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7 arrested in Lake Butler popup party

Sheriff's office building case against organizer

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LAKE BUTLER — A Starke woman, a Lake Butler man, and five Gainesville residents were arrested in connection with a popup party that deputies say descended into a drug and alcohol binge Saturday in Lake Butler.

The gathering also resulted in one person shot, several roads blocked, and deputies using chemical agents to chase away the out-of-towners.

Union County Chief Deputy Lyn Williams said his agency was first notified about potential trouble when the Alachua County Sheriff's Office told Union officials that Alachua deputies and code enforcement officials had broken up a gathering of hundreds at Lake Alto Park near Waldo.

The organizer of the event then posted on social media the address of Lakeside Park in Lake Butler, directing partygoers to Union County. "We had almost no notice of what was coming," said Williams, "because about the time we got the call, people started arriving at the park."

The chief deputy added that his agency immediately called in off-duty officers and jail staff, around 25 people.

Every corner of the city shut down

Sheriff Brad Whitehead said social media played a large part in the incident.

"This was a situation that was incited by social media," Whitehead said. "I want to thank Sheriff Gordon Smith and all the personnel from Bradford County for their quick response and assistance. I also want to send a message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in Union County. We will protect our residents from lawlessness and public endangerment at all times."

Williams said that as the crowd ballooned, Lake Butler Mayor Annette Redman, City Manager Richard Tillis and three city commissioners met at the park and agreed to close the facility.

Williams said the participants then broke up into smaller groups, marauding around Lake Butler blocking roads, and creating disturbances.

"They purposely jammed our roads," said Williams. "When we would shut them down at the lake, they would move around to Laredo's, Main Street, McDonald's, Spires, Skips Deli, and other locations."

"Every corner of the city was effectively shut down at some point," added Lake Butler City Commissioner Melissa Hendrix, who was on hand during the crisis.

She was also one of six people who took on the massive task of cleaning



Attendees of a popup party at Lake Butler's Lakeside Park converge on a fight between two females. Photo: Vanzetta Thomas.

up Lakeside Park after the crowd was cleared.

"We picked up all the trash that had been left, including many beer and liquor bottles and syringes," she said.

When Union deputies realized they could not keep up with the roving groups, they called in help from Bradford County, which sent around an additional 25 officers. Williams said

Starke Police and Fish and Wildlife officers were also on standby in case more help was needed.

The chief deputy said reinforcements were also needed for dispatch because of the number of calls coming in. He added that the 911 reports from residents helped deputies track the movements of the groups.

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WORTH NOTING

4-H offering Summer Day Camp

The Bradford County 4-H program is offering a Discover 4-H Summer Day Camp for youth ages 7-12 who live in Bradford County on July 25 and 26. Camp times are 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and will take place at the Ag Extension office located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

Participants will explore a variety of the project areas offered in 4-H including animals, plants, sewing, cooking and art. Hands-on activities and field trips will be a part of the fun. Cost is \$20 per child, and registration is limited to 20 youth. The camp is open to current 4-H members and those who have an interest in finding out more about the youth development program. (Non-members must register for 4-H before attending.)

4-H and event registration can be found at v2.4honline.com. Call the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224 for further information.

Bradford approves electric franchise fee

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STARKE — In a few months, Florida Power and Light customers in unincorporated Bradford County will begin paying a franchise fee as part of their monthly electric bill.

Bradford County Commissioners approved the ordinance Monday morning.

The board has been considering ways to increase revenue to pay for public services, including fire rescue. A franchise fee on FPL customers generated several hundred thousand dollars a year before it disappeared in the early 2000s.

The ordinance passed Monday levies a new fee of 6% on FPL's customer revenue, an expense that is typically passed along to customers. The fee will be in place for 30 years, and the first payment will be submitted 90 days from the effective date of the ordinance.

There was no public comment, but Commission Chair Diane Andrews opposed approving a franchise fee on one utility but not the other.

FPL has cooperated with Bradford

County as it has in other communities, but Clay Electric looked to its members for feedback and has not been willing to sign a franchise fee agreement.

"It's very generous what Florida Power and Light is doing, and it is helping us a great deal. I just am not sure that with Clay Electric refusing to do the same if it's kind of being fair to our citizens. I think it's something we need to think about. But unfortunately, we have not been able to get Clay Electric to come on board with it," Andrews said.

She voted against the ordinance, but the franchise fee passed 3-1, with Commissioner Kenny Thompson absent.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said Bradford needs to reopen the franchise fee discussion with Clay Electric, pointing out the cooperative has franchise fee agreements with other local governments.

"We need to move forward, just like we have with FPL. It needs to be in place," he said.

IKO confirms shingle plant north of Lawtey

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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STARKE — IKO, a Canada-based roofing, waterproofing, and insulation manufacturer, confirmed that it plans to construct a new manufacturing campus in Clay County, about five miles north of the Bradford County line.

Last November, the company applied for plant permits with the St. Johns River Water Management District.

That same month, Clay County commissioners approved economic development rebates and a tangible personal property tax rebate for the project.

The company said construction of the new \$270 million site would include an asphalt shingle production facility, an insulation board plant, and a commercial rolled roofing plant.

Last year, Clay County economic development officials put the company's investment in the new facility at \$225 million.

"The 300,000 square foot facilities will initially employ about 100 people locally," IKO said in a news release. "The company intends to begin work

on the site near (U.S.) 301 and County Road 218 later this year. It marks the eighth modern shingle production line in IKO's North American manufacturing operations and the first facility it has built in the state of Florida."

"As a company, we have a strong belief that you can never remain static; you are always in a situation where you are looking to contract or grow your business," explained David Koschitzky, CEO of IKO North America. "In the past decade, we've made some of the largest investment commitments we've ever made as a family business. They are a clear statement of our belief in the growth of our company and of the strength of our industry. Clay County and the Clay County Economic Development Corporation have been great partners for us as we looked at this project, and we're very pleased to be building our first-ever Florida facility."

The company said its current timetable for the three production lines anticipates that the shingle line will be commissioned and shipping product to market by mid-2025.

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Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, June 14, at the RJE Complex on Pine Street in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. Inventory is subject to availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Church of God food distribution

Starke Church of God by Faith and Farm Share plan a food distribution on Thursday, June 15, from 10-11:30 a.m. The church is located at 730 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. This distribution is open to Bradford County residents on the first and third Thursday of the month.



Stock up on disaster supplies and save

Consumers can find more cost savings at Florida

retail stores this season during Florida's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. The Florida Legislature renewed and expanded this year's sales tax holiday to offer tax savings during two two-week periods: Saturday, May 27, through Friday, June 9, and Saturday, Aug. 26, through Friday, Sept. 8. Floridians can also expect to find tax-free savings on a variety of newly eligible items like paper products and laundry detergent. Eligible items available to

purchase tax-free include:

- portable self-powered light source selling for \$40 or less.
- certain portable self-powered, two-way or weather-band radios selling for \$50 or less.
- tarps or other flexible waterproof sheeting selling for \$100 or less.
- ground anchor systems or tie-down kits selling for \$100 or less.
- gas or diesel fuels tanks selling for \$50 or less.
- packages of certain battery types, including AA-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt or 9-volt, selling for \$50 or less.
- this does not include automobile and boat batteries.
- non-electric food storage cooler selling for \$60 or less.
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- reusable ice selling for \$20 or less.
- portable power banks selling for \$60 or less.
- smoke detectors or smoke alarms selling at

\$70 or less.

- fire extinguishers selling at \$70 or less.
- carbon monoxide detectors selling at \$70 or less.
- dry dog or cat food 50 lbs. or less selling at \$100 or less per bag.
- cans or pouches of pet food selling at \$10 or less or equivalent if sold in a box or case.
- over-the-counter pet medications with a sales price of \$100 or less.
- portable kennels or pet carriers selling at \$100 or less.
- manual can openers selling at \$15 or less.
- leashes, collars and muzzles selling at \$20 or less.
- collapsible or travel-sized food/water bowls selling at \$15 or less.
- cat litter 25 lbs or less selling at \$25 or less.
- cat litter pans selling at \$15 or less.
- pet waste disposable bags selling at \$15 or less.
- pet pads selling at \$20 or less.
- hamster or rabbit substrate selling at \$15 or less. and

— pet beds selling at \$40 or less.

The Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday has expanded to include common household consumable items with a sales price of \$30 or less. Eligible items are:

- powder, liquid and pod laundry detergents.
- fabric softener or dryer sheets.
- stain removers and bleach.
- toilet paper.
- paper towels.
- paper napkins and tissues.
- facial tissues.
- hand soap, bar soap and body wash.
- sunscreen and sunblock.
- dish soap and powder, liquid or pod dish detergents or rinse agents for dishwashers.
- cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays.
- hand sanitizer. and
- trash bags.

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Tips to prepare for a storm

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One dozen hurricane season tips

1. Following a power outage, unplug all your large appliances and electronics to prevent power surges when electricity is restored, which can often damage equipment and create fire hazards.

2. Remember the “three don’ts” when using generators: DON’T run a generator in the house; DON’T run a generator in the garage; and DON’T plug the generator directly into your home’s main electrical system. The first two can lead to asphyxiation and the third can send an electrical charge back into the power grid, posing an electrocution hazard to utility workers.

DO run the generator outside in a well-ventilated area, and DO plug individual appliances directly into the generator.

