members of the group destroyed the covering on the scaffolding, stood on the balustrade, and pushed past a line of officers trying to keep people away from the building. From there Defendant Carlton separated from Defendant Weeks and climbed the Northwest Stairs underneath the scaffolding to the Capitol's Northwest Terrace."

The statement says Carlton entered the Capitol with a large crowd through the Senate Wing Door about 2:48 p.m.

The statement added that while attempting to reunite with Weeks,

Carlton left the building to get some air. He then re-entered the Capitol with Weeks, walking through the Crypt all the way to the Hall of Columns on the south side of the Capitol. The two men left the building around 3:30 and lingered on the northwest terrace until at least 3:52.

The FBI's investigation of Weeks led them to Carlton. An agent first interviewed Carlton with a phone call on Jan. 20, 2021, when the Raiford man denied entering the Capitol, and told the agent he and Weeks were separated for about 20 minutes during the chaos.

"Carlton stated that upon reuniting with Weeks, the two left the area and traveled by Metro back to their hotel," according to an arrest warrant. "Carlton further stated neither he nor Weeks took part in any property destruction, violence or confrontation with police."

However, the day after the telephone call, during an in-person interview with agents, Carlton admitted to entering the building. "When asked about his lie that he had not entered the Capitol," the warrant says, "Carlton indicated that he was embarrassed to have participated in the demonstration, appalled by the riot, and just wanted to distance himself from it."

Agents also retrieved text messages between the two men from Weeks's phone, in which Carlton told the Macclenny man he was inside the building.

Didn't blow, still guilty

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A Bradford County jury found Kelsey Kelli Taylor, 34, of Glen St. Mary guilty of DUI during a June 20 trial.

County Judge D. Tatum Davis sentenced the defendant to 10 days in weekend jail and one year of probation. The judge also suspended Taylor's license for five years.

According to an arrest report, on Dec. 10, 2021, Bradford Deputy Jacob Desue observed the defendant's Chevy pickup drift back and forth between the



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"Not bad for a country boy from Lawtey"

Wainwright was born in Lawtey and after serving in the Navy during World War II, began his law enforcement career with the Gainesville Police Department in 1947.

Five years later he joined Florida State Prison as a clerk in the inmate identification unit, a position now called classification officer.

In 1955 Wainwright was wounded in an escape attempt that claimed the life of Assistant Superintendent James G. Godwin and wounded another guard.

According to a *Telegraph*

report, the ex-wife of inmate George A. Heroux smuggled a pistol into the facility, and when the inmate was being transferred from his cell, he drew the weapon and demanded to be taken to Superintendent L.F. Chapman's office. Officials said they believed Heroux intended to force Chapman to drive him out of the prison.

Godwin, seeing the development, ran to his office to retrieve his own weapon, and was shot in the back by Heroux. When the Assistant Superintendent emerged from the office, the inmate fired again, striking Godwin in the chest.

Wainwright, who was serving as captain of the guard, rushed the inmate, along with Officer L.D. Dobbs. Both men were hit in the legs and shoulder.

In 1960 Wainwright was appointed Assistant

Superintendent at Avon Park Correctional Institution, later becoming Superintendent. In 1962, Governor Farris Bryant appointed Wainwright to Chief Administrator of the entire corrections system. He remained Director and then Secretary of Florida's Department of Corrections for a quarter-century, retiring from the position on December 31, 1986.

Wainwright died in 2021 in Tallahassee and is buried at Kingsley Lake Cemetery.

According to his obituary, when asked to comment on his career achievements, Wainwright often responded: "Not bad for a country boy from Lawtey."

Wainwright's grandson, Josh Wainwright, received the inaugural FDC Hall of Fame award on the late Secretary's behalf.

Matthews Museum will miss familiar face in Harris

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A close-to-30-year involvement with the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum came to an end on June 23 when Ronney Harris locked the door on his way out after his final day as a docent.

That'll take some getting used to for Chuck Kramer, who served as a docent (or guide) during a two-hour shift before Harris arrived to work his.

"The fourth Thursday of the month, I could always depend on him like clockwork to be here at 3," Kramer said. "It'll be strange coming by and not having him greet me as I'm leaving and he's coming."

Kramer said he could count on one hand the number of times Harris missed a scheduled day of serving as a docent and added that Harris was a great resource for him, especially with the passing of Della Rosenberg and David and Theta Montgomery, who were all involved with the museum as well.

"I will miss him dearly," Kramer said.

Harris became involved with the museum from the very beginning. He received a phone call from Bernie McFadden, who was then the director of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center, asking if he'd be interested in attending a meeting to make plans for such a museum in 1993. Harris was interested because he saw an educational opportunity for himself. He wasn't a local, having moved to Bradford County in 1978.

Also, as an educator, Harris saw a value in such a museum for youth. He taught for 31.5 years

at Bradford High School and worked a total of 35 years in the Bradford School District before retiring in 2014.

"I'm a teacher," Harris said. "My hope is always that students would get here and get to know their history more. Maybe it'll spark an interest in them to study history."

Harris wishes the museum (which is named after the Bradford County Telegraph's former owner/publisher) attracted more people, saying, "There's a wealth of knowledge here for those who have the opportunity to come by and visit." He's visited a number of small-town museums, which he said display a lot of artifacts, but they don't have a lot of educational material to accompany those artifacts.

"This is really one of the finest small-town museums I think you'll see anywhere because you have the educational posters that tell the story as well as the artifacts," Harris said.

Harris is proud of the museum and said it has been a joy being involved with it, but admitted he's walking away with one nagging regret — that it has never moved from its current location to a space on ground level, which he believes would attract more visitors. The museum is located on the second floor of the Santa Fe College Cultural Building (201 E. Call St. in downtown Starke).

"It's going to be disappointing in the fact that we were never able to serve the community the way we should because we were never able to get down on street level," Harris said when describing his feelings on his final day at the museum. "It's



Ronney Harris worked his last day as a volunteer docent at the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum on June 23. Harris, who's been involved with the museum since its initial planning stages, is preparing to move to Mississippi. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

been a pleasure for me, but it's still been a big disappointment in that respect. If we had been able to do that, I would've felt a lot better."

