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Rezoning near Lake Butler Hardees generates controversy

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Lake Butler City Commission heard a full hour of public comments concerning a request for rezoning for property located behind Hardees at the intersection of S.R. 100 and S.R. 121 in Lake Butler while meeting as the city's Planning and Zoning Board before its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The request/application was made by Tomahawk II LLC and was for changes to be made to the city's Zoning Atlas and an amendment made to the Future Land Use Plan and Map. Fulfillment of the request would

rezone the rezoning of part of a lot from RS1 (residential single family) to CI (commercial intensive). Part of the lot is already zoned as CI (30 acres), and the request would make the rest of the lot (approx. 39 acres) the same.

The commission meeting room was filled with people concerned about the issue, most opposed to the rezoning.

Lynda Petit was the first to speak during the public comments segment of the meeting. Petit said she was concerned about the fact that some of the land had already been cleared with no regard for the environment, including a population of endangered gopher tortoises. She also questioned

the city considering approving the measures with no plan in place or any idea about what might be put there.

"You give people the CI zoning they are free to do whatever they want with the land," Petit said. We need to see a plan before making any changes. If zoned CI they can just come in and do anything they want — over and above anything the commission or the community wants. We need more commercial things in the city but planned — that is the difference between commercial and commercial intensive."

Commissioner Annette Redman asked what the differences were between the various types of

commercial zoning classes. City Attorney John Maines told her that CI was the most liberal of the commercial zones, other types of commercial zones have fewer permitted uses.

Robert Rios commented that there were about 10 houses directly backed up to the property under consideration, and the uncertainty of what was going to be done with the land was a major issue. He cited the possibility of drainage issues.

"There are plenty of other places that can be used for CI development," Rios said. "This is a big concern."

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WORTH NOTING

Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith plans a food distribution on Thursday, June 20, from 10–11:30 a.m. This is a drive-thru distribution. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. This distribution may begin early depending on the arrival of the food truck.

Republicans welcome leaders, public to dinner

Join the Bradford County Republican Party on Saturday, June 22, 2024, for an evening with Senator Rick Scott, Congresswoman Kat Cammack, and State Representative Chuck Brannan at the Woman's Club of Starke beginning at 6 p.m. Location is 201 N. Walnut St. in Starke.

Dinner will include a 10 oz. ribeye, potato, green beans, roll, side salad and dessert, with tea, coffee and water. Tickets are \$65 and are payable by personal check, cashier's check or money order made out to BCREC. Mailing address is P.O. Box 213, Starke, FL 32091. If you mail a check your tickets will be available for pick up at the door.

Seating is limited. Purchase of a ticket is a donation to the Bradford Republican Party and is not refundable. For tickets contact BCREC Treasurer Donna Solze at 904-364-6076.

Solicitations in connection with this event are made by Bradford County Republican Party and are not made by any federal officeholder.

Summer Bingo Fundraiser for CIS

The June 24 Summer Bingo Fundraiser for Communities of Schools of Bradford County, hosted by Bradford County Telegraph, will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Downtown Grill. Ten games for \$20. Last game blackout for \$100 prize. All bingo proceeds plus 25% of food and beverage purchases will go directly to CIS students.

Another building demolished to make way for ... something

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Workers wasted no time taking down the building next to Bryan's Ace Hardware that used to house Sawyer Gas and other businesses.

The replacement should be impressive, according to the city of Starke, although tenants for the future development have not been confirmed.

According to the city, there will be multiple businesses leasing space, including as many as three new restaurants — fast food or casual dining — and a new medical office. The city will know which businesses when a site plan is submitted.

The property was acquired in April for \$579,000 from Starke Auto Spa LLC, which was once interested in opening a carwash there. The

purchaser CJC Starke LLC was formed by principals Cory Presnick of Neptune Beach and Franck Maigne of Homosassa Springs.

A new carwash could still be in the county's future, however. According to Bradford County, plans have been submitted to build the business on U.S. 301, just north of Mosley Tire Co. and the new Zaxby's restaurant, which is still under construction. Woodall and Sons LLC of Albany, Georgia, purchased the lot last October for \$450,000. The principal is James H Moore III of Albany.

Finally, Starke's Building and Zoning Office was quick to assure that — while not moving as swiftly as the Zaxby's and Murphy USA projects — the Wawa development is still on track. Plans have not changed to open the franchise in Starke.



Marcus Jackson was arrested for possession of a firearm while committing a felony and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana.

5 arrested during search

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Bradford County Sheriff's Office said it arrested five people who are connected to an illegal firearms and narcotics operation.

Arrested were Marcus Jackson for possession of a firearm while committing a felony and possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana,

Ivan Sargeant for possession of a firearm while committing a felony,

possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana, and destruction of evidence, and

Ashton Hunter, Kylee Cirerol, and Hayden Hughes all for resisting an officer without Violence.

The office added that the search of the North Cherry Street residence yielded three firearms, more than 20 rounds of ammunition, over 300 grams of marijuana, and more than \$1,100 cash.



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Lawtey responds to questions from auditing committee

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Lawtey City Clerk Lisa Harley responded by letter on behalf of the city to the Florida Legislature's Joint Legislative

Auditing Committee, addressing potential violations of state statutes.

In most cases, Harley offered explanations that may placate concerns that the city was not fulfilling reporting and other

requirements.

For example, in response to questions about the annual budget approval process, provided advertising publication dates, hearing dates and meeting minutes for the 2023 and 2024

fiscal year budgets.

While the dates and times do not match statements committee staff found in the city's financial audits, the documentation does address concerns that procedures weren't followed. For each budget, Harley said both public hearings were publicly noticed and held as scheduled.

Harley also informed the state that the city is exploring website development, and should have a site of its own ready to post the required budget information by the time the process begins this year. In the meantime, Bradford County has been asked to post the most recent budgets as required.

As for the police department's budget, Harley said traffic

documentation did provide 33% or more of the department's revenue in recent years, and that should have been reported to the committee. She said she has placed a reminder on her calendar to submit the report annually.

The committee also asked Lawtey about its public records policy and procedures. Harley said the city has not adopted a policy but follows statutory requirements. The two members of staff try to reply to requests for information in a timely manner, but they must balance this with their daily duties. The size and detail of the records request also impact timeliness. She also said meeting agendas and supporting

documentation are available prior to the council's monthly meetings.

Additionally, Harley assured the committee that the city had reviewed additional demographic reporting requirements and would comply from now on.

"The city of Lawtey will make a commitment to comply with all statutory reporting requirements this year and moving forward," she wrote.

The letter from the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee stated a legislator, citizen petition or local government action could request the committee to direct the Florida Auditor General to conduct an operational audit of Lawtey at the city's expense.



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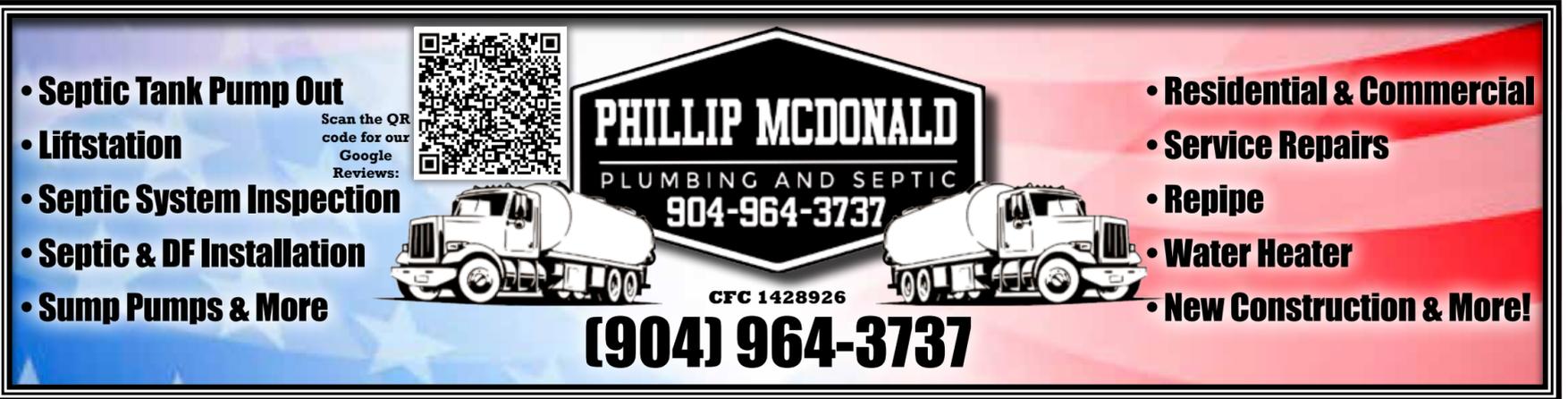


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Program focuses on substance abuse, chronic illness

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The first month of Bradford County Fire Rescue's Community Paramedicine Program showed promise as the agency takes on new approaches to helping substance abusers and others with chronic illness.

Chief Ben Carter said Lt. David Weeks and Division Chief Dylan Rodgers accomplished outstanding things in the first few weeks of the program's existence.

"Our goal is to engage with our residents who might benefit from services to help improve their quality of life, overcome addiction to opioids or other substances and connect with available resources to maximize their efforts to live healthy, independent lives," Weeks shared during his first program update for county commissioners.

During the first hurried weeks, they identified patients who could potentially benefit from the program and reached out to other fire departments to share information about resources and best practices. Likewise, resources were identified within local agencies that share the goal of a healthier Bradford County. Weeks said they are researching ways to streamline the services that are offered for those in need.

Weeks announced they took on six patients during the first month of operation. Three had a history of substance abuse including opioids and methamphetamine. The team is following them closely, providing information on local resources and support for healing.



Photo and graphic: Bradford County Fire Rescue.

"There's a lot of substance abuse issues in Bradford County. The biggest problem is getting that patient on board, you know. That person has to really want the help. We can offer it to them, but we can't force them to take it," Weeks said.

They talk to them about various options for treatment and recovery and let them know what to expect from each. The program is standing by to get them there when they are ready.

The other three patients have been offered help with chronic health problems. These are among the "frequent flyers" who have relied on emergency medical services for non-emergency calls. Program assistance can include medication reconciliation,

hospital discharge follow-ups, medical equipment education, risk reduction measures, transportation, nutrition, etc.

Funded by the county's share of financial settlements from pharmaceutical lawsuits, Weeks said they will grow the program through advertisement and public outreach. You will see them popping up at festivals, events and the community health hubs in Starke, Lawtey and Hampton. Referrals will soon be possible via a new website being developed for the department.

The paramedicine program has already charted a few firsts, including distributing its first doses of Narcan to substance abusers, which could prevent overdose deaths. Weeks said

PRIMARY SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM

Chronic Disease Management

Working closely with the patient, the CRP will establish a long term plan of care to help manage their disease and chronic medical issues.

Substance Abuse Education

The CRP will work close with those suffering from substance abuse disorders to address their needs and connect them to rehabilitation services.

Hospital Discharge Follow Up

Following a hospital admission, the CRP will meet with the patient to ensure they have all of the necessary resources to facilitate the healing process.

they also got a patient to his first physician visit in years. They updated his insurance, setup his online account and helped make the appointment with the help of Main Street Family Care.

Another participated in a telehealth call from home for the first time, receiving prescriptions without ambulance transport to the hospital. And another patient who had received serious injuries from a fall now has a new wooden deck with handrails thanks to partnership with Trinity Baptist and Cross Church. The old deck was replaced free of charge.

As the program expands, Weeks said he wants to focus on substance abuse, inspired by more established programs that provide that use medication-assisted drug treatment alongside counseling services. Prevention

will also play an important role through multiple substance abuse educational programs — opioids in particular — and promotion of recovery resources.

They also look to develop a drug disposal program to empty medicine cabinets of expired and potentially dangerous medications.

Week said they would also work toward billing patient insurance companies to recover some of the costs of services provided. If a physician or nurse practitioner determines there is a need for nutritional, transportation or other assistance provided by the paramedicine program, then the provider can bill the insurance company, he said.