3. If your home is flooded, turn off your electrical power until a professional inspects it thoroughly.

4. If you smell gas, evac-

uate immediately and contact your gas company’s emergency phone number.

5. Make sure you have current identification. You might have to pass through identification checkpoints before being allowed access to your home or neighborhood.

6. After the storm, check to see if your home’s weatherhead is damaged; it is located above the electric meter where the wires come out of the pipe. **Utility workers cannot reconnect service if this piece of equipment—which is the homeowner’s responsibility—is damaged.** If your weatherhead needs repair, please contact a licensed electrician.

7. Utilities often cannot respond to individual customers with special needs during or immediately after a storm. When warned of an incoming storm, have a plan in place for evacuating people with special needs. Know the location of special needs shelters in case you are unable to evacuate. If you or someone in your family has special electrical medical equipment needs, notify your electric utility prior to a storm’s arrival.

8. Visit www.FloridaDisaster.org to determine your

hurricane evacuation route. 9. Capture water in your water heater by turning off power to the unit and closing the water valves. If you lose water pressure, you will have about 40 gallons of fresh water stored in the tank. Store additional water in your bathtub and fill the washing machine with water. This water supply can

be used for cleaning or to operate your toilets.

10. Clear your patio and yard of lawn furniture, toys, potted plants and other debris that can blow around in high winds, causing damage or injury. Bring these items indoors or place them in a garage.

11. Prior to the storm, identify the places around

your home where you can shut off your gas, water and electricity. In an emergency, you might need to turn them off quickly.

12. Create a hurricane survival kit that includes: first aid supplies; water (at least one gallon/person/day); batteries; flashlights; battery-powered radio; manual can opener; pre-

scriptions; baby food and diapers; pet food; canned foods; cash; tarps; rope; bleach; trash bags; charcoal or gas grill with plenty of fuel; wooden kitchen matches; and a portable cooler. Don’t forget a hard-wire, corded phone. Cordless phones will not work during a power outage.



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Lake Region



Carter Thompson takes first place in a Liqui Moly National Tour race at Keystone Beach. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

KH hosts jet ski racing

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Keystone Beach hosted its second watersports tournament of the year, with the Pro Watercross Liqui Moly National Tour making a two-day stop in the Lake Region on June 3-4.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said the event was seamless, with no traffic snarls or unexpected snafus.

The tour raced in Sebring and Panama City Beach before coming to Keystone Heights and will race in Lavonia, Georgia, in July before hosting its national

championships in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the 2023 Liqui Moly International Cup in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, the following month.

In May, the MotoSurf World Cup series returned to Keystone Beach for the second year.

Chamber president speaks to Keystone business group

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay Chamber President Jon Cantrell headlined the May meeting of the Lake Region Prosperity Partners at Keystone's Beach Pavilion on Thursday, May 25.

Cantrell told the business group about his career and reviewed some principles he learned throughout his 37-year pilgrimage in the newspaper business.

"We talked about integrity and a lot of leadership-skill-level things," he said after the meeting, "about being honest and being kind to people, about problem-solving, coming up with solutions, not just complaining."

Cantrell added that he also emphasized values he believes will bring long-term benefits to business owners, including reliability and professionalism.

He also warned the group against using profanity in business situations.

Cantrell launched his media career in 1985 at the Sterling Gazette newspaper in Illinois.

As a classified ad clerk, he took phone calls from classified advertisers and typed the information for publication.

"So, back in 1985, realtors, car dealers, people generally in your community came to the paper with their classified ads," he said. "I was the guy receiving the ads and typing them into a little computer."

Cantrell said one of the early business lessons he learned in the entry-level job was to treat everyone with respect and kindness and to be an eager learner.

"I learned everything I could about the business," he recalled, "and somebody actually thought I was one of the owner's sons just because I treated them kindly."

After a year and a half in Sterling, Cantrell moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan, with the Thompson newspaper chain as advertising director.

"I was there 10 years," he recalled. "Ogden Newspapers bought it, and then the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel found me, recruited me, and moved me to Clay Today."

Cantrell continued publishing

the weekly for 25 years until last July when the Clay Chamber hired him as its president.

"I'd been on and off the chamber board, so I knew they had an interest in getting somebody in there," he said. "And I knew so many people in Clay County; I thought that maybe that would be a fit."

Cantrell said the chamber is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're working on gaining our numbers back right now," he said. "I lead by example. I didn't choose to hire a membership person, so I'm kind of taking on that piece."

He added that Vice President Kathryn Wills and Executive Assistant Kellie Chambless are also involved in member recruitment and retention, thanking prospects for attending chamber events and selling business owners on the benefits of membership in the organization.

"COVID had a lot to do, I think, with our numbers," he said. "Now people are coming back and getting on board, and we're excited about what we're seeing."



McRae Elementary Principal Tammy Winkler, left, addresses the Clay County School Board while Assistant Principal Tracy Burt looks on. Photo: Clay County Public Schools.

McRae Elementary showcased at school board meeting

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — McRae Elementary Principal Tammy Winkler highlighted the school's accomplishments during the May 4 Clay County School Board meeting.

The principal said the culture at the school is based on high expectations for both students and teachers.

"We have high expectations for everybody on our campus," she said. "We focus on standards, and we provide targeted support in small groups."

Winkler added that she encourages strong collaboration between teachers, coaches, and staff.

Everybody loves McRae

The principal said that this year, the school focused on improving reading proficiency for its fifth graders.

"That group was the lowest proficient group when they were in fourth grade," she said. "Last year, they scored at 54% proficient, so we really targeted them for additional support."

She added that anyone walking into a McRae fifth-grade class this year would commonly see three or four adults in the room working with children.

Winkler said the emphasis paid off, with the group improving from 54% proficiency last year to 69% this year.

McRae's leader said her team also targeted the students in the bottom quartile of math proficiency, noting that the group had decreased in learning gains in the 2021-2022 school year.

"Using that same plan," she said, "lots of adult support, looking at data, deciding who needs more support, and giving them small-group support."

Although the principal did not quantify the proficiency increases of the low-performing math students, she did say their proficiency improved.

Winkler pointed to what she said is one of the strengths at McRae: school morale.

"You can tell everybody loves McRae," she said, adding that the school has scored in the top quartile in the district's climate

and culture surveys.

"We call ourselves the Hidden Gem of Clay County," she added. "We had high proficiency rates in math with 69%, and last year, we experienced increases in everything: (English Language Arts), learning gains, and lower quartile learning gains."

She added that 90% of McRae's kindergarteners are working on grade-level material this year.

She said that of all the Title I schools in the state, McRae ranks in the top two percent.

Recovering from the pandemic

Winkler acknowledged that after the COVID-19 pandemic, the school lost its pre-pandemic A grade and dropped to a B.

"We had a school-wide goal of earning our A back," she said. "I promised them a party and all kinds of incentives."

She said that last year, the school got to within 0.002 points of regaining its A grade.

"I don't know that you can't get a higher B than that, right?" she added, "so I had promised the party, and so we had practically an A celebration party at the beginning of the year."

Winkler said the pandemic also impacted school attendance.

"Our attendance had dropped to about 85%, 86%," she said. "So, we messaged that school's important. We need your child to be here every day. We provided pizza parties and incentives. We sent letters home to parents making sure that they knew that we were concerned about it, and we asked for their support. And it's worked. Our attendance is up."

Winkler said that she set a goal of 88% attendance for the year, and students exceeded that standard by one percentage point. She added that attendance for the third quarter is 93%.

Teachers and assistants

Winkler also briefed the board on professional development for teachers, lauding the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling program, commonly known as LETRS.

LETRS instructs teachers in structured literacy—sound-letter sequences, language structure, comprehension, and vocabulary—and why and how to plan to teach them.

"We have a high participation in the LETRS program," she said. "The LETRS program is the best professional development for reading I've ever been a part of."

She added that she completed the program this year alongside participating McRae teachers.

Winkler also praised McRae's teaching assistants, telling board members that virtually all are seeking teaching certifications.

McRae kids are the best

Winkler said the school's clubs allow students to make a difference in the school and community.

"We have Robotics, Safety Patrol, and Math Club," she said. "We have a new 4-H club that is the largest in Clay County. We have our K-Kids that perform service projects for our school and around our community."

Winkler said the school's Battle of the Books team took third place in the county.

"We have a new chess club," she added. "Maybe they'll teach me how to play. I don't know."

The principal said the school's Striders running club meets three days a week, its chorus is wonderful, and McRae just launched a crocheting club.

Winkler said her plans for next year include increasing the number of teachers in the LETRS professional development program.

"We're going to continue to focus on attendance and involving our parents in their child's education," she added, "through parent nights, data chats, and regular communication."

The principal concluded by declaring that her school's biggest strength is its student body.

"I tell everybody," she said, "McRae kids are the best. We have a wonderful school, wonderful teachers, great support staff, and we work hard every single day at McRae."

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Reenactor John Zieser tells students about Fort 11, which was located between Lake Geneva and Lake Keystone in the 1800s. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

Heritage museum proposed

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — During its May meeting, the city's Heritage Commission discussed establishing a museum featuring local history.

Commission member Deirdre Murphy proposed the idea.

"We need a Heritage Museum where we can put all of our memorabilia, all of the pictures, all of the things that are now housed in

various places including (at City Hall) that no one ever sees," she said.

Murphy recommended purchasing a 12-by-24-foot shed from Keystone's Superior Sheds for the museum, which she said would provide a cost-effective solution for creating exhibit space.