Teaching at BHS

Despite a long involvement with the museum, history wasn't the subject Harris was most associated with during his time at Bradford High School. He did teach some history classes, but he mainly taught government and economics.

No matter what he taught, Harris said his students always knew what was expected of them and how things were going to go in his classes. On the first day of a school year, he explained to his students how grades were going to be calculated. In fact, they had notebooks in which they computed their own grades after the system was explained to them.

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Fish and Wildlife Commission to meet July 13-14 in Jacksonville

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet in person July 13-14 at the Adam W. Herbert University Center (12000 Alumni Drive) in Jacksonville. Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. each day and are open to the public.

FWC is committed to providing opportunity for public input. There are several opportunities prior to the meetings to provide comments. Also, time is allotted for public speakers.

Additionally, at the end of the second day, the commission will

provide time for public comment on subjects not on the agenda. Those people who wish to offer comments during this period will be asked to ensure their comments are not related to any agenda item. The deadline for registration to speak on items

not on the agenda is 9:30 a.m. on July 14.

Public speaking is organized using a speaker registration process and time limits. To accommodate as much input as possible from those attending, the chairman reserves the right

to designate the amount of time given to each topic and speaker.

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Obituaries

Jackie Blevins Sr.

Jackie "Jack" Bernard Blevins, Sr. 76, of Keystone Heights died Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka following an extended illness.

He is survived by five children, Jackie Blevins Jr. of Keystone Heights, Tina Blevins O'Neal of Florahome, Teddy Blevins, Naomi Blevins, and Louie Linton all of Keystone Heights.

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

Dale Clyatt

Dale "Dmama" Clyatt, 85, passed away peacefully at E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville, on Saturday, June 25, 2022. She was born in Lee County on Feb. 20, 1937, to the late Iva and Fredna Hollingsworth. Her freshman year of high school, her family moved to Union County, where, upon graduating, she married the love of her life, Glen Clyatt, on Dec. 20, 1956. The two made a wonderful life together that centered around family. She spent 29 years as a school bus driver providing transportation to the students of Union County. She enjoyed having family get-togethers, taking trips to the mountains, camping, and her grandchildren. She has been a faithful member of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.



She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Glen Clyatt of Lake Butler; her children, Lanier (Carol) Clyatt of Brooker, Cindy (Stanley) O'Steen and Don Clyatt, both of Lake Butler; her grandchildren, Lindsay (Jeremy) Craft of Chipley, Jordan (Ashley) Clyatt of Tallahassee, Kerri (C.J.) Burroughs of Lake Butler, Kayla (Justin) Thomas of Gainesville, Donny (Barbara) Clyatt, Adam (Erica) Adkins, and Arica Lafferty, all of Lake Butler, and 15 great-grandchildren.

A service to honor her life was held Wednesday, June 29, at Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. She was laid to rest immediately following the service at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Services were officiated by Pastors Paul Davis, Bob Brown and Buddy Morris.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler 386-496-2008.

PAID OBITUARY

Card of Thanks

Our Sincere Gratitude

The family of Hazel Hoffman Wall wishes to express its sincere gratitude to everyone for their kindness during this difficult time. Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us.

We would also like to thank Archer-Milton Funeral Home staff for all they did for us. No request of ours was too much. You and your staff did an exemplary job in working with us through this difficult time. For that we are truly grateful and very appreciative of how much you and your staff care. Thank you again.

We would also like to thank Pastor Mike Divine and the Morningstar Baptist Church for wonderful tribute to our mother and grandmother, Hazel H. Wall. We thank you for your loving memories, prayers, love, support and the delicious meal you prepared for us. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.

We would also like to thank Pastor Rick Jackson for his kind words and loving support for the family at the burial service. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the wonderful people who were there and helped during our period of mourning. There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and support you have given. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. Keep us in your prayers as we recover from this great loss.

With love,
The Family of
Hazel Hoffman Wall
June 25, 1918-June 10, 2022

Curtis Childers

MELROSE Curtis James Childers, 73, of Melrose passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022, in Lisbon, Portugal, while on holiday. He was born Saturday, Nov. 20, 1948, in Tampa to Lacy and Dorothy (Ferrell) Childers. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida in psychology. Upon graduation he went to work for the Hillsborough County Health Department. He went on to become an Environmental Specialist with the State of Florida Department of Health.



He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Frances Childers; four children, Jason Childers, Jessica Dunlap, Michele Cole and Richard Kovach Jr.; seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A gathering of family and friends will be celebrated on Thursday, June 30 at 2 p.m. at Forest Meadows Funeral Home, 725 N.W. 23rd Ave., Gainesville. The family will receive friends beginning at 1 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation (T2T.org).

PAID OBITUARY

Grace Ferguson

STARKE Grace "Juanita" Ferguson, 91, of Starke passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at Riverwood Health and Rehab in Starke. She was born on Oct. 3, 1930, in Starke to James and Mildred (Browning) Higginbotham and was a longtime area resident. She was a homemaker, and enjoyed spending time with her family and gardening. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, William Earl "Bill" Ferguson.



Survivors are her children, Mary Jane Henderson of Starke, Charles (Kelly) Ferguson of Arlington, Washington, Marie (Buddy) Reddish of Keystone Heights, Wayne (Janet) Ferguson of Lake Butler; grandchildren, Marona Newman, Barona Henderson, Connie Sims, Tiffany (Joe) Richardson, Fiona Ferguson, Angie (Mike) Glenn, Shawn Reddish, Chad (Melissa) Reddish, Stacie Reddish, Collin Reddish, Jason (Vicky) Pons; and great-grandchildren, Jade Newman, Diamond Newman, Mike Newman, Dillon Reddish, Ethan Sims, Mason Richardson, Rosie Reddish, Clayton Reddish, Alex Reddish, Alyssa Reddish, Jacob Worriax, Aurora Castell, Bobby Brittingham, Lenox Reddish and Easton Reddish. Also left are her four great-great-grandchildren.

The family received friends at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke on Monday, June 27, with funeral services following. Interment followed at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford. Pastor Steve Conner officiated all services.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Charles Hall

Charles Dana Hall passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice in Gainesville on Saturday, June 25, 2022 after a brief illness. He was born July 19, 1974 in Gainesville to Charles and Jane Hall. He enjoyed building computers, playing his guitar, and taking care of stray animals. He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his sister, Shelley Jo Hall Gaitlin; and his nephew, Trenton Riley Hall.