Commission Chairwoman Carolyn Spooner suggested the

county jail as a spot to identify patients, and Weeks agreed, saying the Clay County program works closely with the jail there.

With nearly 25 years' experience at Jacksonville Fire Rescue, County Manager Scott Kornegay said he had seen a lot of new programs launched.

"I'll have to say that this Community Paramedicine Program that these gentlemen have taken on and have gotten off the ground is one of the most impressive things I've seen in my career," he said. He applauded Weeks, Rodgers and Carter, saying they are operating the program like it's been around six months longer.

"I'm very, very pleased, and I just wanted the board know what we're what we have here in this fire department," he said.

Councilwoman's donation has personal significance

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

Lawtey City Councilwoman Emily Hoffman recently made a donation in the amount of \$15,480 to Bradford County Fire Rescue. The donation from Hoffman comes with much admiration for those who serve to save lives and has personal significance to her own life story.

Hoffman moved to Florida in 2012, relocating from Nashville. Hoffman and her family lived in nearby Clay County until moving to Lawtey in 2017. She said she always liked to get involved as soon as they moved into a new community, and she and her husband quickly found areas they wanted to serve. He wanted to become a volunteer with the local department, but tragedy struck in 2021.

Hoffman's husband, Scott Vaden, was killed in a crash on U.S. 301 and C.R. 218 when a large semi-truck ran into his car.



Pictured are (front, l-r) County Manager Scott Kornegay, Lawtey Councilwoman Emily Hoffman, Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter, citizen Vyunda Strong, Jay Hoffman, (back) county commissioners Kenny Thompson, Carolyn Spooner, Chris Dougherty, Diane Andrews and Danny Riddick.

On such a difficult day, rescue teams were first on the scene and Hoffman is thankful for

help in such a dark time. Hoffman said after her husband's tragic passing she

still wanted to stay in Bradford, because she "has a heart for the community." She continued with

plans to run for city council and she succeeded. Hoffman took her place on Lawtey's city council in 2022.

While on council, she has been entrusted to oversee the fire department for the city of Lawtey. Hoffman says that while the oversight of that department has changed some since the county is in charge of that station, she still works to attain grants and stays in close contact with those at the station in order to advocate for their needs.

She said prior to the county taking over, the volunteer station

relied heavily on donations, but she wants people to realize they can still donate. Members of fire rescue are "so professional, nice and deserve to be recognized," she said.

Hoffman backed this belief with her own funds when she donated to Bradford Fire Rescue. She knows from experience the difference they make in the lives of the people they serve. Hoffman said she wants the community to know how blessed Bradford is to have such an amazing team of people to come to the rescue and for residents support them.

UCHS Class of '74 reunion

Union County's Class of 1974 will celebrate 50 years on Saturday, June 22, 2024. Save the date. The reunion will take place at 5 p.m. at Lake Butler Community Center. From 3 to 4:30 p.m., there will be a tour of Marjorie McGill Driggers Historical Museum, 401 W. Main St., Suite C in the Townsend-Green Building.

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Legion commander: Bad folks want to take away your freedom

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The commander of American Legion Post 202 in Keystone Heights told the attendees of the city's Memorial Day observance that their freedoms should not be taken for granted and that some around the world want to take those liberties away.

George Owens addressed the crowd of Lake Region residents, as did keynote speaker Charlie Van Zant and Mayor Nina Rodenroth.

Owens repeated the oft-spoken adage that freedom is not free. He then added, "There are lots of bad folks across the globe today that want to take your freedom, period. They don't have an established belief that we do today, where the constitutional framers believed in God... The things that we have in our Constitution are God-given inalienable rights. They're not given by politicians."

The post commander then read to the crowd at the Keystone Heights Cemetery the oath service men and women take when they enter the armed forces.



Keystone Heights Mayor Nina Rodenroth said Memorial Day should be celebrated with joy and unity.

"I do solemnly swear," he said, reading from the oath, "that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States

against all enemies, foreign and domestic. That I will bear truth, faith, and allegiance to the same, and that I will obey the orders of



American Legion Post 202 Commander George Owens read to the crowd at the Keystone Heights Cemetery the oath service men and women take when they enter the armed forces.

the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to the regulations and uniform

military code of justice. So, help me, God."

"That's what all of us said when we joined the military," Owens continued. "As a snott-nosed, 18-year-old kid, you have no idea what that means within the fine print. It means that you are going to be willing to give your life away to protect the freedoms that we have today. Let that sink in a minute."

Rodenroth said Memorial Day should be celebrated with joy and unity.

"Memorial Day holds a special place in our hearts as a day of remembrance, gratitude, and reflection," she said. "It is a time when we pay homage to those individuals who answered the call of duty, leaving behind the comforts of their families and their homes and placing themselves in harm's way."

"We can't repay the debt these heroes paid for us," the mayor continued, "but we can, and we must honor their sacrifice and their love for our country."

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Memorial for KH police and firefighters discussed

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights Heritage Commission discussed creating a memorial for the city's former police officers and firefighters during the commission's May 21 meeting.

Retired FHP trooper Leonard Jones served as the city's police chief from 1975 through 1982 while also operating his business,

Leonard's Outboard Shop, with his wife Sharon and daughter Christy. The Clay County Sheriff's Office took over the police unit's duties in the 1980s, with the city council appointing the sheriff as the police chief until the municipality's charter could be updated.

The Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department was a safety and social mainstay of the community

until its role was eventually overtaken by Clay County Fire Rescue. The nonprofit organization sold its Station 11 on Flamingo Street in 2021.

Heritage Commission Chair Christine Arnold said the city has badges and memorabilia from both departments and that she has contacted Jones's granddaughter about a possible memorial.

"Most people have no idea

we had a police department here," Arnold said.

Commission members discussed creating plaques or shadowboxes from department memorabilia, creating a temporary museum display, and organizing a ceremony or city council presentation to honor the former police officers and firefighters.

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KH budget meeting focuses on staffing

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Members of the Keystone Heights budget and finance committee talked about salaries for city employees and the need to stop the exodus of city workers due to low wages.

Mayor Nina Rodenroth said that during the last half of 2023, the municipality lost many workers, leaving city hall severely understaffed when new city manager Charlie Van Zan took over in 2024.

"We had a failure in things like maintaining our agendas, our minutes, our website, lack of follow up on phone calls, lack of email follow up, somebody at the front desk," the mayor said. "We didn't have events that we could offer because we didn't have staffing that could support them. So that's kind of a failure

to the community. I think the community wants us to do things. They want events, and I think that we have to look at how we can do a better job and fix that."

Rodenroth added that personnel costs should comprise 60% of the city budget. However, only 40% of the municipality's budget was dedicated to staffing last year.

SOLO gets update on Black Creek project

The St. Johns River Water Management District's director of infrastructure and land resources gave Save Our Lakes Organization members an

update on the project that could significantly raise water levels on Keystone Heights lakes.

Dale Jenkins spoke at the organization's May meeting at Keystone's First Baptist Church.

SOLO President Vivian Katz James said Jenkins' 20-minute presentation was well received by her membership, and the audience had plenty of questions.

"They had a lot of questions from every direction," Katz James said. "They had questions about water flow, when the district expected the water to reach the lakes, what it looks like where I live elevation-wise, and what about the pine trees out in front of my home. It was obvious that the community is excited about the project and wants to get the trees moved out of Lake Geneva as soon as possible, which we're working on."

New parade route for Splash Bash

Organizers announced details on the 2024 Splash Bash Parade, which will honor senior citizens and veterans in the local nursing facilities.

This year, for the first time ever, parade organizers have routed the parade by the larger nursing homes in Starke so the residents, including veterans from foreign wars, will be able to watch the parade.

Spectators are invited to park downtown and watch the parade from under the Madison Street overpass in the shade by the Downtown Square. Viewers can also walk to Wainwright Park to watch the parade, but the parking area will be blocked off for the parade route.

During and after the parade, lemonade and snow cones will be available at Church Street next to the Downtown Square.

Also following the parade, Bradford High JROTC cadets will be collecting old, tattered flags at the Veterans Memorial and exchanging them for new American flags donated by Bryan's Ace Hardware in Starke.

The parade begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 4, and you can get involved.

"We want the public to join us in the parade because this is our parade — the community! Let us see those patriotic golf carts and those decorated side-by-sides, for a chance to receive the Mayor's Choice Award for most patriotic display," said Michael Heeder, Splash Bash creator and organizer.

Horses riders are also welcome, as are motorcycles, vintage and other specialty vehicles and floats. (Off-road vehicles, lawnmowers and dirt bikes are not.) Get your application and information by contacting starkesplashbash@gmail.com or 904-290-1010. Don't wait. There will be a mandatory meeting of all parade participants on Monday, June 24, 6 p.m. at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office. You or a representative must be present to participate in the parade.

Parade route

Lineup for participants is on Stansbury Street next to the former Southside Elementary School. From there it will proceed north on Colley Road passing Riverwood, turning west on Laura Street. Crossing

over Water Street (S.R. 100) and passing Windsor Manor, then turning north on Church Street. The parade will follow Church Street under the overpass and continue on Church Street passing Young Hearts Assisted Living (formerly Parkside Assisted Living). At Wainwright Park, it will turn right on Bridges Street and proceed south down Water Street, ending at the Downtown Square.

Splash Bash

The parade, and accompanying military flyover, will kick off the largest Splash Bash yet — a free three-day event at the Bradford County Fairgrounds with a different lineup of food, entertainment and activities each day. This includes a Food Truck Rally, low country seafood boil and a barbecue competition, a beer garden, live performances, a car show, petting zoo, water slides, a Bubble Zone, square dancing, wrestling, superhero meetups, a Nerf Battle Zone and more.

Gates open at the fairgrounds at 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 6.



Hope's hilarious whodunnit

The hilarious whodunnit "The Play that Goes Wrong" was performed by Hope Christian Academy drama club students before two live audiences May 1. Written in 2012, it won Best New Comedy at the 2015 Laurence Olivier Awards. The high school play script was directed by HCA instructor Adina Leon. Pictured are (front, l-r) Dylan Dial, Natalia Weis, Madison Green, Kinsley Bagwell, Angelica Barnett, Natalie Lowe, (middle) Luke Drew, Lillian Drew, Noah Gaffney, Brendan Musser, Benjamin Whalen, Colton Bagwell, (back) Annalei Brown, director Adina Leon, Ellie Amis, Anne Amis, Lesly Salvidrez, Adam White and Noah Leon. Photos by Virginia Denmark.



The play was filled with zany one-liners, props that didn't work properly and a "corpse" that wouldn't remain dead. Brendan Musser, Noah Gaffney and Anne Amis ponder what in the world happened to Benjamin Whalen and "whodunnit?"

ZONING

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Freddy Norris told the board that he was one of the property owners and that the development company was just trying to get ahead of the growth process.

"We have nothing sold and no obligations," Norris said. "We are just planning for future growth. We are not developers; we are investors. The CI zoning gives us more options in selling the property. The property behind Hardees is already zoned CI, and this parcel is located in a prime spot for commercial development, located at the only major intersection in the city."

Spencer Hoover said he was asked to speak by the Hendricks family.

"This is a God-fearing community," Hoover said. "Investors should not be driving growth in this community. This property is a significant portion of the entire land area of the city. I am opposed to this rezoning. I favor well-planned growth."

Monica Bayer said, "I care very much about the health, welfare, and appearance of this community. We don't need more noise and dust. We need well-planned housing. I would like to see little shops, like a nail salon, a sit-down restaurant, a park, and recreation opportunities. I am not opposed to development, but it needs to be planned with the community in mind."

Local Pastor Brian Reagan said he felt that most people did not realize that a local government was a corporation.

"It's fine today, but what about 20 years from now," Reagan asked the commissioners. "With CI zoning, someone could put in a brewery, a bar, and a club. Sure, it would bring in a lot of money, but undoing zoning is hard. There are so many pieces of property in this community that are being sold it is eroding the community."

Roger Hoover said he was concerned as he lived at the north end of the property in question

and was opposed to the rezoning.