"You could not build a building for the price of these sheds," Murphy told her colleagues. "For a 12 by 24, which is really larger than you think, when it's drywalled inside, and it has air conditioning and lighting, it really can be set up."

Murphy added that the shed dealer, west of Keystone Heights on State Road 100, uses a shed as its office. She added that the office is a model for how the city could fashion a similar structure for its museum.

Murphy said the cost of the structure would be \$8,200 and would require a foundation, skirting and landscaping.

She added that since the Heritage Commission's annual budget from the city is only \$5,000, she recommended the commission request a one-time additional appropriation for the museum.

The commission discussed possible locations for the museum, including the parking lot at the beach or the site of the original City Hall.

"It doesn't have to be manned all the time," Murphy said, "maybe on a Saturday from 10 to 1, or we can have volunteers maybe a couple of days during the week."

She added that people will visit once the hours are consistent and publicized.

"And then down the road, five years from now or whenever the kids can walk through the museum and see everything and know that we have something."

Murphy's proposal emphasized community involvement and the willingness of residents to donate their time and resources.

Commission member Christine Arnold said the museum could also house a local history book area, adding that the library in Keystone Heights no longer has a local history section.

In other news from the May 9 meeting of the Keystone Heights Heritage Commission:

Field trip feedback

The commission discussed its field trip for fourth graders from Keystone Heights Elementary School on April 6.

Members said the event was a great success, with enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and volunteers.

The feedback received

included suggestions to schedule the trip earlier in the year, possibly in February or March, to avoid hot weather.

One teacher proposed incorporating a visit to City Hall, where the children could meet the mayor and receive a tour, as this would make them feel unique and more comfortable in the building.

Commission member Kerry Collins said the public library would like to be included in future field trips.

"It sounds like they're looking to promote their summer reading programs right about then," Collins said, "and so they were looking for a way to, you know, could we add on the library as well."

Several commission members said the event's highlight was the engaging presentation by John Zieser, who dressed in historical attire and described Fort 11: a little-known outpost just west of present-day City Hall that guarded the road between Fort Shannon in Palatka and Fort King near Ocala. Zieser also talked about the Lake Region's participation in the Second Seminole War.

Murphy said the students were captivated by the reenactor's performance.

"John dressed in full regalia, and he put on a show," she said.

Murphy, who also serves as co-chair of the Clay County Historic Preservation Board, said she learned a lot about Fort 11 from Zieser's presentation and forwarded that information to the county board.

"They thought that it was worthy of getting a plaque," Murphy said of her colleagues on the county panel. She recommended Zieser appear before the Historic Preservation Board in the future with the goal of obtaining a state historical plaque at the fort's former site.

"There's a lot of history, and it literally happened across the street, right in the park," she said.

Community Church commemoration

Lindy Jones of Community Church told the commission about the congregation's plans to commemorate its 100th anniversary.

Jones, the lead volunteer for the project, said her team has been working on a booklet and digital media to commemorate the occasion.

The Heritage Commission has not recognized the church building itself. Jones accompanied her presentation with an application from the church to the commission for a historic plaque.

The lead volunteer said the church is organizing several events around the anniversary, including a parade, a reception dinner, and a plaque dedication ceremony.

The exact event program is still being decided, but they plan to involve the plaque in the dedication ceremony. The church has received a mayoral declaration and a letter of acknowledgment from U.S. Congressman Aaron Bean,

and they have invited him to a reception.

Jones said the church's charter members were the original homeowners in Keystone Heights, and the church will showcase old photos in a slideshow presentation during a reception. The congregation is also reproducing the images digitally on their website and in printed books that will be available for purchase.

The church plans to keep the price of the booklet to between \$20 to \$25 and possibly have a hardcover and color printing.

She said the project is progressing well, with June's research and documentation deadlines approaching.

Jones added that the church's celebration focuses on its rich history, and while the events are not exclusive to the church, they emphasize the church's past and future.

The congregation's historical plaque application was accepted unanimously during the meeting.

Tour of Homes app

The commission also discussed using a smartphone app to develop a walking tour of the city's historic structures.

Murphy said that her daughter participated in a smartphone app walking tour of a Tampa subdivision one month ago.

"It's a little subdivision, and they have a phone app," Murphy said. "It talked to them about every house they went to, exactly what we're thinking about."

Murphy recommended contacting the subdivision "so we don't have to reinvent the wheel."

She added that Gainesville's Depot Park uses a similar app, in addition to a small town on the Suwannee River.

Murphy said the app requires local sources to assemble the necessary information, and the company behind the app can assist with that process for a small fee.

Arnold agreed to approach the Clay County Tourism Council about funding the app, working with local council member Debbie Beals.

Directory of homes

The commission also discussed developing a directory of historic structures in the city.

In digital and paper formats, the directory would include ownership details, emails, phone numbers, and plaques of Keystone's historic structures.

Members also discussed how the directory would be distributed. They debated whether the guide would be available at City Hall, mailed to residents, or accessible on a website.

Murphy said the directory would likely contain the same information the commission compiled for its Mother's Day tour of homes brochure, including photos and details of 20 historic structures with Heritage Commission plaques.

Student advisors focus on mental health, college readiness

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The superintendent reported



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

that subject-matter experts who interacted with the council were equally impressed by the group's maturity and intelligence.

Mental health services

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

"We realized the issue is not the lack of resources," he said,

"it's the lack of knowledge of the resources available. The resources are there. We just have to make sure that students know about it."

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

College and career readiness

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

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

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

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



The Lake Region Kiwanis Community Band

Lake Region band returns for spring concert

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Lake Region Kiwanis Community Band will present a free concert at noon on Saturday, June 10, inside the restored and air-conditioned Keystone Beach Pavilion.

The 20-piece all-volunteer band has musicians from high school students to senior citizens. It features a full brass and woodwind section along with bass, drums, guitar, keyboards, four vocalists, and several professional players.

The 45-minute show will feature vocal and instrumental selections, including the 60s hits "Downtown" and "Hold On, I'm Comin'"; a big band swing favorite, "Puttin' on the Ritz"; Louis Prima's "Just a Gigolo"; the country ballad "When You Say Nothing at All" and 80's pop hits "Time After Time" and "The Final Countdown."

In its ninth year, the band thanks the Lake Region Kiwanis Club for being its sponsor and the City of Keystone Heights for making it the city's official community band and for the use of Keystone's historic pavilion.

The event promises to be fun for the whole family.

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UNION COUNTY

UCHS band member shines creating original compositions

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County High School Band is known throughout the state for its consistent level of excellence in both state competitions and in the varied performances it presents. Band Director Kelly Dorsey works with each musician to help them become the best possible musician they can be and most blossom under her tutelage. Every now and then a band member goes beyond just playing an instrument (or several) and becomes more than just a musician, but something more.

Trestin Durant is a junior at UCHS and plays trombone, baritone and tuba in the band. His love of music has also led him into the beginnings of a career as a composer — not an easy area.

To compose music for an ensemble, band or orchestra, a composer must not only write a catchy tune; he must have enough knowledge of music to write the individual parts for each instrument, called writing a full score. He must know how the sounds of the various instruments blend together to create both harmony and expressive sound. In many cases, this includes composing for instruments that he does not even know how to play.

Durant is doing this and succeeding. Last year he composed a large ensemble composition for the UCHS Jazz Band for its annual premier. The song is reminiscent of New Orleans style jazz and is titled "Swinging in the Streets." After the performance, the composition was sent to the Florida Bandmasters Association Student Composition Contest and was judged in second place



UCHS band member Trestin Durant is both an excellent musician and a talented composer.

by only a few points. The piece was also played by the Apopka High School Band at their Spring concert.

"Trestin is very prolific in his composing," Dorsey said. "He has written the 'stands tunes' for the marching band and arranged all of the ensemble pieces for the high school players."

Durant's most ambitious composition so far has been a concert march titled "En Blanco y Negro," that was played by the UCHS band in their Spring concert. The march was also played by the Gainesville Community Band in their Mother's Day concert. Dorsey related that the Gainesville musicians were so delighted with the music that, before the concert, they thanked Durant for the parts he had written for their instruments.

"Trestin is very talented and dedicated to his composing," Dorsey said. "I expect to see, and hear, great things from this talented young man."



Union County holds adult graduation

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — On May 25, 2023, Union County saw another graduation ceremony, not as big or intricate, but still of great importance to the graduates and their families. These were students who have families to support, usually full-time jobs and lives much more involved than that of most high school seniors. They all share the regret of failing to complete their high school program and the realization of the need for a diploma to realize their potential. These are the adult graduates, those who made the choice to complete their basic education and, in some cases, pursue some sort of higher education after they complete their requirements, and they are dedicated to achieving that success because most have the experience of trying to survive in the world without it.

"These are the students that everyone in this district has been working, hoping and praying for them to succeed," said Eugene Dukes, Union County Director of Adult Education. "Tonight is the proof that they have done that and can go on with their lives and prosper."

They gathered in the Union County High School auditorium for their special ceremony, wearing caps and gowns just as the graduating seniors did the previous week. They held their heads high and marched to their seats in a procession. Dukes and Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger were on the stage, as were UC School Board members Curtis Clyatt and Becky Raulerson. Also watching their arrival was guest speaker, President-Elect of ACE Florida Adult and Community Education, Mary Keen.

Once the graduates were seated, under the eyes of an audience made up of



Eugene Dukes with Superintendent Mike Ripplinger and Kaitlin Mann with her new Florida High School diploma.