He is survived by his parents, Charles and Jane Hall of Hampton; brother, Adam (Amy) Hall of Hampton; sister, Christina Hall of Hampton; nine nieces and nephews; four great-nieces and nephews; an uncle; aunts and cousins.

His funeral service will be held on Sunday, July 10, at Rock Primitive Baptist Church in Brooker at 3 p.m. The service will be officiated by Pastor Kyle Lloyd and Pastor John Hodges. A celebration of his life will follow at the Fellowship hall at Rock Primitive Baptist Church. He was a champion for animals and the family is requesting donations to animal rescue in his memory in lieu of flowers.

PAID OBITUARY

Earnest Whitley

Earnest James Whitley, 74, of Green Cove Springs passed on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Haven-Custead Hospice Care Center in Orange Park. He was born in Green Cove Springs and later moved to Bradford County. He attended the local schools of Bradford and Clay counties. He later moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and worked as a psychologist with the Pittsburgh school district until he later returned to Green Cove Springs. He was of the Holiness faith.

He is survived by his companion, Henrietta Frances; children, Earnest T. (Cardelia) Whitley, Shawn Cherry, Shawntaye Scott, Stephanie Scott, Marissa Parks, Shawn Givens and Rico Williams; brothers, Curtis Whitley and Anthony Whitley; sister, Dannette Whitley; a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, in the Peetsville Cemetery in Lawtey. Interment will be under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091 904-964-7905. Family and friends are asked to meet at the Peetsville Cemetery prior to the service at 10:45 a.m. There will be no viewing.

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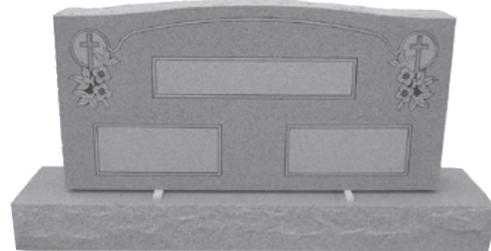


Starke's Futch honored by Florida Sheriffs Association

Steve Futch received the Florida Sheriffs Association Distinguished Service Award for his participation as an honorary member of that association. Futch was presented with the award by Bradford County Undersheriff Brad Smith at a Kiwanis Club of Starke meeting. Futch is a charter member of the club, while Smith is its current president. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

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Santa Fe College President Paul Broadie II (right) presents Rhonda Mott with the Career Service Council STAR award on June 1. Photo by Matt Stamey of Santa Fe College.

Bradford County's Rhonda Mott receives Santa Fe College's STAR Award

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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.

Spotlight on: UNION COUNTY

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Lake Butler 4th of July Events at Lake Butler Lakeside Park & Recreation Area

4:00 am Bass Fishing Tournament Launch
time to Daylight; hosted by Lake Butler
Rotary Club; \$50 per entry; 1st, 2nd,
3rd place cash prizes totaling \$1750;
raffle prizes, gift certificates and more at
weigh-in.

5:00 am Vendors,
tables & food trucks
begin set up

7:00 am Fun run/
walk

8:00 am FiveK run

9:00 am Vendors,
craft tables/seller and information
booths & food trucks open and ready for
business and visitors

9:00 am to 1:00 pm 4th of July Car
Show hosted by Lake Butler Rotary

Club; entry fee \$20; entrants arrive
8-8:30; information contact: Jody Read
(314)680-9477 cell. Prizes include 1st,
2nd, 3rd Best in Show; Best Antique; Best
Muscle Car; Best Truck.

10:00 am Fish tournament Weight Out

10:00 am to 2 p.m. Mayor's Art Exhibit &
Award with prizes

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Spotlight on: KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

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4th of July Parade

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Watermelon Eating Contest

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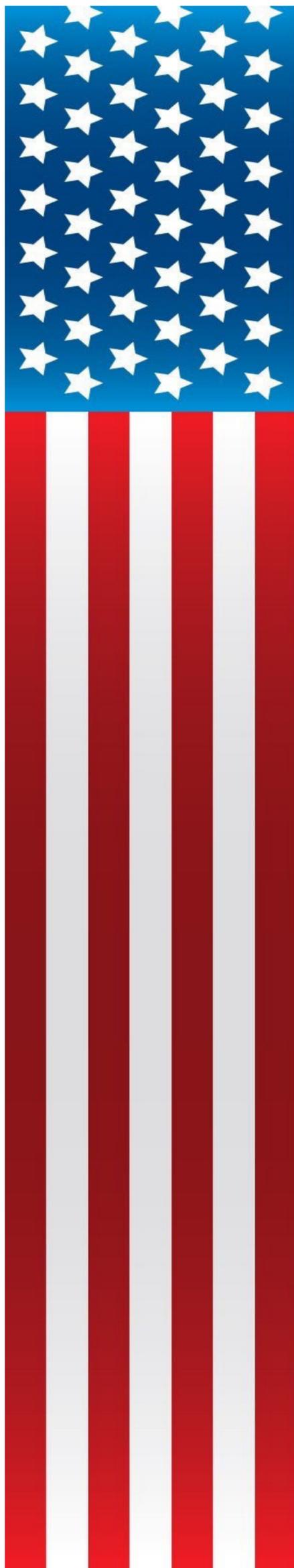
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Spotlight on: BRADFORD COUNTY

SUNDAY, JULY 3

Starke 4th of July Splash Bash*

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Time	Details / Activity
4:00 pm	• Parade begins from First Christian Church to the Stadium
5:00 pm	• EVENT COMMENCES - • Cornhole registration begins
5:15 pm	• Starke Police K9 Demonstration
5:30 pm	• Cornhole Tournament begins, single elimination
6:00 pm	• Starke Police K9 Demonstration
6:45 pm	• Starke Police K9 Demonstration
7:15 pm	• Starke Police K9 Demonstration
7:30 pm	• Announce Water Park closing 10 minutes, prepare Introduction
7:40 pm	• WATER PARK AREA CLOSES
7:40 pm	• Introductions and American Legion Recognition
7:45 pm	• Byron Bagwell performs on stage
7:55 pm	• Jaelyn Jackson performs on stage