"The city commission needs more details and community involvement," Hoover said. "They have already done some land clearing with no regard for environmental concerns. This will lead to more traffic, noise and dust."

Margo Van Peterson said that she and her family gave up everything to move from another state to become part of a community where the Pledge of Allegiance is heard, and there is a prayer before public meetings.

"We wanted to be part of a community that was in line with our values," Van Peterson said. "I would love to see some growth and development if it benefits the community, especially seniors. I ask you to reject this proposal without knowing what will be developed and can clearly see the impact."

City Accounts Payable Clerk Hayden Page was asked to summarize a North Florida Regional Planning Council report on the proposed development and its impact on city services and infrastructure by Maines, who pointed out that the report was based on speculation on what the development might be to show the maximum impact (the most intensive use allowed) that could be expected. The report showed no effect on city potable water, with a limited impact on sanitary sewer and solid waste services. Drainage would require on-site retention and would have no impact. The report also states that there would be no impact on recreation, as there would not be an expected population increase, so there would be no need for the provision of more recreation services.

Other members of the audience spoke out of turn, and emotions ran high as commissioners tried to close the public comment segment of the meeting to deal with the matter themselves. People spoke to the audience rather than the commissioners — not allowed in public comments. One man said he was concerned about increased traffic, especially trucks.

"There are already too many trucks speeding on S.R. 121," he said. "There is a question of road capacity and an increase in crime. With this being located at a major intersection, there could be problems as crimes could be committed, and the criminals could just get up on a main road and go."

Billy Elixson said his family has lived in Union County for more than 150 years and he did not want to hurt the community.

"We bought the land to resell and take the money and buy another property," Elixson said. "We are just doing the steps to make the property more valuable. There are or should be controls in the county or city as to what sorts of businesses, like strip clubs are allowed to locate here. This property has the best access and visibility in the county and, with the city in bad need of tax revenue it seems like a good idea."

Audience members said that the community should have a say in growth and that most supported it, but they wanted more transparency, with everyone getting together and rethinking how things should be approached.

When the board finally voted to end the public comments, they considered the two resolutions that would set the rezoning in motion. The first was a proposed amendment to the Official Zoning Atlas of the City of Lake Butler's Land Development Regulations, while the second was to codify the changes to be made in the Future Land Use Plan. In both cases, a motion was made to deny the resolutions, and both motions passed the commission unanimously with no further discussion.

During all the discussion and board comments, no one made any comments about the amount of tax revenue the proposed changes could bring into city coffers, nor on the number of jobs that could be provided by whatever commercial enterprise ended up buying the property.

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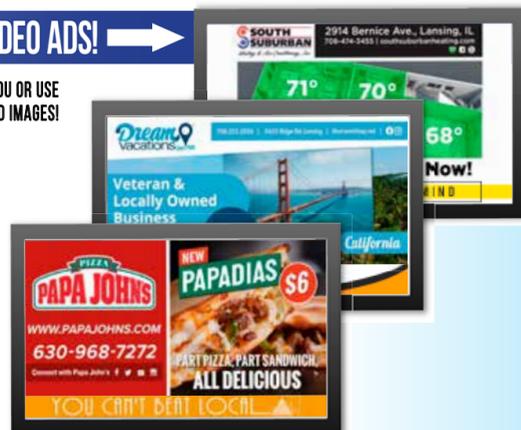
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UNION COUNTY

Library matters bookend county commission meeting

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union Board of County Commissioners held both a special meeting and its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, to a smaller than usual audience of citizens and only two public comments at the regular meeting.

At the special meeting, held before the regular meeting, commissioners considered the approval of an ordinance approving placing the library funding referendum on the ballot for the Primary Election, to be held Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024

Library referendum

The referendum renews a tax levy of one-half mill to be used for the funding of the Union County Special Library District. This funding measure has been renewed every two years since its inception in 1990 and has always seen approval by a high percentage of Union County voters. The funds are necessary to keep the library current, open and running for the use of the members of the public. Motion was made by Commissioner Jimmy Tallman to approve the ordinance, with a second from Commissioner Willie Croft and the motion passed the board unanimously.

Special business out of the way, the board adjourned the first meeting and moved on to the second, regular May meeting. After the opening of the meeting public comments were heard by

the board. The first to address the board was Lindsey Reddish, asking about the necessary modifications planned to be made to the permit applications for culverts. She said she wanted to know what standards the county would be using as a basis for the revised permit applications. Commissioner Donna Jackson told Reddish that she had been looking into the matter and would discuss the issue later in the meeting as it was on the agenda. Reddish also said she had an issue with the decrease in the time allowed for someone to make public comments – it was reduced several months ago due to the large numbers of citizens wishing to speak from three to two minutes, with the board having the option to allow a speaker more time. She said she wanted the board to address the issue and change the time allowed back to its original time.

Providence fire station, public safety building

The second to make public comment was former Commissioner Lacey Cannon, who is a firefighter by profession. He asked that everyone please keep an open mind concerning the options that will be necessary to the original project to get a fire department in Providence. He said that all involved should keep in mind that the original design was set for the station to be a county-run facility. The matter was discussed later in

the meeting during the County Coordinator's report (see below).

Moving on to regular business the board heard a report from Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead concerning the progress on the new public safety complex construction project. He said the fence was up and basic construction had started, primarily site-prep. He added that the pouring of concrete should occur in the next 3-5 weeks. He requested that the board grant him the authority to sign purchase orders related to the project to help speed things up in getting things done. Motion was made by Jackson to allow the requested authority, with a second from Croft and the motion passed 5-0.

Road projects

The board next approved two resolutions, the first requesting a time extension for the FDOT project on CR-238A, with a supplemental agreement and a request for and acceptance of additional funding for the FDOT widening and repaving project on CR-18 with a supplemental agreement. The new plan is to finalize the CR-229 project before addressing the CR23A project because the CR-229 project was running behind due to necessary adjustments to the project's plans. The CR-18 project agreement is to accept additional funds for the project. The County Coordinator asked the board's approval for him to go to a call for bids as soon as the report from the Army Corps of

Engineers sent their report in the project, probably sometime in the next two weeks. Both issues received unanimous approval by the board.

Phased construction for fire station

County Coordinator Jimmy Williams gave a report to the board concerning the planned construction of the new fire station in Providence. Williams said the project could go ahead but in the form of phased construction. He said this could be done with county oversight. He said the plans were already at minimum standards and, with the money shortfall, due to changes in the cost of materials and labor, the county will have to cut corners where it can and do as much of the work in-house or in-kind as possible. All of the money from the state appropriation for the project is accounted for, but rising costs will make it necessary to ask the state to make up the difference, which cannot be done quickly. With phased construction the project can begin and much work can be done while waiting for additional funds.

(Note: In an interview a few days after the meeting, Williams outlined how the phased construction would be implemented. He said the first phase would be site prep that would mostly in-house by county employees. The second phase would be getting the slab

poured with necessary electrical conduits and plumbing material installed as required before the pouring. Also in phase two would be the installation of the meal building as planned.

"After each phase, we can look back at the funding to see what is left and then decide what can be done in Phase Three." Williams said.)

Courthouse security

The board heard a report from Commissioner Mac Johns concerning the courthouse security grant project. He said, for the same reasons as with the fire station, the funds provided are proving to be up to \$230,000 short to complete the project as planned. He asked that the board approve the use of up to \$230,000 from the ARPA money still in county coffers (General Fund Special Acct. #2). He said that Williams was searching for funds to allow the project to be completed as planned from the state, but that the funds may not come until next year. The board approved the use of ARPA funds as John's requested unanimously.

Culverts

On the subject of culverts, the board had a detailed discussion. The issue was first brought up by Board Chair Channing Dobbs who introduced the idea to update the application to make it compatible with state changes (one of which would allow the

use of polycarbonate material in place of metal in certain situations, saving the resident money). Williams said that most of the existing culverts in the county were FDOT compliant with the existing permit application. Jackson said in her research she found that some counties have a set standard as to culvert size. She said that Columbia County had such a standard, but they also have their own engineers on staff. Williams said he would gather more information about the matter and report back to the board at its next regular meeting.

Last meeting for library director

Longtime Union County Public Library Director Mary Brown told the board that this would be her last meeting as a department head, as she is retiring soon. She said the hiring committee had met to fill her position and that there had been two good applicants. The board decided unanimously to hire Pretti McNutt as the new library director, at a salary of \$54,000 per year effective July 1, 2024. The salary can be covered in the library's current budget.

The board will hold a special meeting to discuss Land Development Regulations and Code Enforcement on June 4, 2024 at 3:30 pm. This meeting had previously been scheduled for May 30, but the date was moved up to allow all of the commissioners to attend.

Adventure begins at your library

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The days are getting hotter, and school is out for the summer, so now it's time for young people in Union County, and what better place to do that than at the Union County Public Library's Summer program? This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and the schedule of events promises an exciting, good time.

All of the programs, except for one (June 13 – see below) will be held at the library on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

The program kicks off on Thurs., June 6, 2024, with "Adventure Begins at Your Library." The library staff has put their heads together and created an awesome adventure for everyone to enjoy. This is a perfect day to begin a summer program because it happens to

be the first official day of the summer season.

The June 13, 2024, program will be held at the Lake Butler Elementary School cafeteria. Titled "Dad, ican, it features a live performance.

June 20 brings Game Day to the library, with everyone encouraged to have adventures with games.

June 27 is the Touch a Truck program, which will be held outside the library, allowing adventures with vehicles.

There will be no program on July 4, 2024, letting everyone concentrate on spending time with their families on the Independence Day holiday.

Back to the library on July 11, it will be Art Day. Participants will be given the opportunity to find their own personal art adventures with the help of the library staff.

July 18, 2024, will be the

final day of the Summer 2024 program, and, as always, it will be a Summer Party held outdoors. It will truly be a celebration featuring games and other adventures.

More information about the Summer Programs can be found on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/UnionCountyLibrary or by calling the library at (386)496-3432. Children attending all programs must be accompanied by an adult. There is no cost for any of the programs. And don't forget to pick up your Summer Reading Logs while at the library for the first program or any later ones. Reading is the greatest adventure! Reading books can take you around the world and beyond, in and out of space and time...and...can make it easy and enjoyable to learn fascinating things. Give it a try!



Adult graduates begin new journey

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, in the Union County High School Auditorium, 13 mature high school graduates walked across the stage to receive their high school diplomas (not GEDs). The graduates ranged from 20-60 years of age, and 11 more were unable to attend the ceremony due to work and personal obligations. All those in attendance wore traditional caps and gowns and participated in a ceremony very similar (but necessarily smaller) than the UCHS Class of 24 had experienced a few weeks before.

Union County Coordinator of Education Eugene Dukes welcomed the crowd of friends and family members who came to see the graduates receive their diplomas. All the usual formalities were observed, with the introduction of Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger, the members of the Union County School Board (two of which were in attendance), and the seven members of the Union County Adult Education Faculty and Staff. School Board Member Becky Raulerson offered the invocation for the event.

In his introduction, Dukes informed the graduates and their guests, "We are here for a celebration, here for a family reunion – it takes a family to make this happen; it takes a tribe."

Math was not my friend

Anna Morgan (60), the oldest of the graduates, gave her testimony about her achievement. Morgan said it had been a long journey, but she had very good teachers. She said she wanted to thank

all of the staff and teachers who helped her along the way and all of the graduates and guests for attending. She then related a little personal history.

"I quit school in the eighth grade after discovering that math was not my friend," Morgan said. "One day I saw a sign for going back to school and thought I should go back, but, eh... math. What I have accomplished made it proof that all we have to do if we want something is to work hard enough to get it."

The beginning of your journey

The guest speaker for the event was Union County High School American government and Economics teacher Mark Harrison. He first asked the graduates to applaud all the people around them in the room who had supported them.

"This is not the end of your journey, but the beginning," Harrison told the graduates.

Harrison then picked up a travel bag and pulled out a number of items, including a tube of toothpaste, a half-rotten banana in a plastic bag, and a \$50 bill. After some humorous comments about the toothpaste and the banana, he took the \$50 bill in his hand, folded it, crumpled it, and then stomped on it – noting the fact that none of these actions made the bill less desirable nor did it change the value.