On the stage waiting for the graduates. Pictured are: UC Director of Adult Education Eugene Dukes, guest speaker ACE of Florida President-elect Mary Keen, UC Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger, school board member Curtis Clyatt and school board member Becky Raulerson.

their family and friends, all were welcomed by Dukes and bowed their head for the invocation, offered by Raulerson. Duke then introduced the faculty and staff of the Union County Adult School: Owen Beatty, Lee Clarke, Maria Kish, Melisa McLeod, Chris Mecusker, Curtis Mesnard and Elise Worthington.

Keen came to the podium and praised the graduate for their "tenacity and unwavering commitment to improving themselves." She told the graduates "not to stop with their high school diploma, but to pursue higher education, following their interests."

"Your journey does not stop here," Keen said. "I challenge you to go on, succeed and inspire others to do the same."

Each graduate was called to the stage where they

received their Florida High School Diploma (not a GED) from Dukes and Ripplinger and then returned to their seats. A total of 29 adults received their diploma during the ceremony. After all had returned to their seats, Ripplinger offered closing remarks and congratulating them on their achievement, saying he was aware of the difficulties, challenges they had to face to be there and the dedication that made them succeed. He then gave the statement all graduates wait for.

"Now, by the authority of my position as the Superintendent of Schools I declare you all graduates. You may now turn your tassels."

The graduates filed out of the auditorium and most joined their family and friends for hugs and pictures. A reception was provided for

them and their guests in the UCHS cafeteria and most attended.

Union County Adult High School graduates for 2023 were: Dawson Crews, Lilly Donaldson, Katie Donaldson, Chevy Doughman, Dennis Ellis, Brian Forbes, Ephriam Frometa, Nikiyah Griffin, Dillon Hardenbrook, Gabriel Hedrick, Arington Hicks, Katelynn Jenkins, Garret Kight, Zachary Lane, Macy Malphurs, Kaitlin Mann, Nicole Marmon, Ethan Mesnard, Kevin Mobley, Jr., Michael Mohl, Adam Myers, Faith Pringle, Wesley Richardson, Joey Sargent, Alec Schaafsma, Megan Settles, Katelyn Starling, Hailey Tucker and Cooper Van Leeuwen. Congratulations to all the graduates for completing their high school diploma.

EMS deemed 'outstanding'

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — Union County Emergency Medical Services has undergone its biannual inspection by the Bureau of Emergency Medical Oversight, an office under the Florida State Department of Health that oversees regulating all EMS operations in the state.

The two-hour inspection looked at all facets of emergency operations, looking at records of all types, including personnel records for all emergency medical technicians and paramedics (general employment records and records of all training and certifications), records of calls and on-site postings at public events. Also assessed were the maintenance and storage of emergency medical equipment and medications and the cleanliness and organization of the facility in general.

The inspection was conducted

on May 24, 2023, and the department received its report letter May 31. The letter stated, "Congratulations on your outstanding Compliance Monitoring Site Survey...We found no deficiencies during our site survey. Your vehicles and service records were outstanding. We thank you for being a role model of excellence as an EMS provider in Florida."

UCEMS Director Toby Witt said he was proud of his people in the department and that the good report was largely the result of their hard work and adherence to established policies and procedures.

"Everyone here works hard to keep things running smoothly and all of them have a genuine commitment to providing the citizens of the county with the best possible service and care," Witt said. "Our report in this inspection is proof of their dedication and caring."

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Car wash posts future opening

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — A sign for a new car wash in Starke appeared a few weeks ago, but the city says plans for the property have not been submitted.

Inquiries from potential new businesses over the past few months included a car wash, according to city hall. Recent sales records don't reflect the property just south of VyStar Credit Union has been sold.

Nevertheless, the sign announces that Big Dan's Car Wash is coming soon.

This family business has operated more than 20 drive-through car washes in the name of late boss Big Dan Shadday. There are locations in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, with the closest being in Crystal River and Lady Lake. A number have opened this year, including locations in Bradenton, Pinellas Park and Tampa.

According to the company's website, the express car wash offers individual washes for \$12 to \$25, with possible service upgrades including rain repel treatment, tire shine, underbody rinse, scent blast, and ceramic wax and seal.

Alternatively, there are packages that offer an unlimited number of washes for a monthly charge ranging \$18 to \$40. Membership includes access to a member's only lane which scans license plates for even faster service.

Washes include access to free self-serve vacuums, mat cleaners, compressed air, microfiber towels, and window and interior cleaner. A fast tunnel provides a three-minute wash.

The site claims that the process is eco-friendly, using just 15 gallons of water per wash that is then reclaimed for use in



The sign appeared south of VyStar Credit Union in Starke.



From the company Facebook page, a look at the express car wash in Tarpon Springs.

their filtering tanks or sent to the municipal plant for treatment.

Signage was also posted at Bradford Square announcing that

Five Below is hiring employees. Work is currently underway in the shopping center to prepare for the opening.

Millions awarded to Bradford and Union in state budget

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Both Bradford and Union counties have a lot of state money headed their way following completion of the state's 2023-24 budget last month.

Rep. Chuck Brannan's office confirmed that local leaders were successful in their efforts to lobby for project funding.

For Bradford County, the funding includes \$2 million for Starke utility infrastructure and \$400,000 for a downtown revitalization project.

Union County's jail project was funded at nearly \$7 million, with more money for the courthouse and Townsend building.

These and other awards are pending the governor signing off on the budget. Gov. Ron DeSantis can veto line items as he did last year when slashing \$3 billion of spending on so-called pork barrel projects around the state that included a new prison, a sports training complex, an oceanic research facility and much more.

"Policy matters are important, but another important thing we do as legislators is bring home state dollars to directly help the citizens and families in our local communities. The above appropriations are the projects that Sen. (Jennifer) Bradley and I worked diligently on this session," Brannan said.

Starke and Bradford County will use the \$2 million allocation for the

Starke Economic Impact and Recovery Program, a response to the loss of business traffic to the 301 Bypass. Water and sewer lines will be extended down State Road 16 to support economic development around the bypass interchange. Bradford County has already committed \$4 million in federal ARPA funding to the project.

The City Walk Project promises enhancements to the Downtown Square such as shaded seating, a covered pavilion and family restroom.

In addition, Bradford County Fire Rescue was earmarked \$450,000 for a new fire engine and Lawtey \$96,603 for a dump truck. More than \$15 million was awarded for road resurfacing projects, and \$671,321 in nursing incentive funds were awarded for career technical education.

Along with the road resurfacing funds, Bradford received nearly \$1.3 million for construction engineering and inspection that can be used to monitor, review, inspect, and administer highway and bridge construction projects.

In Union County, leaders can look forward to working on a new public safety complex to house the jail. Courthouse restoration was awarded nearly \$375,000, and Lake Butler will receive nearly \$50,000 to rehabilitate the Townsend Building.

Another \$190,000 was allocated for softball fields, and \$305,000 for county fire

rescue equipment. The county's transportation projects will see an influx of more than \$2.4 million, and Union County also received \$300,000 as payment in lieu of taxes for the state-owned prison staff housing.

Speaking of support for law enforcement, the budget included funds to support recurring salary increases for deputies and correctional officers, increasing the amounts from \$535,000 to nearly \$704,000 in Bradford County and from \$296,000 to nearly \$389,000 in Union County. This is also the second consecutive year first responders will receive a \$1,000 bonus.

Brannan also announced that the retirement age for Special Risk Class employees was lowered back to 55 years of age or 25 years of service. The state extended the Florida Retirement System DROP Program from five to eight years with an interest rate increase from 1.4% to 4%.

The release also summarized amounts allocated for early education. Bradford's receiving \$1.265 million for school readiness and more than \$567,000 for voluntary pre-K. Union's receiving nearly \$635,000 for school readiness and \$374,000 for voluntary pre-K.

In addition, there is more than \$1 million in workforce education funding for Bradford and \$94,000 for Union.



Tobacco prevention and SWAT members pose with county commissioners. Pictured are School Board Member Candace Osteen, Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, BMS SWAT member Bryson Hill, BMS SWAT Advisor Jada Harris, BHS SWAT member Brooklynn Reddish, BMS SWAT member Ella Hewett, BMS SWAT member Lakelynn Sheppard, BHS SWAT Advisor Grace Johns, Commissioner Diane Andrews, Commissioner Chris Dougherty and Commissioner Danny Riddick.

Smoking, vaping banned in Bradford parks

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Among a trio of ordinances approved Monday morning, Bradford County commissioners outlawed smoking and vaping products in its parks.

The ordinance enactment followed prior discussion of banning smoking as well as vaping for public health. Tobacco prevention specialists and members of Students Working Against Tobacco appealed to the board to take action via ordinance.

The resolution which previously came to the board was a request to avoid the use of these products. The ordinance enforces the ban. Those in violation could

be asked to leave the premises. Prohibited areas include any publicly owned area of the county used for recreation including parks, ball fields, boating ramps, camp grounds, etc. Signs will be prominently posted in these areas.

School Board Member Candace Osteen works in tobacco prevention and thanked the commission for taking action.

"On behalf of Tobacco Free Florida and Students Working Against Tobacco of Bradford County, we just want to say how much we appreciate the partnership that we've been able to have and continue with the board. You have prioritized youth protection from vaping and smoking. It is still and epidemic

we are trying to address," she said.