Time	Details / Activity
8:15 pm	• Lee Ann Purvis performs on stage
8:45 pm	• Presentation of US Army Flag with music theme
8:46 pm	• Presentation of US Navy Flag with music theme
8:47 pm	• Presentation of US Air Force Flag with music theme
8:48 pm	• Presentation of US Marine Corps Flag with music theme
8:49 pm	• Presentation of US Coast Guard Flag with music theme
8:50 pm	• Recognition of all active military and veterans in attendance
8:51 pm	• Jaelyn Jackson performs America the Beautiful
8:53 pm	• JROTC Color Guard / American Legion take the stage
8:54 pm	• Byron Bagwell reads 4 th verse of Star-Spangled Banner
8:56 pm	• LeeAnn Purvis performs National Anthem
9:00 pm	• Event Fireworks launch following National Anthem
9:30 pm	• Event concludes

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JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 7
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FOR EVENTS HELD BETWEEN JULY 1 AND DEC. 31, 2021 AND FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION SUPPLIES

Legal Notices

Bradford

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 04-2022-CA-000206

JOE C. HARMON,
Plaintiff,

vs.
WALTER V. HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Walter V. Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties; and LUDIE HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Ludie Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: WALTER V. HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Walter V. Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties; and LUDIE HENDERSON, if alive, and if dead, her unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, administrators, creditors, assigns, and all other persons and parties claiming by, through, under or against Ludie Henderson or any of the foregoing unknown persons or parties;

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to the following described property in Bradford County, Florida: See Exhibit A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Katelyn T. Hardwick, plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, on or before 30 days from date of first publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on May 25, 2022.
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: L. Brannon
Deputy Clerk
EXHIBIT A

A parcel of land lying in the West half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County, Florida. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast Corner of said West Half of Northeast Quarter of Southwest quarter of Southwest Quarter and run South 03 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, along the Easterly boundary thereof, 22.61 feet to a 1/2" Iron rod (LB 4012) set at an Intersection with the Southerly boundary of the right of way of Estelle Street for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 03 degrees 08 minutes 47 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 77.39 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set at the Northeast corner of Lot 7 of Denny Heights Subdivision (Unrecorded); thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes 39 seconds West, along the Northerly boundaries of said Lot 7 and Lot 8 of Denny Heights Subdivision, 175.24 feet to a 1/2" iron pipe found at the Northwest corner of said Lot 8, also being on the Easterly boundary of the right of way of Charles Court; thence North 03 degrees 00 minutes 07 seconds West, along last said Easterly boundary, 74.90 feet to said Southerly

boundary of the right of way of Estelle Street; thence North 87 degrees 40 minutes 57 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary, 175.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.31 of an acre, more or less. Previously described as:

Parcel 1
Start at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run South One Hundred (100) feet; thence run West Fifty (50) feet to a Point of Beginning; thence run West Twenty-five (25) feet; thence run North One Hundred (100) feet; thence run East Twenty-five (25) feet; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet to Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-Two (22) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

Also
Parcel 2
Start at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East for a Point of Beginning; Thence run South One Hundred (100) feet; thence run West Fifty (50) feet; thence run North One hundred (100) feet; thence run East Fifty (50) feet to Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-Two (22) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

Also
Parcel 3
Commence at the Northeast Corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East for a point of reference; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet; thence run West Seventy-five (75) feet for a Point of Beginning; thence run West One Hundred (100) feet; thence run North One Hundred (100) feet; thence run East One Hundred (100) feet; thence run South One Hundred (100) feet to the Point of Beginning, lying and being in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Section Twenty-two (22) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East.

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CITY OF STARKE FL –
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
FACILITY UPGRADES
LEGAL NOTICE

City of Starke, Florida (Owner) will receive sealed Bids for Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Upgrades, until 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at City of Starke Florida, City Manager's Office, City Hall, P.O. Drawer C, Starke, FL 32091. Bids received will then and there be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany the Bid. This Project consists of constructing improvements to the City of Starke's existing Wastewater Treatment Facility which includes, but is not limited to, upgrades to the influent screen, biological treatment system, secondary clarifiers, disk filters, disinfection, aerobic digester improvements, and other components that support treatment processes and all materials, equipment, services and construction inherent to the Work. The Project has an expected duration of 660 days.

A Pre-bid Conference for the Project will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Starke City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street. A site walk will be conducted upon completion of the pre-bid conference at the WWTF (WWTF site address: 602 Edwards Road, Starke, FL).

Bidding Documents may be obtained electronically at no cost on or after 10 a.m. on June 24, 2022, by registering with the Issuing Office via email only. Please email Olga Mikhachishina at OMikhachishina@woodardcurran.com (and a copy to Tom Herer at THerer@woodardcurran.com) with the subject line "Starke FL – WWTF Upgrades" to obtain the Bidding Documents and other related public information. Printed copies will not be made available.

The Project being bid is subject to Section 255.20 Florida Statutes and other applicable Laws. The Project is financed in part by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), administered through the USDA Rural Development (RD) office (or "Agency") pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 USC Section 1921 et seq. Compliance with Agency requirements and Federal requirements is required. Concurrence by Agency in the award of the Contract is required before the Contract is effective. Applicable requirements include and compliance with following is required as a minimum: the American Iron and Steel requirements per Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Starke 301 U-Store LLC, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at 1650 S. Walnut Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated. Sale will take place July 16, 2022 @ 11:00 am. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 10:15am. A-32- Lora Vaughn
C-9 - Heather Olin
Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charges according to Florida Statutes 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale. Open bids only. CASH PAYMENTS ONLY All Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers Premium. Contents must be removed by close of business 7/16/2022. For any winning bid the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept by close of business 7/16/2022.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on Friday July 8th, 2022 @ 10:00 am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:
83- Belonging to J. Wells
31- Belonging to A. Pope
35- Belonging to J. Staten

6/30 2tchg 7/7-BCT

PUBLIC MEETING
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a joint workshop on redistricting with the Bradford County School District on July 11, 2022 at 4:30 PM at the Bradford County School District located at 501 West Washington Street, Starke, Florida. The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.