"Some of these graduates will get folded, crumpled, or stomped on," Harrison said, "but they still have value because a higher authority says so. Our value doesn't change."

Harrison then quoted Bible verses Genesis 1:27 and John 3:16 to support his comments,

as well as the Declaration of Independence (All men are created equal...). He told the graduate that God gave them value.

"You are loved, have value, have worth," Harrison said, "don't ever forget where you came from. Have courage in the face of adversity, you have already done this. It is in a pressure situation where you see a person's real self."

Ripplinger and Dukes then took position center stage to hand each graduate their diploma and shake their hands. As each graduate's name was called, they ascended to the stage and received recognition for their hard work. In his closing remarks, Ripplinger uttered the same words that he traditionally spoke at all graduation events – telling the students that they were now officially high school graduates and could turn their tassels. As the graduates filled out of the auditorium, followed by their guests, they walked to the cafeteria for a reception just for them, perhaps standing a little bit straighter and walking with a little bit more pride and purpose.

Graduates of the Adult School Class of 2024 were (those in attendance marked with an *): *Carenna Alexander, Jenessa Bear, Dailyn Croft, *Alexzander Gaskins, *Daniel Gibbs, *Dante Johnson, *Landyn Lynn, Luke Moran, *Duncan Dugger, Kadence Hawkins, Laura Hooks, *Breonna Hunt, Beverly Knepp, *Anna Morgan, Lavaughn Mast, *Ethan McCaulou, *Cali McMahan, Elizabeth Miller, *Tyler Pate, *Naion Pellechio, Zachary Snide, Weston Strikland, *Cecil Walker and Mikah Wilson.

Pastor anniversary at New Covenant

New Covenant Baptist Ministries will be celebrating Pastor Jeffrey T. and Sister Daffany Jones' eighth anniversary

on Sunday, June 23, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ellsworth McGuire and St. John Missionary Baptist Church will be in charge of the

service. The public is invited. Dinner will be served.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Kylee Jolyn Cirerol, 19, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for resisting an officer.

Justin Dubuy Crawford, 36, Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 27 for DUI and a probation violation.

Michelle Doreen Crews, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 28 for a probation violation.

Ryan Daniel Daly, 39, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment, resisting an officer, and driving with a suspended license.

Oscar Wesley Davis, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for a probation violation and an out-of-county warrant.

Rosalita Maria Greaner, 43, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 28 for an out-of-county warrant.

Hayden Robert Hughes, 19, of Raiford, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for resisting an officer.

Tasha Leanne Hughes, 39, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for a probation violation.

Shane Frederick Huguley, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 27 for battery and simple assault.

Ashton Malik Hunter, 19, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for resisting an officer.

Marcus Donell Jackson, 20, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for a weapons offense and an out-of-county warrant.

Dennis Leroy Manning, 57, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 30 for larceny.

Eleazar Izaia Perez, 23, of Venice, was arrested by FHP troopers on May 31 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and giving false information to obtain a vehicle registration.

Steven Brian Phillips, 42, of Lake City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for withholding support.

I'van Tyrese Sargeant, 25, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for a weapons offense and destroying evidence.

Katie Marie Sherwood, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for a probation violation.

Nicole Ann Smith, 48, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 30 for disorderly intoxication.

Lester Wallace Walker, 50, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 26 for withholding support in possession of drug equipment.

Kaitlyn Nicole Watkins, 29, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 26 for a probation violation, possession of drugs, and child neglect.

Jesse Dale Weimer, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 30 for a parole

violation.

Union

Daphne Renee Bass, 42, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 28 for battery.

Nicholas Edward Boatwright, 44, of Macclenny, was arrested by Union deputies on May 29 for dealing in stolen property, burglary and criminal mischief with property damage.

Simon Lane Nettles, 24, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 2 for battery and resisting an officer.

Jacob James Walker, 33, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on May 27 for felony domestic battery and possession of drug equipment.

Clay

Denise Nicole Bowling-Grice, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 31 for failure to appear.

John Keener Gabriel, 25, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 26 for felony domestic battery and resisting an officer without violence.

Ashley Nicole Harnish, 37, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 25 for domestic battery.

Samuel Eugene Hartley, 20, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 29 for cyber sexual cyber-harassment of another person.

Cameron Forrest Smith, 22, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 29 for domestic battery.

Joshua Aaron Soto, 28, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 31 for fraud.

Justin Edward Taylor, 41, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 28 for petit theft.

Bond reduction denied for ex-library director

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The former director of the Bradford County Library remains behind bars after a judge denied his request to reduce his \$80,000 bond.

Robert Eugene Perone, 61, of Starke, was charged with grand theft and illegal use of a credit card after Bradford Sheriff's detectives accused the former county employee of stealing over \$12,000 from a nonprofit organization that supports the library.

In a motion to release the defendant on his own recognizance or reduce the bond, Perone's attorney, Assistant Public Defender Eddie L. Edwards, wrote that his client is indigent and cannot post the \$80,000 security. Edwards added that if the bond were reduced, Perone would remain at his Starke residence, remain in contact with his lawyer, and attend all court appearances.

Judge James M. Colaw denied the request.

36 months for shoplifting spree

A Starke man accused of shoplifting eight times over three weeks was sentenced to three years in prison after pleading to the crimes.

James Alfred Baxley, 35, pleaded to felony petit theft.

According to complaints and arrest reports, on January 5, Winn Dixie employees told Starke Police, and store video showed the defendant stuffing three T-bones and two beef tenderloins into his pants and leaving the store.



James Alfred Baxley, 35, pleaded to felony petit theft.

The following day, around 7:40 p.m., a Winn Dixie worker saw Baxley with a shopping cart near the meat section. The worker called the police and stopped Baxley as he left the store with stolen goods, telling the 35-year-old, "You're not leaving with this." Baxley fled the scene.

An hour later, a different Winn Dixie worker saw the defendant take a shopping buggy to the meat department and place six T-bones and two slabs of spareribs into the cart.

As the defendant left the store, the female worker grabbed the buggy and told Baxley, "Not tonight, Buddy; you already got us once earlier."

The defendant then left the store without the merchandise, and as with the previous thefts, police could not locate the man.

On January 7, an Aldi manager reported an attempted retail theft case in which the suspect, identified as Baxley, tried to steal meat products by hiding them in his pants. A store employee stopped the attempted theft, and Baxley left the business.

The Aldi manager showed deputies video of the previous day in which Baxley successfully pilfered Black Angus beef on two separate occasions.

On January 14, Baxley returned to Winn Dixie and reverted to his successful M.O., stuffing six T-bones into his pants and walking out of the store.

On January 31, Walmart sent the Bradford Sheriff's Office a photo of a man suspected of shoplifting, and dispatch forwarded the image to deputies via cell phones. Officers located the suspect on foot between the Holiday Inn Express and Badcock Furniture. In his pants, they discovered seven packs of bacon and two packs of beef brisket.

Accused of stabbing 2 with kitchen knife

Bradford deputies arrested a 28-year-old Starke woman after she allegedly used a kitchen knife to cut someone's finger during a street fight.

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According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a fighting call at 11:35 p.m. on May 18. Officers used their emergency lights and sirens to disburse a crowd of 20 to 30 people in the area of Old Lawtey Road and Crum Street.

A witness directed one lawman to a woman who had been cut on her right ring finger. He wrote that the woman was bleeding "profusely."

One victim told a deputy that Wilcox attempted to stab him in the stomach, and although the blade made contact with his body, it did not break the skin. When Wilcox took a second swing at the man, another woman stepped in to help and was cut on the finger.

Officers reported that although there were multiple witnesses to the incident, none were willing to give deputies their names.

Ignored sign, gets 7+ years

A Green Cove Springs man who ignored a no-trespassing sign because "everybody has no-trespass signs now" was sentenced to 90 months in prison.

Richard W. Carney pleaded to attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, criminal mischief with property damage, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to a December 13, 2023, arrest report, the property owner told deputies that he received an alert on his phone from a camera on his property.

The alert showed a man wearing camouflage clothing, a face mask, and gloves walking in front of a shed. The intruder was carrying bolt cutters. The property is located near County Road 18 between Hampton and Theresa.



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The victim told deputies that when he arrived at his property, he saw the defendant exit a wooded area nearby and that Carney approached the victim, claiming his truck had run out of gas.

Deputies arrived soon thereafter.

"Richard advised that his truck ran out of gas," wrote Deputy Taylor Sanders in the report. "Richard advised that he (saw) the front gate closed and the no trespass warning sign on the gate. Richard stated that everybody has no trespass signs now and decided to still enter onto the property."

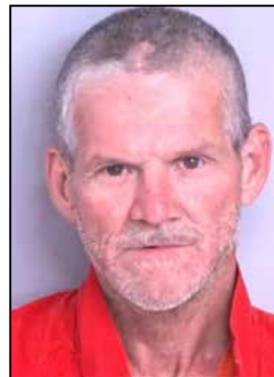
A search of the defendant's vehicle resulted in the discovery of a .308 rifle and three rounds of ammunition.

Carney's prior convictions include attempted robbery with a firearm, burglary while in possession of a firearm, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm by a felon, prescription forgery, use of another person's identification without consent, grand theft, and uttering worthless checks.

The maximum sentence for the misdemeanor and three felonies for which he pleaded was 26 years.

State says he took dad's bank card with a threat and bought F-150

Bradford deputies arrested a 53-year-old Lake City man



James William Dixon Jr. was arrested for grand theft.

after a State Medicare fraud investigator claimed the man took thousands of dollars out of his father's checking account, leaving the Starke nursing home resident with 60 cents.

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According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the investigation arose from a Florida Department of Children and Families case in which the victim said his son had made multiple withdrawals from his account and had bought a pickup using the victim's money.

The victim told the Medicare fraud investigator that he gave his son his ATM card after the younger man threatened to assault him if he did not hand the card over.

"(The victim) explained that his son, James Dixon Jr., removed him from the facility and asked for his debit card," the investigator wrote in a warrant affidavit. "(The victim) stated when he refused to give him the card, the subject stated, 'I will whip your ass and take it away from you.' (The victim) said he complied because he didn't want to get beat up."

The investigator wrote that he reviewed the victim's bank statements, which he found in the defendant's truck.

"The statements revealed (the victim's) account had a balance of \$48,623.67 on 02/23/2023 and an ending balance of \$0.60 on 07/10/2023," wrote the investigator.

The detective said Dixon withdrew cash from the account using Cash App, debit card purchases, and a \$14,000 check, which the defendant used to purchase an F-150 pickup.



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Edward Addison Sr.

Edward "Red" Matthew Addison Sr. went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at Haven Hospice Lake City surrounded by his family. Born on Oct. 20, 1942, in Jacksonville, he worked most of his life as a self-employed truck driver. His time behind the wheel was not just a job but a passion. A proud veteran, he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. His bravery and skill earned him sharpshooter and good-conduct medals before being honorably discharged. His commitment to serving his country reflected throughout his life. On May 8, 1968, he married Senie Everett, and they built a beautiful life of love and service. He was a faithful member of Raiford Road Church and enjoyed helping in various ministries, such as the clothes closet, VBS, and Celebrate Recovery. He was known for his sense of humor, a light that brightened every room he entered. His infectious laughter brought joy to those around him and created lasting memories for all who had the privilege of knowing him. In his leisure time, he found solace in simple pleasures such as hunting in the great outdoors, casting lines while fishing, tending to his garden with care, and enjoying hearty meals at buffets, where he reveled in good company and good food. He was preceded in death by his parents, James "Doc" and Inez Addison; his beloved wife, Senie Addison; and his brothers, Alfred and Ernest Addison.

He is survived by his children, Melissa (Hardy) Wood of Wellborn and Edward Matthew Addison Jr. of Raiford. His presence will be deeply missed by five grandchildren, Bethany Jones, Abigail (Tyler) Parrish, Noah (Taylor) Jones, Dalton Addison, and Dustin Addison; as well as four great-grandchildren, Waylon Parrish, Paisley Parrish, Ensley Parrish, and Declan Jones.