"By allowing this ordinance to be on your agenda today, you have taken a step in the right direction to protect them, so we just want to say thank you so much."

The ordinance passed unanimously.

Commissioner Danny Riddick helped closed the meeting reflecting upon a former employee who dipped tobacco and lost a portion of his jaw as well as a family member in the hospital with lung damage from smoking.

"I encourage you guys, don't start. Don't even try it. I thank you for all you're doing," he said.

Fees increased on traffic fines

A separate ordinance doubled the surcharge on noncriminal traffic infractions from \$15 to \$30.

The surcharge is authorized under Florida statute and the fees collected are used for the sole purpose of funding the expenses and improvement of state court facilities in the county.

The surcharge will be assessed on anyone who pleads guilty or no contest or who is found guilty of a noncriminal traffic infraction.

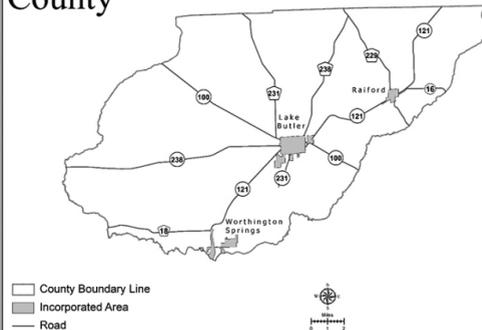
The commission also passed another ordinance related to franchise fees (see related story).

NOTICE OF TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS

The Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida proposes to declare a moratorium, within the area shown on the map below by adopting Ordinance No. 2023-03.

Ordinance No. 2023-03, concerning Moratorium No. M 23-01, is an ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners, declaring a moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of special exception applications for travel trailer parks and campgrounds for a period of one year.

Union County



The first of two public hearings on the proposed moratorium Ordinance No. 2023-03, will be held on June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the Ordinance No. 2023-03. Copies of Ordinance No. 2023-03 are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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IKO operates more than 35 manufacturing plants throughout North America and Europe. The enterprise is a family-owned business established in 1951.

Crawford Powell, president of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation, said the company's move into the area would provide multi-generational jobs, much like what the E.I. DuPont Company and its successor Chemours

provided when DuPont launched its Trail Ridge operations in the 1940s.

"This project will provide generational opportunities for Clay County residents in the form of quality, high-wage employment, and the county as a whole will benefit from the significant capital investment," Crawford said.

Let's Talk About It

Come join the Let's Talk

About It Club every third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, 2496 Lake St. in Lawtey. Mark your calendar for the next gathering. Everyone is invited.

2023 Kingsley Lake Kids Reunion

Everyone who grew up in the Kingsley Lake community is invited the annual Kingsley Kids

Reunion and feel free to bring a companion. Get together with friends you haven't seen since your school days and join the group photo. There is no charge and refreshments and appetizers are provided. If you want to bring something, contact Doug Combs at 904-533-2921 or Joe Callan Sr. 912-506-3525 to coordinate. Hope to see you Saturday, June 17, from noon until 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the Kingsley Lake Civic Center.

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." — Maya Angelou

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

Alyssa Michelle Brewer, 26, of Waldo was arrested on June 2 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and possession of drugs.

Jessica Doreen Caudill, 33, of Starke was arrested on June 2 for battery.

Christian Darryll Collins, 46, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 1 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Trenton Andrew Edsall, 20, of Interlachen was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for a probation violation.

Chandler Parrish Ellison, 27, of Gainesville was arrested on May 28 for out-of-county warrants.

Aaron Tyler Higgins, 20, of Waldo was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 28 for kidnapping, aggravated assault and robbery.

Sarah Anne Johnson, 46, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on May 30 for a probation violation.

Leonel Larios, 42, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 31 for a probation violation

and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Frank Edward Chandlur Maddox, 18, of Archer was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for destroying evidence.

Alexander R. Martinez, 31, of Waldo was arrested on May 27 for DUI.

Joseph Lee Mitchell, 54, of Starke was arrested by Starke Police on May 29 for battery.

Tellas Lucciono Mobley, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 29 for resisting an officer, possession of marijuana, a weapons offense, and destroying evidence.

Walter Jordan Padelford, 35, of Starke was arrested on June 4 for DUI.

Richard Clayton Shaffer, 56, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 1 for battery.

Casey Leigh Wingerter, 46, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 1 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Corry Earl Wood, 42, of Macclenny was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 23 for withholding support.

Tyrone Leroy Wright, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested on June 2 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Union

Betty Taniyah Amahni Carn, 21, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies for resisting an officer without violence.

Lakisha Goolsby Douglas, 45, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on May 31 for a probation violation.

Keith Taylor, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for disorderly

conduct.

James Cleveland Perry, 59, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on June 1 for a probation violation.

Donneya Robinson, 22, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Emily Rose Kilgore, 22, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for resisting an officer.

Tanajaha D. Edison, 24, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for resisting an officer.

Malik Retron Hamm, 26, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for disorderly conduct.

Chalilah Andrea Ross, 31, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on June 3 for resisting an officer.

Clay

Edwin Omar Garcia Tercero, 38, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 27 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Noah Jefferson Davis, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 28 for domestic battery.

Charles William Pease, 44, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 28 for DUI with a person under 18 in the vehicle.

Virginia Mayo Bennett, 52, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on May 29 for domestic battery and resisting an officer.

William Frederick Burroughs, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on June 2 for transmitting harmful material to a minor.

Employee created fraudulent gift cards

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — A former Walmart employee was sentenced to three years probation and ordered to pay the retailer \$1,411.25 in restitution after pleading to creating fraudulent gift cards.

Taquandra Deshon Diggs, 29, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on March 9 for battery, resisting an officer, larceny and fraud.

On May 24 she pleaded no contest to the three charges, and Circuit Court Judge James Colaw withheld adjudication in sentencing the defendant.

According to court papers, a Walmart loss prevention officer told Starke police officer David Clancy Jr. that the defendant processed fraudulent

merchandise returns and put the proceeds on gift cards.

“(The loss prevention officer) advised that Diggs performed 14 fraudulent transactions of returns to gift cards,” wrote Clancy in an arrest report. “(He) advised Diggs performed these fraudulent transactions from (Jan. 14 to Feb. 23, 2023). (The) total amount of fraudulent transactions (were) \$1,411.25.”

Clancy added that while attempting to arrest Diggs at the store, the defendant resisted his efforts, and the pair fell to the floor. The officer deployed his Taser twice to subdue Diggs, but the 29-year-old was able to break away and flee from the Commercial Circle retailer.

She later turned herself in at the Bradford County Sheriff’s Office.

8 years for DUI manslaughter

STARKE — A judge sentenced a 41-year-old Baker County woman to eight years

in prison after she pleaded to driving drunk and killing a Jacksonville man.

Bradford deputies arrested Casandra Lynn Anderson, 41, of Glen St. Mary on Dec. 6 for DUI, vehicular homicide, and reckless driving. In a plea agreement, Anderson pleaded to a manslaughter charge, and the state dropped the reckless driving allegation. The defendant also pleaded to DUI with Property damage, for which Judge James Colaw sentenced her to 172 days in jail with 172 days credit for time served.

Upon her release from prison, Anderson will also serve seven years’ probation.

According to an FHP crash report, on April 1, 2021, the defendant was driving a 2005 Dodge Ram when she rear-ended a 2010 Buick Enclave driven by Makia Simone Baker, 32, of Hinesville, Georgia.

Both vehicles were traveling on State Road 16 toward Raiford and Baker was slowing to make a left turn onto Northwest 177th Street toward Pleasant Grove when the collision occurred.

The crash propelled the Buick into a shallow ditch. The vehicle overturned and ejected Baker’s right-front-seat passenger: Joseph David Luke, 59, of Jacksonville. Bradford emergency medical responders pronounced Luke dead at the scene.

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Williams said the only interaction between town residents and the partygoers was videos taken by residents.

Lake Butler man shot

Williams said that as officers converged on the park to disperse the crowd, two fights broke out among attendees. Deputies were busy breaking up the melees when four or five shots rang out, and the massive group scattered for cover.

The shots occurred on the park’s west side, near the facility’s boat ramp.

An 18-year-old Lake Butler man was hit in the pelvis and buttocks. Williams said the victim has undergone two major surgeries for his injuries but that the wounds remain non-life threatening.

Nearly ran over deputy

During the five-hour incident, deputies made seven arrests.

Betty Taniyah Amahni Carn, 21, of Starke was arrested for resisting an officer without violence.

According to an arrest report, Carn was the driver of a Dodge Charger, one of two vehicles Bradford SWAT members stopped during traffic enforcement.

Officers told Carn to leave the area and not to return while they turned their attention to the second vehicle stopped.

“I observed the vehicle drive approximately 100 yards east and turn around,” wrote arresting deputy Clyde N. Berringer in the report. “Betty returned to the scene, parking on the opposite side of the highway, partially on the grass and on the highway, and stated, ‘I need to check on my friend.’”

Berringer added that he arrested the 21-year-old because she returned to the scene after being ordered not to come back and that she made the scene unsafe because her vehicle partially blocked the roadway.

Brantley Keith Taylor, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Deputy Erik L. Krueger wrote in an arrest report that while he was trying to disperse a crowd gathered the Spires IGA Market, Taylor, a white male on a bicycle, approached the lawman’s patrol vehicle and blocked Southwest First Street with his two-wheeler.