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City of Starke Commission Workshop and Regular Meeting Time Change
There will be a workshop of the City of Starke Commission on July 5, 2022 at 5:30 pm to discuss the recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics and Discipline. The meeting will be held at 209 North Thompson Street in Starke. The regular commission meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

6/30 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on July 21st, 2022 at 6:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

V 22-09, an application by Scott Mandel, to request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.7.7, "RE", Residential Estate, Minimum Yard Requirements of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations from Ten (10) feet from the Easterly and Westerly property lines to a requested Five (5) feet of the property being described as follows:

p/o the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, lying South of SE County Road 21B and North of the water's edge of Santa Fe Lake, Bradford County, Florida and being Bradford County Parcel Number 06103-0-00000

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

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the variance. Copies of the variance application are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

6/30 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 22000070CPAXMX
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JUSTIN M. MARTINEZ-SOLIS,
Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of JUSTIN M. MARTINEZ-SOLIS, deceased, whose date of death was March 5, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names 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 has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 30, 2022.

Personal Representative:
Melissa Gail Cortes
Attorney for Personal Representative:
ARROYAVE LAW, P.A.

2605 Ponce de Leon Blvd
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Telephone: 305-441-7091
Facsimile: 305-328-9404
BY: /s/ Michael V. Arroyave
Michael V. Arroyave, Esq.

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Union

Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust the holder(s) 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 the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE #: 249
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 34-04-21-00-000-0011-00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

A parcel of land lying in the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 21 East, Union County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northeast corner of said Section 34 and run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 624.93 feet; thence South 07 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East, 19.20 feet to an iron rod found on the Southerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 125 for the Point of Beginning, from Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 07 degrees 07 minutes 15 seconds East 466.96 feet to a found iron rod, thence South 00 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 277.48 feet to a set concrete monument; thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 23 seconds West, 310.37 feet to a set concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 48 seconds West, 743.29 feet to an iron rod set on said Southerly boundary; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 20 seconds East, along said Southerly boundary 258.53 feet to the Point of Beginning.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:
James W. Barton and Lisa D. Barton
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 21st day of July, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust, the holder(s) 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 the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

CERTIFICATE#: 139
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2015
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 20-06-19-47-000-0210-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

WORTHINGTON SPRINGS PLANTATION, SECTIONS 17, 19 AND 20, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST.
PARCEL NO. 21

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, AND RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 1327.98 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. S-238-A AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT LYING ON A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 11,419.2 FEET AND BEING CONCAVE TO THE EAST, THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 150.05 FEET (THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 10 SECONDS) THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 303.30 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 4 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST 150.2 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4, THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING AND LYING IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED:
DONNIE L. CRAWFORD
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 21st day of July, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.

Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 63-2022-CP-0024
DIVISION: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JULIA M. STEWART
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JULIA M. STEWART, deceased, whose date of death was March 10, 2022; is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 63-2022-CP-0024; the address of which is 55 West Main Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054. 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, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 23, 2022.

Personal Representative:
MITCHELL L. STEWART
14841 NE 22ND RD
Raiford, Florida 32083
Attorney for Personal Representative:
M. Aaron Dukes, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A.
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Lake Butler, FL 32054
386-269-2394

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the amendment, as described below, to the City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, will be heard by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on July 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida. CPA 22-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text and the Future Land Use Plan Map Series, including the Future Land Use Plan Map 2032, of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the City, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

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

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

A copy of the amendment is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring auxiliary

aids and services at this meeting may contact the Office of the City Manager at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020CA000073CAAXMX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2001-3, Plaintiff,

VS.
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NELSON W. BEATY, DECEASED; MICHAEL A. PETERS; INDIA PETERS; GINNY LEISSA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated June 9, 2022, and entered in Case No. 2020CA000073CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Union County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 2001-3 is Plaintiff and the UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NELSON W. BEATY, DECEASED; MICHAEL A. PETERS; INDIA PETERS; GINNY LEISSA; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the Front Steps of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, 11:00 a.m., on Monday, August 22, 2022, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to-wit:

AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 19 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, WITH THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 18-A; THENCE RUN N 88°41'26" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 40 FEET; THENCE RUN S 00°09'21" EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 26, A DISTANCE OF 1120.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF 344.30 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 224.07 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST A DISTANCE OF 344.08 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 224.06 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS THE WEST 40 FEET FOR EASEMENT. EASEMENT FROM LOT #1 TO LOT #3; FROM POINT OF BEGINNING OF LOT #1, WHICH IS ALSO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF EASEMENT, RUN EAST 344.30 FEET, THENCE RUN SOUTH 24 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 344.30 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 1995 FLEETCRAFT DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN NUMBER(S) GAFLR34A20127SH AND GAFLR34B20127SH, TITLE NUMBER(S) 68883550 AND 68883549

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DATED at Lake Butler, Florida, on June 20th, 2022.

KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES
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Matthews Museum: a walk back through time

Editor's note: The following story was originally published Feb. 23, 2017. Museum Docent Laurie Mullins passed away on March 25, 2019, at the age of 92.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Science fiction lovers may be fascinated with time machines, but in reality, you don't need such a contraption to experience the past. You can read books or visit museums.

People in Bradford County have a museum of their own, which is located on the second floor of the Santa Fe College Andrews Center Cultural Building in Starke (201 E. Call St.), though many may not realize the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum exists.

"You'd be amazed at how many people in Bradford County don't know that this is here," said Laurie Mullins, who is one of the museum's volunteer docents.

Though the museum has Bradford County specific exhibits that describe such things as how oranges were once a major crop in the area or how Starke was once dubbed by The Florida Times-Union as the fourth-largest city in Florida during the resulting World War II-era boom brought about by nearby Camp

Blanding, it also presents visitors the chance to take a general walk back through time.

Mullins enjoys giving tours to children and seeing how fascinated they become when they learn a little bit of what life used to be like.

"It's so different for them," she said.

For example, Mullins will stand before a display of old farm and household implements, asking children if they can identify such things as the lawnmower (sling), spigot (pump) and washing machine (tub and scrub board).

Discovering the old vacuum cleaner really seems to impress the children, Mullins said. Of course, what is displayed is a rug beater.