A visitation was held June 3 at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m., with a graveside service immediately following at Sapp Cemetery in Raiford.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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James F. Crews

James Francis "Ricochet" Crews, 67, of Starke passed away Friday, May 24, 2024, at HCA Florida North Florida Hospital. He was born on Feb. 16, 1957, in Wauchula. He grew up in Safety Harbor and moved to Starke in 1976. Prior to retirement, he worked for the Florida Department of Corrections, where he received many special assignments, including the demolition of the infamous "Rock" that was built at Raiford in 1927. He was part of the K-9 Unit at UCI as well as other specialized teams. Following his retirement, he worked as a truck driver for PRIDE for several years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Starke, where he served as an usher. He loved telling stories and spending time with his family, including his grandchildren and his many nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed the outdoors, farming his land and fishing, and was an avid hunter of dove and deer. He had a passion for bee keeping and generously gave much of the harvested honey to others. He was a member of several hunting clubs over the years, including Piney Bay Hunt Club, where he served as vice president for many terms. James was truly kind to people in need; not caring if they were friend or stranger, even in his declining mobility, he pushed himself to help others. He was dearly loved and is leaving a void in the hearts of many. Preceding him in death was his father, Francis Bryant Crews; and his sister, Susan Crews Kirkhart.

Survivors are, the "Light of His Life" and wife of 48 years, Laura (Fuqua) Crews of Starke; son, Matthew F. (Jaime) Crews of Keystone Heights; mother, Winnie (Warren) Crews of Old Town; sister, JoAnne (Charles) Howard of Old Town; brother, Andrew (Donna) Crews of Old Town; and brother-in-law, Tim Kirkhart of Lakeland. Also left are his grandchildren, Noah Grogan and Ashlynn Crews; along with a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family received friends at the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 29. A celebration of life was held on Thursday, May 30, at First Church of Starke, 200 N. Walnut St., Starke, 32091, with Pastor Josh Reiken and Mr. Clenton Gay officiating. Interment followed at Long Branch Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the National Spine Health Foundation; spinehealth.org/donate, or checks may be mailed to 11800 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 300, Reston, VA 20191.

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



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Chad McKenzie Sr.

Chad Everett McKenzie Sr., 46, of Starke, passed on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, with his loving family by his side, a day prior to celebrating his 47th birthday. He was born in Gainesville on May 30, 1977, to James E. McKenzie and Brenda McClenaghan. He was a lifelong resident of Bradford County and attended and graduated from Bradford High School in 1995. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, and growing vegetables in his garden, and he was an avid football fan. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends and making great memories. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jasper Lee McKenzie Sr. and Willie Mae McKenzie; and his maternal grandparents, Vasco and Violet Underhill.

He is survived by his loving companion of 20 years, Esther Nall; children, Chad Everett McKenzie Jr., Ashley McKenzie, Holly Hancock, Destiny McKenzie, Alex Starling, and Jacob (Mackenzie) Nall; his parents, James (Belinda) McKenzie and Brenda (George) McClenaghan; brothers, Cody McClenaghan and Wally Jewell; sister, Wendy (Keith) Parrish; and nine grandchildren.

A graveside Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, June 4, at Crosby Lake Cemetery with Chaplain Jackie Carmicoff officiating. The family received friends Monday, June 3, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel.

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



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Donald Neel

Donald "Sean O" Neel, born on Sept. 26, 1957, in Jacksonville, departed this earthly life on Friday, May 24, 2024. He was the beloved son of the late Don and Peggy Neel of Starke. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda "Cindy" Neel; son, John-Paul Neel; daughter and son-in-law Natalie and Nicholas Williamson; his cherished grandson, Nolan Williamson; and his brother, Kevin Neel. He is also survived by countless friends he considered family and numerous esteemed business colleagues he considered dear friends.

Sean graduated from Bradford High School, where he served as Senior Class President, and later attended the University of Florida. His passion for radio began in high school in 1972 at the local station. After gaining experience at radio stations in Florida, Alabama, and Colorado, he established his career in Houston, Texas. Over the next 40 years, he built a notable presence in Houston radio, becoming widely recognized as the voice of Gallery Furniture in the '90s, famously known as the "my aching back guy." He thrived as an on-air personality, producer, and creative and program director for multiple Houston radio stations. He dedicated nearly 20 years to Bill Young Productions as a voice talent and producer. Known for his passion and natural talent, he mentored many in audio production and radio, finding immense joy in teaching others. His dedication was celebrated in October 2023 when he was inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame, an honor he cherished as the pinnacle of his career. Donnie, as he was affectionately called in his youth, was known for his intelligence and curiosity. He devoured dictionaries and encyclopedias as a child for fun. His passions included music, writing, and a deep knowledge of JFK and Beatles trivia. He always had the right words for every occasion. In Houston, Sean met the love of his life, Cindy, and they married in July 1982. Their 41-year marriage was filled with love, support and lots of laughs. Sean's family was his pride and joy, and he never missed an opportunity to boast about them. Cindy was his steadfast companion, especially in his final days. Sean's sense of humor was legendary. He could make anyone laugh with his quick wit and clever quips. He was always ready with a joke or a playful jab. His humor brought joy to many and lightened even the heaviest moments. He passed on his love of music, movies, and his unique sense of humor to his children, and his grandson, Nolan, inherited his sarcasm and big heart. A man of deep faith and a devoted Christ follower, Sean will be profoundly missed by all who knew him. As we remember his remarkable life, we find solace in the lasting legacy he leaves behind and the hope of reuniting with him one day. His spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched, and his memory will forever be cherished.

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Lorrie Allen

Lorrie Kay Murphy Allen, 60, of Starke, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at The Mayo Clinic Campus in Jacksonville. She was born in Vero Beach on July 5, 1963, to her loving parents, Dudley Joseph "Joe" Murphy and Shirley Ann Allred Murphy. She was raised in Vero Beach and graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1981. Shortly after school, she relocated to Gainesville, where she attended Santa Fe Community College. She met her best friend and forever companion, Robert "Scott" Allen, while in college and they were happily married on June 11, 1988. Later that year, they made Bradford County their forever home. She was a devoted wife and loving mother. She proudly served in Scott's family business, Allen's Office Supplies and Printing Inc., in Starke for several years, assisting with sales. She and Scott were longtime active members of the First United Methodist Church of Starke. She loved attending church and worshipping her Lord and Savior with her church family. And she mostly loved the honor of being their Children's Ministry Director for 11 years. Her passion was children, and she found great joy in leading little ones to Christ. In the early 2000s, she began her employment with the Bradford County School System, where she later became their Financial Aid Director with North Florida Technical College. On June 29, 2023, she retired from the school system to focus on her health. Lorrie was very active and loved being outdoors. She enjoyed hiking, going to the mountains, jogging, going to the beach, and any and all exercising. More than anything, she cherished her family, loved spending time with her children, and enjoyed supporting them, especially throughout the years with their sporting events. She was a great treasure, was so very loved, and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 36 years, Scott Allen of Starke; children, Kaylann (Michael) Kinard of Starke; Murphy (Baley Forsyth) Allen of Keystone Heights; parents, Joe and Shirley Murphy of Vero Beach; sisters, Angie Murphy Gamand and Jill (Bob) Geary both of Vero Beach; grandchildren, Bryson and Landen Kinard; sister-in-law, Marion Kay Allen; along with many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, June 7, at 1 p.m. at First Church of Starke with Rev. Bill Allen officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Meadows Memorial Park East in Gainesville. The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 6, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

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Dr. Taralyn DeWese-Mitchell

Dr. Taralyn Maria DeWese-Mitchell, 57, of Hampton, died Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

Survivors are her husband, Harold (Mitch) Mitchell Jr.; sons, Dominic Mitchell and Xavian Mitchell; father, Stanley DeWese; sister, Shyluer DeWese-Barthlett; and many extended family members.

The viewing will be Saturday, June 8, from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. at the Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, followed by the funeral at 1 p.m. A repast will follow immediately at the Starke National Guard Armory, 720 Edwards Road, Starke, 32091.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757.



Dr. Byron George

Dr. Byron Winston George, 78, of Keystone Heights passed away on Monday, May 27, 2024, at the Park of the Palms. He was born on Aug. 11, 1945, in Greenville, Grenada, West Indies to the late J. Adrian George and Otil Veronica George, née Pierre. He was a spiritual man who devoted his life to his Lord and Savior. After moving to the US in early adulthood, he started many churches in various states and frequently traveled to share the Word of God. When not actively involved in the ministry, he spent his time counseling others regarding psychological matters and creating ways to encourage personal growth. He was an avid reader with a scholarly mind, and he enthusiastically shared his knowledge with others. He was musically inclined, wrote many songs, and could often be heard singing in combination with other activities. He enjoyed playing tennis, working in his yard, and spending time interacting with his loved ones and family. The impact he had on those who knew him will last for generations to come. Dr. George was beloved by many and will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Raymond George and Dalton George; and sister, Merline George.

Survivors include his loving wife of 53 years, Mabel McLeod George of Keystone; daughter, Aleida (George) Zollman of Prior Lake, Minnesota; son, Geoffrey George of Keystone Heights; two granddaughters, Adrienne Zollman and Jaiden Zollman, both of Prior Lake, Minnesota; five brothers, Alwyn George of St. Andrew, Grenada, West Indies, Osborn George of Lanham, Maryland, Eon George, Devon George, and Carlton George, all of St. Andrew, Grenada, West Indies; seven sisters, Louisa Hamilton and Rhoda Morency, both of St. Andrew, Grenada, West Indies, Erla George of Middlesex, England, Rawlida George of St. David, Grenada, West Indies, Norma George of Woodlyn, Pennsylvania, Pamela George and Claudia Andrew both of St. Andrew, Grenada, West Indies; and stepmother, Mitilda George of St. Andrew, Grenada, West Indies.

The family received friends at the Community Church of Keystone Heights on Monday, June 3, followed by the funeral service with Pastor Steven Klingler officiating. He was laid to rest at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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

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Paul R. Torode

Paul Richard Torode, 70, of Starke, passed away on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Lake Butler Hospital. He was born on Jan. 20, 1954, in Jacksonville to the late John A. Torode Sr. and Sarah Poynthress Torode. He graduated from Bradford High School in 1972 and began his electrical business as Torode Electrical Systems. He also worked for Torode Oil Company and for Central Florida Oil Company when he lived in Ocala. As a young man he enjoyed drag racing and always had a passion for German shepherd dogs.

He loved his family and was very interested in his nieces' lives. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He is survived by his siblings, John A. (Tracy) Torode Jr. of Starke, Sally Torode of Chittenango, New York, and Carl (Christie) Torode of Starke. He is also survived by his nieces, Megan Torode (Chris) Welch of Charles Town, West Virginia, Mary Torode (Brad) Sykes of Loxley, Alabama, Shauna Patrick (Chris) Lynch of Chittenango, New York, Shelley Torode (Josh) Luke of Starke, and Amanda Torode of Starke.

Graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, June 5, at Kingsley Lake Cemetery with Pastor Jonathan Rodriguez officiating. The family received friends on Tuesday, June 4, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to: K9 Service German Shepherd Rescue, 3913 Little Dairy Road, Green Cove Springs, FL, 32043 or online at www.K-9services.net.

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Knight retires after 30 years of teaching

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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If Susan Knight's truck could drive itself, it would've known exactly where to go to every morning, Monday through Friday.

Now, though, she and her truck will have to learn a new routine, or perhaps adapt to a life without routine.

The end of this school year marked the start of Knight's retirement, bringing an end to a 30-year career in education, with all but one of those years spent as a teacher at Lawtey Elementary School.

"I live almost in Raiford on 225," Knight said. "I've driven (to Lawtey Elementary) so long, it's like my truck, I can just turn it loose, and it'll go to work."

Work is now a thing of the past — at least the work of being an educator. Knight said she and her husband of 46 years, Andrew, have land that will keep them busy.

"There's just so much work to keep the farm up," she said. "Good gracious, I probably have three months' worth of fencing and bush hogging and stuff like that that I can do."