“While approaching my patrol vehicle, Taylor was yelling derogatory remarks, and motioned for me to shut my sirens off,” Krueger wrote. “I placed my vehicle in park and made contact with Taylor, who continued to yell.”

The deputy added that he removed the defendant from the bike, placed him into handcuffs, and took him to jail.

Donneya Robinson, 22, of Gainesville was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Berringer wrote in an arrest report that he saw Robinson and Bradford Sgt. Scott Konkell in a verbal dispute at West Main Street and Southwest 6th Avenue, an intersection surrounded by Skip’s Deli, Shatto Heating and Air, McDonald’s, and Spires.

According to Berringer, Konkell ordered Robinson to turn south onto Southwest 6th Avenue



This widely-shared social media image shows partygoers celebrating at Lakeside Park in Lake Butler.

because of a traffic tie-up. Robinson refused to comply with Konkell’s order and also rebuffed his command for her to exit the vehicle.

“Sergeant Konkle delivered a one-second burst of Oleoresin Capsicum in an attempt to gain compliance,” reported Berringer. “He then attempted to open the driver’s door of the vehicle. When Sergeant Konkle attempted this, Donneya immediately sped off, causing Sergeant Konkle to lose his balance and nearly being run over by the back left tire of the vehicle.”

Deputies stopped the defendant in the Spires parking lot and took her into custody.

Emily Rose Kilgore, 22, of Gainesville was arrested for resisting an officer.

Deputy Berringer wrote that Kilgore was a passenger in Robinson’s vehicle and that after the driver stopped in the Spires parking lot, Kilgore got out of the car and started walking toward the store.

“I ordered her several times to stop and cease her movement, but (she) refused all my orders,” wrote Berringer. “I gained control of her left hand and placed it behind her back, Emily refused to place her right hand behind her back.”

Berringer added that he put Kilgore on the ground to gain compliance with his orders, placed the defendant in handcuffs, and transported her to jail.

“Due to Ross’ blatant disregard for the law by beginning to dance instead of leaving the gas station when ordered to do so,” added the deputy, “Ross is being charged with F.S.S. 843.02 - Obstruct/ Resist without violence.”

Arrested for dancing

Tanajaha D. Edison, 24, of Gainesville was arrested for resisting an officer, and Malik Retron Hamm, 26, of Gainesville was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Krueger wrote in arrest reports that dispatch sent him to the Fast Track convenience store at the corner of East Main Street and Southeast 6th Street to respond to a disturbance within the business. There he found Hamm pouring milk onto his head and face.

“Malik Hamm appeared to have a chemical agent applied to his face from a prior law enforcement incident, where he was refusing to disperse,” wrote the deputy. “According to the

clerk, Malik and an unknown female were engaging in a verbal altercation and creating a disturbance.”

Krueger reported that he arrested Hamm for disorderly conduct, and as he was placing the defendant into the back of his patrol vehicle, a female, later identified as Edison, approached him aggressively, demanding to know what was going on.

“I advised the female why Malik was under arrest and advised her to leave the area,” Krueger wrote. “The female refused multiple times to leave the area and attempted to open my patrol car where the suspect was secured.”

Krueger then put Edison in handcuffs, and another officer transported the 24-year-old to jail.

Chalilah Andrea Ross, 31, of Gainesville was arrested for resisting an officer.

In an arrest report, Deputy Lowell A. Green wrote that Ross was an occupant in one of the cars parked at the Kangaroo convenience store at the corner of Southwest 6th Street and Southwest 6th Avenue.

“Multiple deputies were utilized to disperse the traffic,” wrote Green. “When a vehicle was ordered to leave the gas station by Bradford County Lieutenant Sweeney, an unknown occupant, later identified as Chililah Ross, exited the vehicle and began ‘twerking’ on the roof of the car.”

“Due to Ross’ blatant disregard for the law by beginning to dance instead of leaving the gas station when ordered to do so,” added the deputy, “Ross is being charged with F.S.S. 843.02 - Obstruct/ Resist without violence.”

She knows we are after her

Williams said the chemical agents used in the incident were all hand-held devices that officers used to get people to leave town.

“We had no intention of hurting anyone,” he said. “We were just trying to get them to leave. Many times, we were spraying at their feet to minimize the effects of the chemicals.”

Williams said officers regained control of the city around 9 p.m.

He added that his agency is now focused on building a case against the organizer of the incident.

“She knows we are after her,” the chief deputy said. “She has deleted all the social media posts she made about the incident.”

Williams vowed that sooner or later, the instigator of the chaos would be brought to justice.

“There may not be an arrest today or tomorrow,” he said, “but we will get her.”

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Obituaries

Johanne Artman

Johanne Irene Sheboy Artman, 81, born Oct. 4, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio passed away on Monday, May 29, 2023 at her home in Starke with Marvin Wayne Artman, her husband of 59 years, by her side. She was a disabled veteran, having served in the US Air Force. She met her husband while serving in the Air Force and they married on June 30, 1964, in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She earned her Ph.D. at BYU and was a professor of chemistry at Del Mar Community College for 16 years. She was a fantastic example of perseverance, kindness, mental strength, and drive. She loved adventure and learning. She loved nature - scuba diving, kayaking, white-water rafting, gardening, and watching the birds. She was a great humanitarian. A strong woman of courage and integrity. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she worked with youth and women, and as a missionary working with Cambodian refugees. She will be remembered as a tough and tireless advocate for the Red Cross, where she volunteered as a disaster damage assessment team member and supervisor. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frances Ferdinand Sheboy and Edith May Jackson; her siblings, Frances Sheboy Jr. and Edith Sheboy Finley; and some nieces and nephews.



Her memorial will be Friday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Starke. Her interment at Jacksonville National Cemetery will be on her wedding anniversary, June 30, at 10 a.m.

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Robert Blount

Robert Shelley Blount III passed away Friday, May 26, 2023, after a short illness. He was born in Savannah, Georgia in 1946 at the leading edge of the "Baby Boom" to Robert S. Blount Jr. and Margaret Lorraine Blount (nee Miller). The family lived in Jackson, Tennessee, Birmingham and Little Rock before alighting in Clarksdale, Mississippi when he was 10. There he acquired a lifelong affection for cane syrup, barbecue and music. Performing on contrabass clarinet with the high school band gave him a classical foundation, but,



living in a house just 7 miles from the Crossroads where Highways 49 and 61 intersect, it was the Delta Blues that became his passion. Cruising the backroads of the Delta on his Cushman Super Eagle motorcycle brought him into close contact with the culture and he marinated happily in the sounds of Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf and John Hurt, eventually convincing his mother to trade in a few books of her prized Green Stamps for a Kay six-string guitar. Two years of engineering school at Mississippi State convinced him that he did not want to be an engineer, and the family's fortuitous move to Florida in 1964 gave him the opening he was looking for. Unbeknownst to his parents, he dropped calculus and chemistry and enrolled in art classes. After spending most of the subsequent summer 'splaining himself to them, he transferred to the University of Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Design degree, becoming a sought-after printmaker and lithographer. It was at UF that he met Andi and they married in 1968. He formed the Backwater Blues Band with brothers Don and Steve, and they became regulars, performing at university events and venues around Gainesville. Soon after graduation, he embarked on a career in museums, becoming the chief exhibits designer for the Florida State Museum in Gainesville. He pioneered immersive exhibits, building a walk-through replica of a typical Florida solution cave and the interior of a Maya temple. For the latter he brought a team of Mayan artists from Mexico to complete the elaborate interior paintings. He documented one of the museum's digs in Mexico with photographs that were published in National Geographic. Over the course of a long career, he earned a master's degree in history from FSU and his book about turpentine production in the south, *Spirits of Turpentine*, is still the definitive study of naval stores production, once Florida's largest industry. He was the first director of the Florida Agricultural Museum in Tallahassee. He was later the museum director of The House of Refuge and Elliott Museum in South Florida. His last museum position was as director of Mission San Luis in Tallahassee. At the Mission, he oversaw the expansive living history campus, which tells the story of Spanish settlements in West Florida. He launched and directed The Georgia Music Hall of Fame inception, design and artifact collection through operation. As museum director, he oversaw the completion of the Tampa Bay History Center and Virginia Key Beach ecoseum. He also consulted for the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, the National Music Center of Canada, the Big House Foundation and the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame. The music museums were a particular passion, and they gave him the opportunity to meet and interview many music legends, including Little Richard and Chuck Leavell (Allman Brothers, Rolling Stones). He not only played music and curated music museums, but he also promoted music and musicians. During his long affiliation with Charles Steadham at the Blade Agency, he photographed and designed album covers and promotional material for artists, including Mike Cross, the Peyton Brothers and Gamble Rogers. Retiring to Keystone Heights in 2016, he devoted his time to land conservation and playing music. An accomplished bassist, he performed numerous times at the Florida Folk Festival with the Picolata Strings and, more recently, the Cajun group Gumbo Limbo. He formerly served as the executive director of the Putnam Land Conservancy and was a member of its board of directors at the time of his death. In retirement, he and Andi spent time canoeing and traveled to visit friends, to birdwatch and enjoy nature. He often fished with friends, and he encouraged Andi to continue her careers in journalism and libraries. In 2019, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Yellowstone National Park. While at home in Keystone Heights, they promoted conservation causes, environmental awareness and community activism. He is remembered by friends and family for his generosity and diverse talents, but also for his quick wit and quirky sense of humor. He often closed conversations saying, "We'll talk soon. Until then, hang by your thumbs and write if you find work."