"They'd never think of hanging the rugs on the line and beating them," Mullins said.

Displays of old bottles gives Mullins the chance to tell children how a man delivered milk to your door, returning to pick up the clean, empty bottle and replacing it with a new bottle of milk, or how people returned their empty prescription-medication bottles to the pharmacist, who would refill them.

Mullins shares personal remembrances with the children. For example, she tells children how a wood stove in



Laurie Mullins, a volunteer docent at the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum, talks about some objects from days gone by that are displayed at the museum, such as a wash tub and scrub board. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

her childhood home helped her mother accomplish ironing clothes.

"You put them on top of the stove until they got hot," Mullins tells children when pointing out the display of vintage irons. "You ironed with one until it got cold and put it back (on the stove). Then you got the next one to do your ironing."

Some items on display, like the irons, have evolved. Some simply aren't used in these times, like the darn egg.

"You put it in a sock — down

in the toe of the sock — and then you can darn the hole in the sock without sticking it to the other part of the sock," Mullins said.

"It's something to work against. Everybody throws (socks) away now when they get holes in them, but in that day and time, they didn't throw them away. They mended them."

The museum is named for Eugene L. Matthews, the former owner and publisher of the Bradford County Telegraph, who is now deceased.

"He was a historian," Mullins

said. "Any time that you wanted folklore on Bradford County, or you wanted to know something about the history of the county, he was the one. He could talk to children or adults — get on their level and talk to them. He was really good with that."

One of the exhibits in the museum is a recreation of Matthews' Telegraph office, which Mullins described as an "organized mess."

"They said he could put his finger on anything in there," Mullins said. "He knew where everything was, but to anybody else, it was just a bad mess."

The museum covers the beginnings of Bradford County,

which was part of Alachua County when Florida became a U.S. territory in 1822. Part of Alachua County later split, creating Columbia County, which in turn split, creating New River County.

In 1861, New River County was renamed Bradford County, which encompassed present-day Bradford and Union counties. The birth of Union County occurred in 1921 after a rift over the location of the Bradford County seat, which moved from Lake Butler to Starke.

When it comes to agriculture, you may equate Bradford County

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Curtis A. "Lex" Sanders Attorney at Law



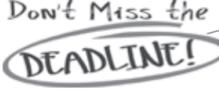
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Vacation Rentals in the Tri-County area worth a look

by **John Ryan Tillman**
Director of Marketing & Operations

With gas prices and inflation reaching record highs, the staff of the Monitor, Telegraph, and Times thought it would be neat to explore vacation options in the Tri-County area.

The Tri-County area has many beautiful natural assets that are budget friendly. In doing a bit of research, I found that there are a plethora of vacation rentals that fit almost any budget. I have made a partial list of vacation rentals in the Lake Region Tri-County area that caught my eye.

Best Bang For Your \$\$

Mike Ross Gold Head State Park located in Keystone Heights is a perfect vacation spot for outdoor enthusiasts or families on a budget whether day tripping, camping out or renting a cabin.

The Gold Head State Park has neat bike and hiking trails (which go from low impact to challenging), canoes you can rent for \$4 an hour or \$20 for 8 hours, and fishing options if you bring your own gear.

Primitive camping starts at \$5 a night, and cabin rentals range from \$65 to \$100 per night. To find out more information about vacationing at Mike Ross Gold Head State Park go to <https://bit.ly/3QUkFEo> online or visit [FloridaStateParks.org](https://www.floridastateparks.org) and search for it.

Cabins, homes, cottages, abodes in no particular order

Keystone Lake Front Cabin on Bedford Lake – Rating – 4.84 stars – Price-\$61 per night – Host – Steve – Number of guests 4 – Number of Bedrooms – 2 – Amenities for guests to use stand-up paddle board, kayak, bikes, and fishing poles.

Entire Home – Hampton Lake Cabin – Rating 4.56 stars – Price \$70 – Host Romulous – Number of guests 2 – Number of Bedrooms-1 Amenities – Kyack & Stand up Paddleboard.

The Tofu House at Moonrise Farm – 4.79 Stars – Price \$75 – Host Maureen – Number of guests 6 – Number of Bedrooms 2 – Amenities – none mentioned.

Entire Cottage – Keystone Heights Lake Front Cottage – Rating – 4.70 stars – Price \$78 per night – Host – Steve – Number of guests 4 – Number of Bedrooms – 2 – canoe, bicycles, and internet.

Cottage in Keystone Heights (Love Shack) – Rating 4.87 stars – Price \$84 per night – Host – Jayson – Number of guests 3 – Number of bedrooms 3 – Amenities – kayak, hotspot wifi, radio, satellite TV.

Swan Lake Lodge – Rating 4.59 stars – Price \$85 per night – Host-Marcus – Number of guests 4 – Number of bedrooms 1 – Amenities – none mentioned.

Lakefront Retreat Apartment Remodeled – Rating – 4.97 stars – Price-\$94 per night – Host-Cathy – Number of guests 4 – 1 bedroom with 3 beds – Amenities – Google T.V.

White Sands Lake Cottage – Rating 5 Stars – Price \$108 per night – Host – Andrew & Melody – Number of guests 5 – Number of bedrooms-2 – Amenities – Canoe, Hammock, 2 TV's.

Newly renovated lake house – Rating 4.95 stars – price \$135 per night – Host – Dawn – Number of guests 7 – Number of bedrooms – 2.

Lake Hutchinson Home – 4.59 stars – Price \$140 per night – Host Evolve – Number of guests 8 – Number of bedrooms-3 – Amenities include BBQ & Firepit – free wifi, flat screen smart tv's, dvd player.

Keystone Heights RV Park Covered Wagon Getaway – Price \$157 per night – Host Keystone Heights RV Park – Number of beds – 2 Queen Size or 1 King Size, Amenities – Swimming, Pickleball, Mini-Golf, Hot Tub.