That sounds more strenuous than fulfilling the role of teacher, but Knight said being an educator is more difficult today than when she began, so she's looking forward to stepping into her new phase of life.

"I'm very excited," she said. "I know I'll miss it to a certain extent, but things have really gotten difficult. Our world is not what it used to be. It's really hard. The children really have so much to deal with, and they struggle."

Knight said a lot of discipline and patience are required in the educational setting of today. Laughing, she said, "At my age, patience is not at a premium."

"It's time," she said of retiring.

Early experiences led to teaching

Knight, who's lived in Bradford County all her life, said the responsibilities said she was 5 when her mother died. Though her grandparents were a big help during that time, Knight said that because of her father having to work, she basically filled the role of mother.

"I kind of raised my family," Knight said, adding, "I think I have that mother gene in me. I think it was something in me from the beginning."

She believes that had a lot to do with her wanting to become a teacher, which would give her the opportunity to help raise children in a different way.

The desire to teach was also born of the fact that she had

"some wonderful elementary school teachers."

"They were all just really inspirational," Knight said.

How bad did she want to be a teacher? So bad that she was willing to put in the extra time, having to work a job to pay for college. She began working at Starke's Winn-Dixie while still a student at Bradford High School as part of an employment program. It was the start of 18 years at the store.

"I was the first one in my family to go to college," Knight said. "It was one of those things where, financially, I had to take it in spells, but I made it."

She also took time off from going to college for a while when she gave birth to her and Andrew's son, Jacob.

Knight, who started at Santa Fe College, said it took approximately four years for her to get through two-years' worth of work at the University of North Florida.

"It was a slow process," she said, "but I finally made it."

It, of course, took dedication and determination on her part, but she also had the help of her loved ones.

"My whole family supported me through my college career," Knight said. "My mother-in-law was a teacher at the time, so that was kind of neat, too."

The 'little ones'

Knight said she wanted to teach at the elementary level because she felt that she could "handle the little ones better." She also liked the fact that the younger children are excited about learning new things as they start their school careers or are in the midst of their early school years.

"They're open. They're ready," Knight said.

Her career began with filling in at Southside Elementary School for teachers who went on maternity leave before she became a teacher at the Lawtey school, where she taught second, fourth and fifth grades before serving as the reading interventionist the last four years.

Knight's Lawtey Elementary career began with teaching ESE students. She didn't have an ESE degree, but she enjoyed the experience.

"I think my thing was just seeing how so many special-needs children just need love and somebody to care about them, push them and let them know they can do it," Knight said.

For Knight, it's all about the children, whether they're in the ESE population or the regular-education population.

"I really loved the kids. There are so many personalities,"



Susan Knight spent all but one of her 30 years in education teaching at Lawtey Elementary School.

Knight said, adding, "You better be in it for the kids because the money's not great."

Knight said she went into her career thinking first grade was what she wanted to teach more than any other grade, but she eventually found out that she enjoyed teaching second grade the most.

"My second-graders, I think, are my heart," she said. "They are beginning to read. They are very interested. They want to please you."

What she enjoyed teaching the most, regardless of the grade she worked with, was reading. She wanted to instill in her students a love for doing so.

"I tried to explain to my children that you go places when you're reading," Knight said.

As reading interventionist, Knight worked with students in all grades who struggled to read. The key to becoming a better reader, she said, is to practice, which isn't something those who are struggling want to do.

"That was the number-one problem with my children," Knight said. "They did not practice reading because they didn't read well."

Knight said the reluctance to practice reading isn't the only thing hindering children. She said it's hard for children to even have the desire to read because it requires a patience that's lacking in today's world of instant gratification.

"To read, you have to imagine," Knight said. "We have ruined them with cell phones and technology."

As for herself, Knight said she'll read "pretty much anything," but admitted she was "more of a romance type." She also enjoys books by Charles Martin.

"He's actually from Jacksonville," Knight said, adding, "He writes about home, about Florida. I relate to the places he writes about."

Future and memories

Besides working on her property, Knight said she looks

forward to traveling with her husband.

"We just want to see some of the country while we're still able," she said.

She can also enjoy devoting time to her hobby of gardening as well as continuing to be active in her church, Starke's Northside Baptist.

Spending time with three grandchildren will also be something to look forward to. One of her grandchildren is attending the University of Florida. The other two are ages 16 and 9.

Knight can look back with fondness on memories from her time at Lawtey Elementary School, such as the fun times that Water Day brought or the joy she helped give to ESE students by taking them on field trips.

"They didn't get out a lot," Knight said.

She was reminded of some of the things she experienced at the school as she went through the process of preparing to leave and enter retirement.

"I've been cleaning out my room and going through pictures," Knight said.

She'll remember how special it was to work with so many people she already knew before teaching at Lawtey Elementary — people she grew up with and went to school with.

"We were like brothers and sisters," Knight said. "You might fight amongst yourselves, but don't let anybody from the outside mess with anybody. I think that was probably the highlight. We were all family (at Lawtey Elementary)."

Teaching may be something she puts behind her, but she'll most likely have chances to be reminded of it by bumping into former students of hers.

"That is a really nice part of being in a small town," Knight said.

She remembers one of her former students who lost her stepfather and "had a terrible time when she was young." That student "made it," said Knight, who stays in touch with the now adult via Facebook. The former student tells Knight she thinks about her when she does certain things as part of her life.

"It makes you feel like you accomplished something," Knight said.

Knight once saw a former student who was waiting tables in a restaurant. That person was succeeding in life, which is all any teacher wants to ultimately see.

"She's got a job. She has a family. She's happy," Knight said. "You don't have to be a

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Avery Waldron

Avery Hogan Waldron, 59, of Hampton, passed away Saturday, May 25, 2024. He was born in Starke to Geraldine (Thornton) Waldron and the late Hogan Waldron. He was a lifelong resident of Union and Bradford Counties. He worked as a laboratory technician at Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital in Macclenny for almost the last 10 years and had retired from Shands Hospital in Starke after 20 years of service. He was a talented musician and loved spending time with his family and friends. He was also a member of Victory Revival Church. He was preceded in death by parents, Hogan and Norma Waldron of Douglas, Georgia; paternal grandparents, Robert and Ruby Waldron; maternal grandparents, Edward and Georgia Thornton; brother, Marty Waldron; and stepister, Denise Waldron.

He is survived by his mother, Geraldine Waldron of Raiford; stepbrother, Tom (April) Wooten; stepsisters, Charlene (Mike) Moore and Regina (Dewayne) Paulk; daughter, Bethanie (Jacob) Bairen; and nieces, Danielle (Wilbur) Poore and Kaley Waldron.

Funeral services were held on Friday May 31, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler, with Rev. Randall Griffiths, Rev. Larry Thornton, and Sister Joy Thornton officiating. Interment followed at Santa Fe Cemetery in Hampton. A dinner was held in honor of Avery by Victory Revival Church at the Raiford Community Center following the funeral and interment services.

Arrangements were under the care of Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



PAID OBITUARY

Bruce Tucker retires

After practicing community pharmacy for 43 years, I have decided to retire. I am a product of the BHS class of 1974. I have spent the majority of my time serving Clay County as pharmacy manager for Walgreens. My dad introduced me to business practices, but I liked science. Pharmacy is a combination of both. I got my introduction to pharmacy by cleaning floors and stocking shelves at Andrews Drugs. After being accepted to Mercer University, Mr. Andrews became my preceptor and mentor. The skill set I learned helped me with my successful career. Over time I have trained other pharmacist's and passed on my skill set.

I wanted to thank my peers, especially those of my parents' generation, who had a positive influence on me growing up in Starke. It has certainly been a blessed life.

My wife of 39 years, Laurie, and I plan on spending more time with our children, Dr. Alan Tucker of Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Claire Shick of St. Johns.

Bruce Tucker



CIS of Bradford to host June 24 bingo event, gets support from Kiwanis Club of Starke

Kiwanis Club of Starke President Nelson Green (far left) presents a \$200 donation to Cindy DeValerio (center) and Linda Bennett in support of Communities in Schools of Bradford County's upcoming bingo fundraiser. If you'd like to support CIS of Bradford, the bingo event will take place on June 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at The Downtown Grill. The cost to play 10 games is \$20. Last game blackout for \$100 prize. All bingo proceeds and 25 percent of food/beverage purchases will go toward supporting CIS students.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of June 6, 2024

BRADFORD

PUBLIC AUCTION
Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 6/14/2024 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:
Unit 142 – Belonging to J. Addison
Unit 110 – Belonging to V. Atkinson
Unit 79 – Belonging to H. Brazell
Units 54 & 55 – Belonging to D. Truman
Unit 155 – Belonging to C. Simpson
Unit 60 – Belonging to N. McCutchen
Unit 16 – Belonging to J. Griffis
Unit 75 – Belonging to L. Glisson
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 06/21/2024 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
LFTRW12W06FA03189 2006 FORD LN4EB32AXMC805487 1991 NISS
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 06/06/2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Family Law Division
Case No.: 2024-DR-0029
IN RE: THE MATTER OF:
THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR BRAXTON WESLEY DAVIS
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION
TO: BRIAN WESLEY DAVIS
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Termination of Parental Rights has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Brian M. Monk, Esq., of Monk Law Group PLLC, Petitioner/Mother's attorney, whose address is 1102 South Florida Avenue, Suite 111, Lakeland, Florida 33803, on or before June 17, 2024, and file the original with the Clerk of this court at Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street #1654, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, either before service on Petitioner/Mother's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
DATED this 9th day of May, 2024.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
C. NORMAN
Deputy Clerk
For Publication in:
Union County, Florida
Bradford County, Florida
Gilchrist County, Florida
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 63-2024-DR-0062 and 63-2024-DR-0063
Division:
SCOTT THOMAS, Petitioner and
CRISTINA THOMAS, Respondent.
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TO: CRISTINA THOMAS
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for TEMPORARY CUSTODY BY EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBER has been filed against you and that

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IN THE COUNTY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 63-2024-CC-0010
CLYATT WELL DRILLING, INC., a Florida Profit Corporation
Plaintiff,
vs.
TATE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company
Defendant
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Plaintiff,
vs.
LUBOV BOGOPOLSKAYA, and THE COMMONS LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida non-profit corporation,
Defendants.
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2 from KHHS earn individual honors at Clay awards show

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Nigel Clance and Ben Ulsch — two recent Keystone Heights High School graduates — received individual awards at the annual Clay County Athletics Awards Show, which was held May 13 at Orange Park's Thrasher-Horne Center.

Keystone Boys Weightlifting Coach Lantz Lowery was also presented with the 2022-23 Florida Coach of the Year Award (see related story).

Clance, who is autistic, was the recipient of a newly created Inspirational Achievement Award, which was presented to a total of seven Clay County students for their participation in the Special Olympics.

Clay County Schools Chief of Secondary Education Treasure Pickett presented the awards, saying, "These remarkable individuals embody the true essence of sportsmanship, determination and resilience. They remind us that success is not solely measured by victories on the field, but by the courage to face challenges with unwavering resolve and the determination to always strive for personal bests."

The Carrie Underwood song "The Champion" was played while Clance took to the stage with his fellow honorees: Frederick Armstead of Oakleaf, Amos Burney of Middleburg, Adelaide Gasbarro of Fleming Island, Jeremiah Jewell of Clay, Nicholas Santana of Orange Park and Bailey Reese of Ridgeview.

"Award winners have touched our hearts with their unwavering positivity, their unwavering commitment to excellence and their unwavering support for each other," Pickett said. "They have shown us the power of sports to unite, uplift and inspire. Each of our winners has made a profound impact on their schools, fostering an environment of inclusion, kindness and encouragement. Their dedication to their sport, their teammates and their community serves as a beacon of inspiration for us all."

Ulsch was one of seven Clay County student-athletes to receive Hero Awards, joining Peyton Coultis of Fleming Island, Avery Garcia of Oakleaf, Lily Kalil of Clay, Carley Nicholas of Orange Park, Robert Piccirillo of Middleburg and Hannah Smith of Ridgeview.