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Andi (nee Hardy); his brothers, Don (Vicky) and Steve (Andrea); and two nephews, Austin (Leigha) and Chandler.

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

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Glenn Barrick

Glenn Eugene Barrick, 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Lake Butler on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. He was born and raised in Pennsylvania. After school he proudly joined the United States Marines. He worked as an airplane mechanic and traveled all over the country pursuing his career. He finally settled in Lake Butler in the 1960s and began his career with Aero Corporation in Lake City until retiring. He then opened his own auto repair shop. He was a hardworking man and, along with tinkering on engines, he also enjoyed woodworking. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 54 years, Ruth Arlene Barrick; and sons, Timothy and Carl Barrick.



He is survived by his wife, Toni Barrick of Lake Butler; his children, Sandra (Matt) Whetstone of Oklahom, Richard (Terry) Barrick of Raiford, Mark (Theresa) Barrick of Arizona, Gwen Dyal of Lake City, Doug Barrick of Lake Butler, and Daniel Barrick of Lake Butler; 13 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

A service to honor his life will be held on Friday, June 9, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 8. Both services will be held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest immediately following the funeral service at Dekle Cemetery.

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

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Mary Donovan

Mary Christine Donovan of Keystone Heights died Friday, June 2, 2023. She was born in Folkston, Georgia to Ada and Delmar Petty. She was raised in northern Florida by her adoptive parents, Hall and Eleanor Casterline. She was preceded in death by her parents, Delmar and Ada (nee Nettles) Petty; parents, Hall and Eleanor Casterline; husband, Joseph Outlaw; and mother and father-in-law, Virginia and Richard Donovan.

A celebration in her honor will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Keystone Heights Chapel of the Jones Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656.

Glennis Jones

Mrs. Glennis Siron Jones passed away peacefully, Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City at the tender age of 93. She was born April 3, 1930, to the late Glenn and Mary Alice Parker Siron in McKenzie, Alabama. Her childhood was spent in Bonifay. In 1951, she married William "W.K." Jones and they spent 52 wonderful years together until his passing. They traveled with the military but settled back in Raiford for the past 20 years. As the greatest example of a grandmother, she never met a child she didn't love. She was everyone's "Meemaw." She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, William "W.K." Jones.



She is survived by her children, Mary Roche of Chipley, Randy (Judy) Jones of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Steven (Teresa) Jones of Calhoun, Georgia, Mark (Donna) Jones of Freeport, and Donald (Nita) Jones of Raiford; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and her sisters, Annette Williams of Navarre and Joyce Leavins of Bonifay.

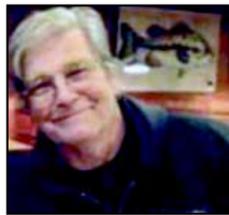
A graveside service was held at Sapp Cemetery, on Saturday, May 6. The service was officiated by Brother Albert Starling. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Haven Hospice Donate Now at beyourhaven.org.

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Clarence King

Mr. Clarence "Gene" King, 77, of Lawtey, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at his home in Hendersonville, North Carolina after a brief illness. He was born Feb. 24, 1946, in Lawtey to L.C. and Doris Griffis King of Lawtey. He grew up in Lawtey and graduated from Bradford High School. He was known to many as "Bozy." After high school, he joined the US Marine Corps. Later he briefly worked for the Starke Police Department before making long distance truck driving his lifelong career. He loved being outdoors, fishing and riding his Harley. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He rarely met a stranger and was a friend to many. He had a smile that lit up the room and a huge heart. He will be missed dearly. He leaves us with many memories, laughs and stories to tell. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd C. King and Doris Griffis King of Lawtey; his brothers, Paul King of Starke, Larry King of Palatka, and Troy King of Palatka; and grandson, Robbie Davis of Keystone Heights.



He is survived by his children; Shana (Bruce) Sapp of Lawtey, Brian Stafford of Starke, and Clint King of Starke; his grandchildren, Christopher (Michaela) Johnson of Starke, Garrett (Alexis) Davis of Starke, Dustin (Samantha) Packham of Keystone Heights, Kaycee (Ryan) Crawford of Kingsley Lake, Erika Sapp of Starke, and Nolan Sapp of Starke; great-grandchildren, Ryker, Corben, Rylin, Amelia, and McKenna; his sister, Sandra King of Starke; along with many nieces and nephews that he loved very much.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, June 24, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Bradford Sportsmen's Farm, 11394 SW 106th Ave., Graham, 32042.

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Sandra Martinez

Sandra M. Martinez, 63, of Starke, passed on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. She was in born in New York, New York, and later moved to Starke. She was of the Catholic faith. She attended the local schools in New York, received an associate's degree in accounting, and was employed with the Arc of Bradford.

She is survived by her daughter, Jenifer Reyes; three sons, Johnathan Jr., Gil Santiago and Andres Martinez; a brother, Confessor Mejias; three grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephew, uncles, aunts, cousins and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, at the Carl D. Haile Memorial Chapel-Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-7905, under the direction of Haile Funeral Home, Inc. The cortège will form at Haile Funeral Home Inc. at 10:55 a.m.

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Landa Meng

Landa Joyce Meng, 67, of Starke passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023, at E. T. York Care Center. She was born on Jan. 28, 1956, in Gainesville, to the late Vernie Thornton and Gwendolyn McRae Thornton. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was a faithful and active member of Pine Level Baptist Church, where she loved playing the organ and piano.



She is survived by her loving husband, Christopher Meng; son, Clayton (Jennifer) Meng; daughter, Emilie (Steven) Yeager; mother, Gwendolyn Thornton; sisters, Tia (Guy) Colombo and Crystal (Nasser) Kadhodaie; and stepdaughter, Amanda (Tom) Rewis.

A memorial service was held Monday, June 5, at Pine Level Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Ogle officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Pine Level Baptist Church, 7844 SR 100 W, Starke, 32091, or ET York Care Center, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, 32606.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St. Starke, 32091. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Ira Prevatt

Ira Allen Prevatt, 60, of Starke died Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at University of Florida/Shands in Gainesville. He was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lisa Jean Buckles Prevatt; father, Benny Boyd Prevatt; and nephew, Thomas Prevatt.



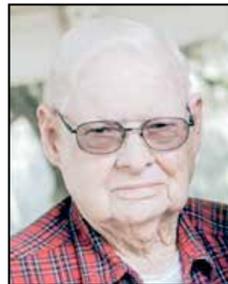
He is survived by his mother, Judith G. Hardenbrook; brother; Tommy (Betty) Hardenbrook; sister, April Prevatt; two nieces; and one nephew.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, June 7, at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating.

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

Leon Shadd

Leon Shadd, of Lake Butler, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2023, at the age of 90. He was born on Oct. 4, 1932, in Raiford, to his loving parents, David Daniel Shadd and Annie Mae Griffis Shadd. He was a dedicated member of the US Air Force, serving his country for 23 years, and retired as a Master Sergeant. He joined Gilman Building Products, where he worked for many years until his retirement. He was known as a hardworking and dedicated employee



who earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed spending time farming and being with his family and friends. He was an active member of the American Legion and passionately supported their mission to assist veterans and their families. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed raising quail and growing a garden for his family, which he did until a week ago. He held many titles in his lifetime, but his greatest joy was being "Papa." He loved his family relentlessly and made sure they knew it. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Daniel Shadd and Annie Mae Griffis Shadd; his faithful wives, Patsy Carol Bancroft Shadd and Florene Rosier Shadd; brothers, D.L. Shadd and Leeman Shadd; and sister, Dorothy Shadd.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Annette Shadd (Clayton) Parrish; stepson, Donald (Linda) Rosier; grandchildren, Clay Clark (BobbieLynn Sears), Ashley Carol Jackson, Linsey (Anthony) Androlevich, Donnie (Brittany) Rosier, Shannon Rosier, and Crystal Rosier; great-grandchildren, Ayden Androlevich, Weston Leon Androlevich, Kate Androlevich, Layla Alexander, Nylah Jackson, Aria Jackson, Stella Jackson, Addisyn Rosier, and Bentley Werkheiser; brothers, John L. Shadd and Leslie Shadd; sister, Wanda Shadd Barber; along with many other loving family members and friends.

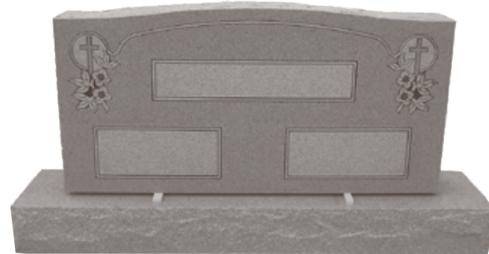
A visitation service was held on June 5 at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. His funeral service was held on June 6 at New River New Congregational Methodist Church in Raiford. A burial service followed at Pine Grove Congregational Methodist Church. Services were officiated by Brother Randall A. Griffis Sr.

His kind heart, dedication to his country and community, and unwavering commitment to his family will never be forgotten. He will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.

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Tinsler on dialysis, hoping for living kidney donor

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Julee Tinsler doesn't want to wait for up to five years.

Five years, for Tinsler, would equate to more than 1,000 dialysis sessions, totaling more than 3,300 hours. Five years is how long it could take for her to receive a donor kidney from a cadaver.

"What I'm after is a live donor," she said.