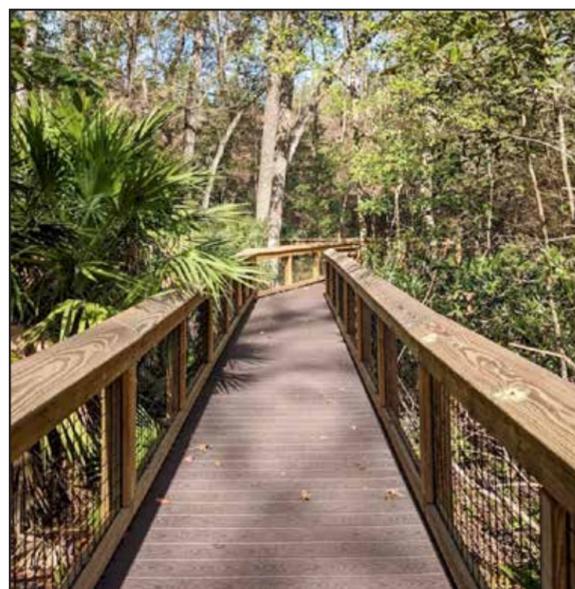
Sante Fe Lakehouse with Canal for your Boat – Rating 4.94 stars – Price \$206 per night – Host – Micah – Number of guests 6 – number of bedrooms-3 – Amenities – none mentioned.

I found information for these vacation rentals at AirBNB.com and there were many more rentals available there and at other sites. There are also Kingsley Lake Rentals on VRBO.com. And you can find several services online, including the two above, that rent RVs as vacation rentals — many in Florida —including RVShare.com and RVEzy.com. You can make reservations and payments online for the most part.

This article is not meant to be an endorsement of any of the commercial sites mentioned here (although we do endorse enjoying the park and our local communities), but is an example of how many local resources there are for vacations, whether long-term, a few days, a week or two, a weekend getaway — and you can save gas dollars by not driving very far at all.

The prices in this article were shown on the sites at the time the research occurred this week but we can not guarantee they won't change.

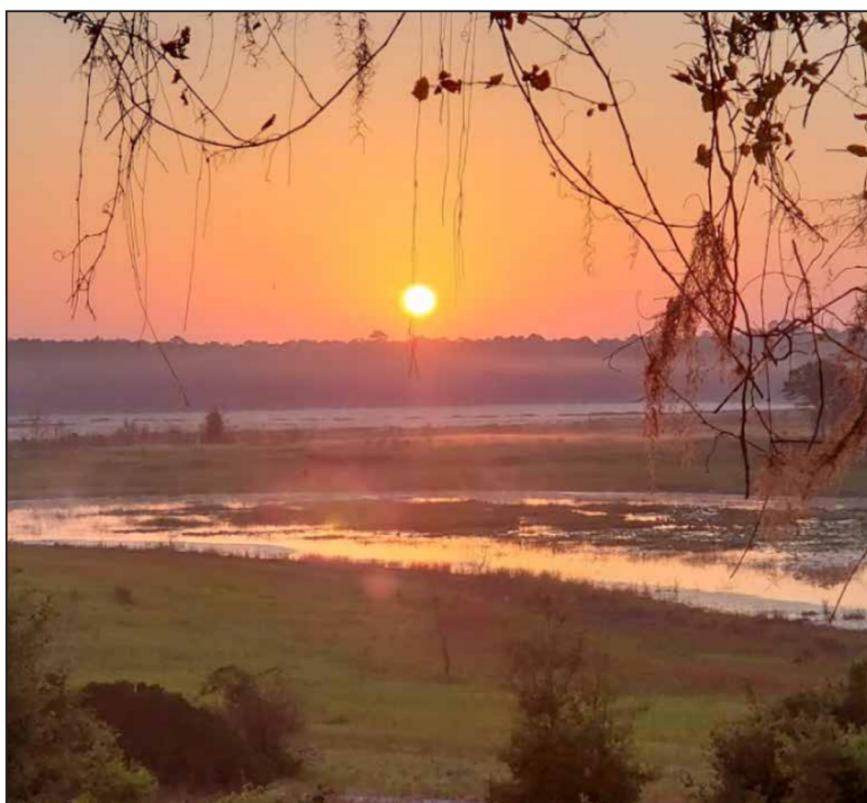
And there may be additional fees or taxes included in such rentals or at the parks. Be sure to read the fine print.



A walking bridge spans a good portion of the Gold Head Branch, named for its clear run over yellow sand.



One of the bridges from a different angle. Walkers and hikers will find varying levels of challenge from relaxing and more strenuous.



A beautiful sunset observed across one of the bodies of water and lakes to be found at the park along with diverse wildlife.

Activities & Experiences Available at Mike Ross Gold Head State Park according to the website

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This photo shows the "For the Ladies" display at the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

MUSEUM

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with strawberries, which were quite the cash crop at one time, but a museum display tells the story of another fruit the county was known for. "The Eden of the

South," as northern newspapers dubbed the Starke and Lawtey, brought people seeking their fortune in growing citrus in the 1870s and 1880s. A series of freezes, however, put an end to the dreams of orange growers, but it was during that time that Guy Knickerbocker was credited

with introducing strawberries to the county.

The "Law and Order" display has a wedding photograph of William Jackson Epperson and Lorena Edith Knight, who married Feb. 14, 1894. Epperson served 20 years as sheriff before retiring in 1937. Epperson sought

the position of sheriff despite the fact that his father and brother both were killed while serving in the same capacity before him.

In fact, no fewer than six sheriffs (one a possible suicide), two deputies and three city marshals died "violently" during 1885-1912.

Churches with quite a history in the county have their own display. Several can trace their histories back as early as the 1830s, with New River Baptist, for example, dating back to 1833. The First United Methodist Church appears to be Starke's oldest church, with a history dating back to 1863. The log building was the only church building in town at the time, so other denominations were also allowed to use it.

Mullins' grandfather was the Methodist minister in the early 1900s. He was on a circuit that had him ministering both in Starke and Waldo. Mullins said he would take a horse and buggy to Waldo, spend a few days there and then return to Starke.

One of the museum displays features the Hoover Brothers

photography studio, which Mullins said drew people from outside of the area, including her family when she was 3.

"I was living in Ocala," Mullins said. "My parents brought me here, to Hoovers, to get my picture made because they were the outstanding photographers in this area for children."

If you'd like to learn more about Bradford County's history, or just experience what life in

general was like in years past, why not visit the Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum? The Eugene L. Matthews It is open the second Thursday of each month from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Admission is free.