Clay High School Principal Jen Halter, who presented the awards, said people are faced with obstacles daily, but "the gamechanger" is how people react to, adapt to and overcome those obstacles.

With that in mind, she said Ulsch and fellow honorees "are



Keystone's Nigel Clance received one of the seven Inspirational Achievement Awards at the Clay County Athletics Awards Show. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Clance, Adelaide Gasbarro of Fleming Island, Frederick Armstead of Oakleaf, (back, l-r) Nicholas Santana of Orange Park, Bailey Reese of Ridgeview and Jeremiah Jewell of Clay. Not pictured: Amos Burney of Middleburg. Photo by Leonard's Photography.



Keystone Heights High School's Ben Ulsch received one of the seven Hero Awards at the Clay County Athletics Awards Show. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Carley Nicholas of Orange Park, Robert Piccirillo of Middleburg, Avery Garcia of Oakleaf, (back, l-r) Ulsch, Hannah Smith of Ridgeview, Peyton Coultis of Fleming Island and Lily Kalil of Clay. Photo by Leonard's Photography.

truly heroes."

"They have overcome significant obstacles in their lives this school year and have pushed through and never quit under very difficult circumstances to achieve greatness," Halter said. "They are true inspirations."

Ulsch suffered a knee injury that prevented him from playing football for most of his junior year and the entirety of his senior year. However, after two surgeries and rehabilitation, he was able to compete in weightlifting this past season. He won district championships in both traditional and Olympic, was the traditional champ and Olympic runner-up at the

regional level and earned medals at the state finals with two third-place finishes.

It was the second straight year Ulsch earned individual honors at the Clay awards show. He received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Character Award (for recognition as a generous giver, faithful friend, committed encourager and forgiving teammate) at last year's event.

Ulsch's brother Sam, a 2023 KHHS graduate, received a Hero Award at last year's awards show.

Ben, Sam and their four

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Lowery is a Florida Coach of the Year for the 2022-23 school year

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School Boys Weightlifting Coach Lantz Lowery was one of two to be named Best Overall Coach in Florida for the 2022-23 school year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association.

The other Best Overall Coach of the Year is also from Clay County: Clay High School Girls Weightlifting Coach Rodney Keller.

Lowery and Keller received their awards from Florida High School Athletic Association Associate Executive Director Scott Jamison at the May 13 Clay County Athletics Awards Show, which was held at Orange Park's Thrasher-Horne Center.

The NFHSCA accepts nominations each fall for coaches and their accomplishments during the previous school year. Jamison said besides coaching performance, honorees are selected based on lifetime community involvement, school involvement and philosophy of coaching.

"Our award winners tonight have been recognized as those who are leading their sport,



Keystone Heights High School's Lantz Lowery was named one of two 2022-23 Florida Coaches of the Year after guiding the Indians to a third straight state title in boys weightlifting. Lowery (far right) is pictured with Clay High School Girls Weightlifting Coach Rodney Keller, the other 2022-23 Florida Coach of the Year, and Florida High School Athletic Association Associate Executive Director Scott Jamison. Photo by Leonard's Photography.

shaping their athletes and contributing in a positive way to their community," Jamison said. "The FHSAA is very proud to recognize these two coaches as leaders and role models. Thank you for your contributions to the youth of our country and the community."

Lowery led the Indians to a third straight Class 1A state championship in 2023. Keystone won the title in the traditional event (bench press and clean and jerk), while earning the runner-up trophy in the Olympic event (snatch and clean and jerk).

Season ends for Davis, Vikings in the World Series semifinals

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Tripp Davis and his St. Johns River State College teammates saw their season come to an end with a 6-5 loss to LSU Eunice on May 31 in the semifinals of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II World Series.

Davis, a 2021 Union County High School graduate, hit a run-scoring single in the top of the ninth that put St. Johns up 5-3. LSU Eunice rallied in the bottom

of the inning, with the winning run scoring on a wild pitch.

LSU Eunice would go on to win the national championship, defeating Brunswick 9-3 on June 1 for the program's eighth title.

St. Johns (42-25) got off to a 2-0 start in the World Series before losing 4-2 to LSU Eunice on May 28. The Vikings bounced back, defeating Des Moines 3-1 on May 29.

That put the Vikings in the semifinal round, where they defeated LSU Eunice 8-7 on May 30, forcing the second game that

resulted in the 6-5 LSU Eunice win.

Davis drove in the first run in the May 30 semifinal game with a single in the top of the first. He later scored on a double as the Vikings went up 4-0.

The Vikings' season ended with Davis as their second-leading batter with a .363 average. Davis was third in on-base percentage (.464) and fourth in slugging (.508). He also had eight doubles, two triples, two home runs and 27 RBI.

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millionaire. You just have to make a life for yourself."

Knight made a life for herself. Now, she enters a different phase

with excitement, but that's not to say she hasn't experienced other emotions. Knight was interviewed for this story before the school year ended and asked what she anticipated feeling like on her last day.

"I think it'll be a little sad in

some ways," Knight said. "I'm ready (to retire). I'm definitely not regretting it or anything, but (teaching)'s been so much of my life. It'll be sad."

"It's like kids graduating. They cry and carry on. I may have to shed a few tears, too."

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Bradford 4-H presents annual awards at May 31 banquet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Shayna Durrance, Ansley Ward and Caleb Griffis were named Outstanding 4-H'ers of the Year at the annual Bradford County 4-H awards banquet, which was held May 31 at Starke's Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center.

The night celebrated accomplishments and recognized the efforts of 4-H youth and leaders as well as the support of community members.

During her introduction, 4-H Youth Development Agent Bailea Scarbrough said, "We have amazing youth who have excelled beyond measure, dedicated volunteers who lead and guide our youth, and generous supporters who go above and beyond to help our youth be successful."

Durrance, who is in her eighth year in 4-H, was named Outstanding Senior 4-H'er of the Year. She was part of the livestock-judging team that competed at the national level and is president of her club, Green Acres.

"This year, Shayna participated in many 4-H events and activities in her club, county, district and beyond," Scarbrough said. "These include several shows for her steer and heifer projects, eight livestock-judging contests, county and district events, and several community service projects."

"Shayna is a great role model to younger members, exemplifying what a well-rounded 4-H member should look like, consistently trying new things and learning from her experiences."

Ward, who is in her sixth year in 4-H, was the Outstanding Intermediate 4-H'er of the Year. Like Durrance, she is also a member of the Green Acres Club, serving as its treasurer.

"Ansley is very passionate about her beef projects — which is why she is not here this evening — and has used her knowledge and skills to educate other 4-H members about the industry," Scarbrough said. "This year, Ansley went outside of her



Shayna Durrance (left) was named Outstanding Senior 4-H'er, while Caleb Griffis was Outstanding Junior 4-H'er. Griffis was not pictured: Outstanding Intermediate 4-H'er Ansley Ward.



Horse record-book winners were (l-r) Saylor Rhoden, Lacey Johns and Ryleigh Rhoden. Not pictured: Kylie Odom and Mason Stone.

comfort zone and presented a speech at county and district events, earning a blue ribbon at both."

Griffis, who is in his third year in 4-H, was the Outstanding Junior 4-H'er of the Year. Scarbrough said Griffis, who served as treasurer of the Show Stoppers Club, had "great accomplishments" with his swine project and was one of two junior members who participated in County Events Day, giving a presentation on "Steps for Preparing to Ride a Horse."

"In addition to the competitive events and activities, he also took a lot of time to give back to his community through several service projects," Scarbrough said. "Caleb reported that being involved in 4-H has taught him to be more responsible and to have more confidence in himself."

Two "outstanding" awards were also presented to club leaders. The first went to Edrick Hamilton, who was named Rookie Leader of the Year for his involvement with the 12 Guys in Bowties and 12 Girls in Pearls

Club. "He is fairly new to 4-H and has done a great job learning what 4-H is about, always looking for opportunities to get his members engaged and encouraging them to try new things," Scarbrough said. "This club does an incredible amount of community service, always finding ways to give back to Bradford County."

Kelley Durrance, who leads the Green Acres Club, was named Leader of the Year. Scarbrough said this was Durrance's first year leading a club, but noted that she has been involved as a 4-H parent for many years.

"Taking over as leader of a well-established club, she truly hit the ground running," Scarbrough said. "Kelley's goal was to have her members recognized for their hard work by qualifying for an Emerald Clover Club Award, which they achieved."

"She pushed her members to go outside of their comfort zone and participate in several events and activities outside of the club."

All club leaders received gifts of appreciation, with Scarbrough saying, "These are the caring adults who impact youth across the county with the countless hours of volunteer work they put into their clubs."

Leaders besides Durrance and Hamilton are Phillip Crawford (Crawford Swine Club), Hailey McElhenny (Blue Ribbon Swine Club), Dana McKenzie (Show Stoppers Club), Amy Polk (Homeschool Club), Kara Rhoden (Horsin' Around Club) and Kaitlin VanHeusen (Fancy Feathers Club).

Also receiving gifts were assistant club leaders Lerissa Broome, Shnec Bullard, Roxanne Crawford, Allyson McElhenny, Payton McKenzie, Kandis Robinson, Heather Smith and Mary Thomas as well as the following volunteers who helped with special projects and teams: Liz Burrell, Ella Dinkins, Kyle Dyksterhouse, Kyle Jerrels, Teresa Jerrels, Elizabeth Jones, Jessica Lee, Roxanne Rosier, Clay Whitehead and Carson Willis.

Hamilton has been involved through her steer project, livestock judging and serving as a Green Acres Club officer. The recent Bradford High School graduate plans to attend Santa Fe College to earn a degree in Health Sciences. Hamilton hopes to be accepted into the Diagnostic Sonography program after attaining her Associate in Science degree and pursue a career in a hospital or private practice.

Rhoden, who was in 4-H for 12 years, served as officer of the Horsin' Around Club and experienced success with her goat, horse and swine projects and participated in many activities beyond the club level, including area, state and regional horse shows, Camp Cherry Lake, Day at the Capitol, 4-H Legislature and UF Horse Camp. The recent Union County High School graduate plans to attend Santa Fe and earn an Associate of Arts degree. Rhoden would eventually like to pursue a degree in the agriculture field and fulfill her dream of owning a horse-training facility.



Joshua Griffis was a community service record-book winner.



Shayla Hardee earned a Bronze Performance Award. Bronze winners not pictured are Cooper Cox, Jaden Hendrieth, Jack Jackson and Zion Tyson.



Caleb Griffis was a swine record-book winner. Other winners (not pictured) were Cooper Cox, Lucas Grider and Jack Jackson.

Contests/events

Participants in various contests and events were recognized, beginning with the five members who competed at the National 4-H Livestock-Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky, in November: Tanner Connell, Shayna Durrance, Bailey Jones, Bailey Varnes and Macie Wilson.

Cayman Brown and Ansley Ward were participated in livestock judging.

At the national event, Bradford placed 14th in Reasons in the Sheep Division and was 20th overall out of 32 teams and only 150 points shy of the championship team.

Bradford Extension Livestock and Natural Resources Agent Lizzie Whitehead said, "To maintain the team's competitiveness while preparing for the national contest, I established the Livestock Judging Champion of Champions Award. This involved tracking participants' placings in both practice sessions and competitions throughout the past summer and fall seasons."

Whitehead said it was a tight competition, with Durrance earning the award with a total of 1,312 points.

The livestock-judging team had the following accomplishments this past spring: second-place 4-H team at the Alachua County

Fair and third-place senior team at both the Bradford Agricultural and Union County Livestock Association fairs. Durrance was first-place high-point senior at the Bradford Agricultural Fair, fifth-

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Scholarships

Kyle Jerrels presented Bradford County 4-H Association scholarships to graduating members Jordan Hamilton and Ryleigh Rhoden. Each scholarship is worth \$1,500.

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Earning Silver Performance Awards were (l-r) Regan Broome, Joshua Griffis, Lilly Woodrum, Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije and Caden Eison. Not pictured: Ryder Detweiler.



Earning Gold Performance Awards were (l-r) Shayna Durrance, Caleb Griffis, Shawn Ward and Nicholas Ward. Not pictured: Adaleigh Wainwright and Ansley Ward.



Beef Record-Book winners were (l-r) Regan Broome, Shayna Durrance, Jake Markham, Chayten Elixson, Nicholas Ward and Shawn Ward. Not pictured: Adaleigh Wainwright and Ansley Ward.



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Graduating senior members Ryleigh Rhoden (left) and Jordan Hamilton were presented with Bradford County 4-H Association scholarships.



The Homeschool Club received a Silver Performance Award. Pictured (l-r) are Joshua Griffis, Bret Polk, Noah Morris and Leader Amy Polk. Not pictured are Co-Leader Mary Thomas and members Emilia Franzluebbbers, Dakota Johnson, Parker Johnson, Paisley Leese, Kennedy Polk, Brandon Richerson, Melaney Richerson, Bryan Roberts, Tanner Roberts, Emrie Sweat and Alexis Taylor.

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place high-point senior in Sheep and Goats at The Southeastern Three in Perry, Georgia, and 13th-place high-point individual at the Florida State Fair.

Scarborough recognized Lilly Woodrum and Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije for participating in the 4-H State Insectathon art contest. Wulff-Vanderpuije placed first in the junior division.

"The 4-H State Insectathon provides youth with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge of the entomology world," Scarborough said. "The event consists of an insect-collection contest, insect art contest and entomology ID and skillathon contests."

Woodrum was also recognized for her participation in the 4-H Day at the Capitol program, which also included Bradford 4-H members Sterlin Alexander, Caden Eison and Shayla Hardee. Scarborough said the capitol event provides youth with an opportunity to learn about state government.

"We got to visit the governor's mansion, the house and senate chambers and learned about some Florida history at the Historic Capitol Museum," Scarborough said.

Eight 4-H members participated in county events: Beau Davis, Shayna Durrance, Caleb Griffis, Jack Jackson, Kaitlyn McKenzie, Kierstyn

McKenzie, Adaleigh Wainwright and Ansley Ward.

"Our county events competition is designed to give youth an opportunity to exhibit their knowledge and public-speaking skills by giving a demonstration, illustrated talk or speech on a topic related to their 4-H project," Scarborough said.

All eight participants qualified for the district-level competition, which was held in May in Alachua County. Four chose to attend, with the following earning blue ribbons: Davis in the junior division for his demonstration, "In the Duck Blind," Ward in the intermediate division for a speech on her brahman-cattle project and Durrance in the senior division for her speech, "Journey of Livestock Judging." Wainwright received a red ribbon for her a speech on her brahman-cattle project.

Durrance qualified to compete at the state-level public-speaking contest in July and got in some practice by presenting her speech at the awards banquet.

Five were recognized for participating in the Area North 4-H Horse Show, which consists of youth from 35 counties. Lacey Johns, Kylie Odom, Ryleigh Rhoden, Saylor Rhoden and Mason Stone all qualified for the State 4-H Horse Show in June, with Saylor Rhoden earning the Reserve Versatility Championship at the area show.

"The purpose of a 4-H horse project is to provide young people an opportunity to improve

sportsmanship, horsemanship, character, competitive spirit, discipline and responsibility, while creating an atmosphere for learning," Scarborough said. "Our Bradford 4-H members have proven the success of this project through their achievements this year."

Record-book and performance awards

Those who completed record books during the year were recognized, with Scarborough saying, "The 4-H program prides itself on developing life skills in youth, and the process of completing a quality record book supports skills such as planning, goal setting, decision making, problem solving, communication, leadership, citizenship and, of course, record keeping."

Beef record books were completed by Regan Broome, Shayna Durrance, Chayten Elixson, Jake Markham, Adaleigh Wainwright, Ansley Ward, Nicholas Ward and Shawn Ward.

Cooper Cox, Lucas Grider, Caleb Griffis and Jackson Jackson completed swine record books, while Joshua Griffis completed a community service record book.

Horse record books were completed by Lacey Johns, Kylie Odom, Saylor Rhoden, Ryleigh Rhoden and Mason Stone.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Performance awards were presented to 4-H members who completed at least one project, participated in 4-H events and activities at the county level and beyond and took time to give back to their community.

"To qualify for these awards, members must have submitted an award application, summarizing their accomplishments," Scarborough said.

Senior Performance Award winners were Shayna Durrance (gold), Regan Broome (silver)



The 12 Guys in Bowties and 12 Girls in Pearls Club received a Silver Performance Award. Pictured (l-r) are Leader Edrick Hamilton, Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije, Lilly Woodrum, Caden Eison, Shayna Hardee and Co-Leader Shneec Bullard. Hamilton was also honored as Rookie Club Leader of the Year. Not pictured are club members Sterlin Alexander, Hunter Brekke, Ryder Detweiler, A'Miriyah Glover, Jaden Hendrieth, Kyliana Malone and Zion Tyson.

and Jack Jackson (bronze).

In the intermediate division, Adaleigh Wainwright, Ansley Ward and Nicholas Ward received gold awards, while Ryder Detweiler and Caden Eison received silver awards. Jaden Hendrieth earned a bronze award.

The junior division had eight Performance Award recipients: Caleb Griffis and Shawn Ward earned gold, Joshua Griffis, Lilly Woodrum and Avery Wulff-Vanderpuije earned silver and Cooper Cox, Shayla Hardee and Zion Tyson earned bronze.

Three clubs applied for the Club Performance Award, with the Homeschool Club receiving a Silver Award and the Green Acres and 12 Guys in Bowties and 12 Girls in Pearls clubs receiving Emerald awards.

Graduating seniors and cloverbuds

Eight graduating seniors received alumni pins: Teagan Bradley, Tanner Connell, Anna Conner, Kiran Crawford, Jordan Hamilton, Cason Pilcher, Kennedy Polk and Ryleigh Rhoden.

"As these members move on

to bigger and better things in life, I hope they are able to look back at their time in 4-H and feel proud to be a part of such a great organization," Scarborough said.

The 4-H program's 12 cloverbud members received gifts: Kessler Bradley, Adeline DeKorver, Emilia Franzluebbbers, Kathryn Hardee, Ethan Jerrels, Dakota Johnson, Parker Johnson, Paisley Leese, Noah Morris, James Orton, Callie Smith and Emrie Sweat.

Cloverbuds are ages 5-7.

"These members are discovering what 4-H is all about in a learning environment that is fun and non-competitive," Scarborough said.

Community support

Four Community Supporter awards were presented, with Scarborough saying that "while there are many dedicated individuals who support our 4-H program throughout the year, we are proud to highlight those who have gone the extra mile."

Mark Crawford and Cliff Smelley, both of the Bradford County Telegraph, received the first two awards.

"The staff from the Telegraph

have consistently shown unwavering support for our 4-H and Extension programs," Scarborough said. "Their responsiveness, eagerness and ongoing dedication to showcasing our initiatives in the community exemplify the true spirit of collaboration. We are grateful to be a part of a community where our local newspaper is willing to support our youth programming and highlight it to its full extent."

Whitehead presented Community Supporter awards to Kyle Dyksterhouse and Carson Willis, who served as assistant coaches for the livestock-judging team during the 2022-23 season.

"Throughout the year, they devoted countless hours to attending weekly practices, where they imparted knowledge on oral reasons and coached the youth in livestock-judging skills," Whitehead said, adding that Dyksterhouse and Willis also accompanied the five team members to the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

"Carson and Kyle, your commitment, financial support and expertise have greatly impacted our youth," Whitehead said.



The Green Acres Club earned an Emerald Performance Award. Pictured (l-r) are Co-Leader Lerissa Broome, Chayten Elixson, Jake Markham, Shayna Durrance, Regan Broome, Jordan Hamilton, Cason Pilcher and Leader Kelley Durrance. Kelley Durrance was also honored as the Club Leader of the Year. Not pictured are club members Case Clemons, Shyann Clemons, Anna Conner, Lily Conner, William Conner, Adeline DeKorver, Avery Gardner, Ethan Jerrels, Garret Lee, Jackson Thames, Natalie Thames, Weston Thompson, Adaleigh Wainwright and Ansley Ward.

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brothers lost their parents, Josh and Holly, to a 2018 traffic crash.

All-Clay County

Besides those receiving individual awards, Clay student-athletes who earned All-Clay County honors were also recognized.

Keystone had the following receive All-Clay County honors in the 2023-24 year:

—Football: Cartez Daniels (first team), Garrison Teague (first team), Jackson Herman (second team), Bryce Hollingsworth (second team), Wyatt Van Zant (second team), Connor Guy (honorable mention) and Tyler Sapp (honorable mention).

—Boys cross country: Tyler Griffin (second team) and Ryder Thomas (honorable mention).

—Girls cross country: Olivia Griffin (first team).

—Boys golf: Alex Addington (second team) and Connor Guy (second team).

—Boys basketball: Darrion Grady (honorable mention) and Garrison Teague (honorable mention).

—Girls basketball: Alana Anderson (honorable mention).

—Boys soccer: Aaron Wiley (first team), Luke Brunt (second team) and Bryce Huntley (honorable mention).

—Girls soccer: Kiersten Shaw (first team).

—Boys weightlifting (traditional): Tyson Baxter (first team), Jayden Goodman (first team), Trey Jeffries (first team), Wyatt Van Zant (first team), Tyler Duncan (second team), Brayden Hall (second team), Ben Ulsch (second team), Bryson Wester (second team), Davin Adams (honorable mention), Jed Tisdale (honorable mention) and Layton Wright (honorable mention).

—Boys weightlifting (Olympic): Jayden Goodman (first team), Trey Jeffries (first team), Jed Tisdale (first team), Wyatt Van Zant (first team), Jackson Herman (second team), Ben Ulsch (second team), Tyler Duncan (honorable mention), Colton Hollingsworth (honorable mention), Bryson Wester (honorable mention) and Layton Wright (honorable mention).

—Baseball: Connor Guy (first team), Austin Musgrove (first team), Gage Barry (honorable mention) and Austin Smith (honorable mention).

—Softball: Ashley Nugent (first team), Kadence Massey (second team), Abbie Roach (second team), Caitlin Frampton (honorable mention) and Delia Johnson (honorable mention).

—Flag football: Alana Brown (honorable mention), Ashlyn Brown (honorable mention) and Alee Horton (honorable mention).

—Boys tennis: Will Begue (honorable mention) and Ethan Teague (honorable mention).

—Girls tennis: Whitney Buchanan (honorable mention).

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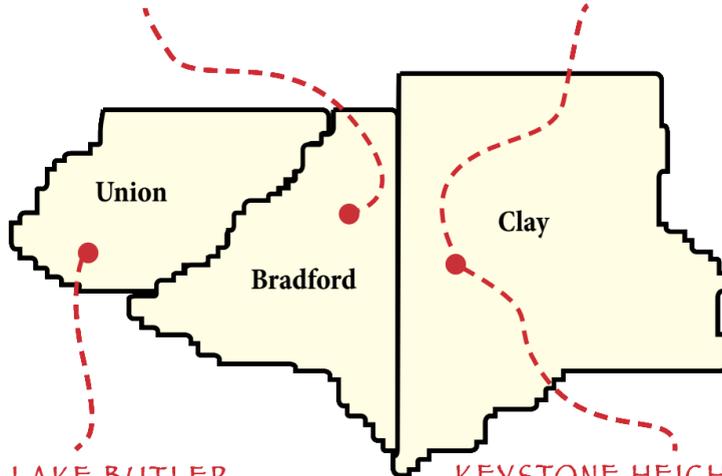


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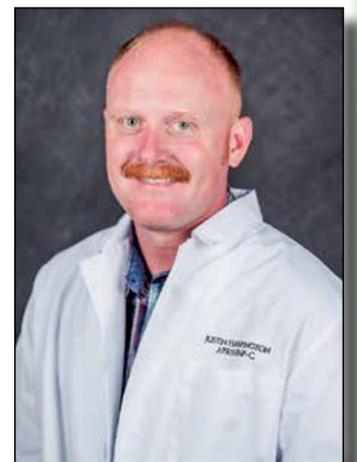
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