Eugene L. Matthews, a former owner/publisher of the Bradford County Telegraph, is the museum's namesake. Telegraph file photo.

HARRIS

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"You could never say you were surprised by a grade unless you actually had a failing grade and you passed, or you had a B+ and ended up getting an A because I felt like you deserved it," Harris said. "That was the only thing that would surprise you. (A grade) would never be lower than what you knew it was going to be."

Harris said he knew of teachers who would basically tell their students on the first day of school that if they showed up for class, did their work and behaved, they would pass. As for himself, he said, "All I would guarantee was that every day in this classroom, you will learn something that you didn't know. I will guarantee you that. If you study and work hard and learn enough, then you'll get the B or the A that you want."

He heard a lot of people say that everybody failed his class, which, of course, wasn't true. Yes, he expected students to work, but he wanted to see them succeed. That's why he was an educator.

"Seeing kids do well — that was the thrill," Harris said.

For example, take the assignments in which he required students to get up in front of class to give presentations. He wasn't asking students to do that because

he was mean, but because he saw the eventual benefit it would have on students' lives.

"It builds confidence," Harris said. "I guess that's what teaching is all about — building self-confidence."

At BHS, Harris also had stints coaching wrestling, junior varsity football and the academic team. He was also the student council sponsor during 1981-85, which he described as one of his highlights.

"I changed student council from a club to a real governing body," he said.

Student council members took on such responsibilities as setting up and running award assemblies and overseeing homecoming activities. All were solely run by students, who met during the summer to plan the activities. All activities and rules were printed and distributed to the rest of the student body.

"The student council did so much during that time that's never been done before or since," Harris said, adding that the students "were learning so much — how to do things for themselves."

Another thing student council did during that time was run school elections, which included manning voter-registration stations.

"We had one week of voter registration that was typically the second week of school," Harris

said.

Harris may have been student-council sponsor, but it was never about him.

"My name was never involved," he said. "It was not me. I did not want to be the focus at all. I wanted the focus on the students. It was student leadership. That's all it was about."

For approximately 10 years, Harris worked with and then sponsored and coordinated an international exchange program between BHS and Ville-Gymnasium in Erfstadt, Germany. BHS students took trips to Germany in 1988, 1990 and 1995, with Harris directing the 1990 and 1995 trips.

Harris sponsored and planned senior-class trips to Washington, D.C., in 1991 and 1992. In addition to the historic sites, students also met with the area's representative at the time, Congressman Cliff Stearns.

In the spring of 1992, Harris sponsored the Bradford County Jefferson Meeting on the Constitution, which brought together college professors of history, government and law from the University of Florida, University of North Florida, Santa Fe College, Jacksonville University and Florida State University with local social studies teachers, civic, political and business leaders, and senior student government and

economics students for a two-day seminar to discuss significant issues surrounding the U.S. Constitution. Harris, in a story on his retirement that was published in the Feb. 27, 2014, issue of the Telegraph, said, "I still believe that was the finest out-of-the-classroom educational program ever offered students in the 35 years I've been in Bradford County."

Making a change

Harris and his wife, Lyn, are moving to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, which will put him closer to his daughter, Veronica, who lives in southwest Missouri. His son, Jon-Michael, still lives in Florida and works for Disney World. Harris will be an equal distance from each living in Hattiesburg.

It'll be a big change, but one Harris is looking forward to.

"I don't have any family here (in Bradford County)," Harris said. "That's one thing that would've kept me longer. I have no family, but I have a lot of good friends and a lot of former students who I hope to maintain relations with."

"It's going to be different, but I can make friends pretty easily."

He already knows one person who lives approximately 90 miles from Hattiesburg — his 11th-grade English teacher, who taught him when he lived in

Smiths Station, Alabama. Harris recalled how she made him and his classmates write essays every Monday. Students wouldn't know what the topic was until they showed up to class.

"I did not enjoy one single day in her classroom," Harris said. "She terrified me, but she did what English teachers are supposed to do. She taught us how to write."

The teacher left the high school during Harris' senior year after completing grad school at Auburn University. Before she did, Harris went to her how much she meant to him. He may not have enjoyed her class, but he realized he had gotten so much out of it.

During his 43rd class reunion, Harris told classmates he wished he could locate the teacher. One of his classmates managed to track her down. She lives in Jackson, Mississippi.

Harris called her and has visited with her several times, though it has been three years since the last visit.

"Now that I'm going to move to Hattiesburg, we're going to get together pretty soon, whether she knows it or not," Harris said.

Want to follow in Harris' footsteps?

The Eugene L. Matthews Bradford County Historical Museum could've used more

volunteers to act as docents when Harris was there and could definitely use some more now. Now that Harris is gone, the museum has four docents: Kramer, Barbara Crawford, Russ Crawford and Herbie Smith.

"The pay is lousy," Kramer joked, "but as with anything else, it's for the love."

Docents greet visitors and ask them if they'd like a guided tour as well as answering any questions visitors have. Docents will have a notebook at their disposal that includes the answers to common questions as well as detailed information on each museum display.

"It's the easiest job you'll ever have," Kramer said.

The museum (based upon the number of docents) is currently open the second Thursday of each month from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. and the fourth Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

If you're interested in being a docent or would like to find out more information about the museum, please call Kramer at 904-364-6977.

Even if you don't want to be a docent, go check out the museum. Harris recommends it.

"I wish everybody in Bradford County knew about it and would take the time to visit," he said.

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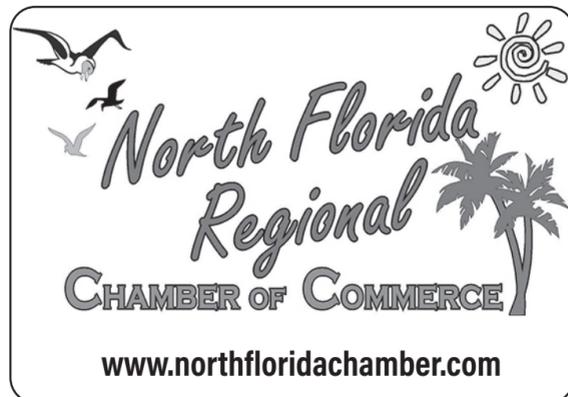
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