Tinsler, a Starke resident who once worked for the Bradford County School District (serving 14.5 years as its finance director), has already been undergoing dialysis for more than two years. The upside is that she has a machine at home, so she doesn't have to go to a clinic. The downside is that she rarely has the energy to leave her home.

"The thing that frustrates me is the fatigue," Tinsler said. "I want to go to do things."

The wife of John Tinsler, the career placement specialist at North Florida Technical College, encourages people to consider donating a kidney. She would need it to come from someone who's blood type is O positive or O negative.

"This is totally zero cost to the donor," Tinsler said. "My insurance will pay for the surgery and for the testing."

Diagnosis, dialysis and transplant list

Doctors at first thought Tinsler might have congestive heart failure. She had been retaining

fluid and underwent a heart cath in November 2020. As it turned out, she had no problems with her heart, but follow-up bloodwork in December 2020 revealed that her kidney function was in decline.

Tinsler, who was working for the State of Florida Auditor General at the time (she's now on disability retirement), began hemodialysis in early 2021, after she got to a point in February where she couldn't breathe because of her body's fluid retention. That put her in the hospital.

"Over the course of about three weeks, they took off about 50 pounds of fluid," Tinsler said.

Two weeks after she began hemodialysis (when the blood is pumped out of your body and into an artificial kidney, where it is cleansed), Tinsler felt worse. A doctor even told her that she looked worse. The hemodialysis catheter had caused an infection, so it was removed. Because of that, Tinsler began peritoneal dialysis earlier than she was supposed to. Peritoneal dialysis is when the filtering process occurs inside your body. A cleansing fluid enters and exits your body via a catheter inserted into your belly.

Tinsler said peritoneal dialysis, which took place at home, was successful from April 2021 until February 2022, when she woke up one morning with excruciating pain in her abdomen. She underwent antibiotic treatment off and on for six weeks.

"Ultimately, they decided



Julee Tinsler is pictured at home by the dialysis machine she uses four days a week for more than three hours each day. Tinsler is praying that a living donor will come through so that she doesn't have to wait for a kidney from a cadaver, which could take five years. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

that the catheter was infected," Tinsler said.

The peritoneal catheter was removed. Tinsler began hemodialysis again. Three months later, she had another catheter inserted for peritoneal dialysis, but that type of dialysis wasn't working for her.

"It just was not pulling off the fluid," she said. "You could put fluid in, but you couldn't get fluid out."

Doctors determined that Tinsler had peritonitis (inflammation of the membrane lining the abdomen), which was preventing peritoneal dialysis from working. She had no choice but to go back to hemodialysis.

Tinsler didn't want to keep making trips to a clinic, so she, John and her father, Wallace Wise, underwent training so that she could do dialysis at home.

"It takes six weeks to train," Tinsler said. "It can be done by yourself, but it is highly recommended that you have somebody there with you — a buddy. By and large, my buddy is my dad."

Dialysis occurs four days a week, with each session lasting approximately three hours and 15 minutes.

"It takes about 30 minutes to

set it up and break it down, so you're talking four hours a day, four days a week," Tinsler said.

Tinsler tried unsuccessfully to get put on the Mayo Clinic's kidney transplant list. She was encouraged to try getting on the list at Tampa General Hospital. She went through a bit of an ordeal because of the earlier suspicions of congestive heart failure and had to undergo a stress test and meet with a Tampa General cardiologist, but in the end, she was approved for placement on the hospital's transplant list.

Living donor

To donate a kidney to someone, a person must meet the blood-type requirements and be in good overall health.

If you'd like to see if you could be a donor for Tinsler, you can go to tgh.org/livingdonorform.

"You answer the questionnaire. It tells you whether or not they even want to look at you as a possible candidate," Tinsler said, adding, "This is totally anonymous. I would love to know if you did it, so I can follow up on it, but I have no access to your medical history or anything."

You can also call 813-844-5669 or send email to livingkidneydonor@tgh.org.

Aside from the fact that a living donor could spare Tinsler waiting five years for a cadaver kidney, the benefit of a living-donor kidney, according to the Tampa General website, is that there is less chance of rejection and a better chance of long-term success. Also, a kidney from a living donor usually functions immediately. Cadaver kidneys may require dialysis until they begin functioning properly.

Minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery is performed on a living donor. It requires just a small incision.

"For me, it's much more complicated," Tinsler said. "They actually have to cut me open."

According to the National Kidney Foundation, donors will stay in the hospital for 1-3 days following surgery and can resume normal activities and exercise 4-6 weeks following surgery. Donors can live their lives as normal with just one kidney. The remaining kidney will increase in size to compensate for the loss of the other kidney.

Tinsler said she knows several people with only one kidney,

including her mother-in-law and a friend, who were both born with only one.

"They didn't know they had only one until they were adults," Tinsler said. "They had no clue."

A kidney from a living donor, according to the National Kidney Foundation, can last an average of 15-20 years.

Waiting

Longtime Bradford educator/administrator Randy Whytsell has been through what Tinsler is going through now. Tinsler said in talking with Whytsell, he reminded her to do the things she's supposed to do for the benefit of her health and to keep in mind that the journey she's on isn't a sprint. It's a marathon.

It's good advice because she doesn't know when — or if — a living donor will come through. She doesn't know how many more sessions of dialysis she has to endure. All she can do is wait it out, but she admitted the waiting is easier because of the number of people who are praying for her and keeping her in their thoughts. Tinsler said, "It has been unbelievable how many people will just randomly text me and say, 'Thinking about you. Praying for you.'"

The thought of so many prayers and positive thoughts have helped her through some of the rough times, like when she was sick with peritonitis.

Tinsler said she's had people ask her if it's OK if they put her onto their church's prayer list. Her response is always, "Yes. Please put me on the prayer list. I would greatly appreciate that."

Aside from the thoughts and prayers, Tinsler is thankful for the support of her family, especially her father — her main dialysis buddy — and her husband.

"John has just been incredible through this," Tinsler said. "He's had to pick up a lot of things that I would normally do."

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Kidney donation myths and facts

The National Kidney Foundation provides facts to the following myths regarding living kidney donation.

Myth: Donors have a shorter lifespan

No evidence exists that people's lives are shortened due to donating a kidney. However, you should always talk to your transplant team about the risks involved in donation. Some studies report that living donors may have a greater chance of developing high blood pressure.

It is recommended that potential donors consult with their doctor about the risks of living donation.

Myth: Donors take medications the rest of their lives

Generally, prescriptions for

pain and stool softeners will be necessary in the immediate post-operative period only.

Myth: Donors have debilitating pain for a long time

Ordinarily, there will be some pain after surgery, which will diminish and can be controlled with medication.

After leaving the hospital, the donor will typically feel tenderness, itching and some pain as the incision continues to heal.

Myth: Donors will be on bed rest following surgery

A kidney donor will be out of bed and walking before discharge from the hospital.

Generally, heavy lifting is not recommended for about six

weeks following surgery. It is also recommended that donors avoid contact sports where the remaining kidney could be injured.

It is important for the donor to speak with the transplant staff about the best ways to return as quickly as possible to being physically fit.

Myth: Donors will be in the hospital for an extended period of time

A kidney donor will be hospitalized on average for two nights.

Myth: Donors must follow a new diet

A donor should eat a healthy, well-balanced diet, but there are no dietary restrictions.

Myth: Donors can't consume alcohol

While excessive alcohol use is always dangerous, a kidney donor can consume alcohol in moderation.

Myth: Female donors shouldn't get pregnant

A female donor should wait to become pregnant until medically cleared after donation. Generally, living kidney donors do well with pregnancy after their donation.

Myth: Donors' sex lives will be negatively affected

Donors may engage in sexual activity when they feel well enough to do so.

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Rhoden sisters are Versatility champs at 4-H horse show

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Horsing around can get some children in trouble with their parents, but when there's a literal horse involved, it can lead to championship belt buckles.

Sisters Saylor Rhoden, 11, and Ryleigh Rhoden, 17, earned the grand-championship and reserve grand-championship belt buckles, respectively, in Versatility at the 4-H Area North Horse Show, which was held last month at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Green Cove Springs.

The siblings were two of four youth who represented the Horsing Around Bradford County 4-H club at the show. Raegan Luke and Mason Stone also competed, with Stone earning the reserve grand championship in the Ranch class.

The show consisted of youth representing 35 counties.

Kara Rhoden, the mother of Ryleigh and Saylor and the leader of the Horsing Around club, said, "Bradford is one of the smallest counties that competed at Area." She added, "There are equestrians here in 4-H who are working really hard."

The four Horsing Around members all qualified for the 4-H state show, which will be held July 13-15 at the Florida State



Saylor Rhoden (left) and her sister, Ryleigh, are pictured with their horses and their grand-champion and reserve grand-champion belt buckles they won at the 4-H Area North Horse Show. Saylor placed first in Versatility, while Ryleigh was second.

Fairgrounds in Tampa.

Versatility

To earn one of the

championships in Versatility, you must score high enough in multiple classes. In Saylor's case, she placed first in Trail and was second in Western Pleasure,

Ground Handling and Keyhole. She also earned third place in Showmanship.

Ryleigh took first in Speed Ground Handling and was second in Ranch Trail, Ranch Roping and Hunter Under Saddle. She also placed fourth in Horsemanship.

"In my opinion, that's the most sought-after thing because it's the most challenging thing," Kara said of winning a championship in Versatility.

Ryleigh didn't mind placing second to her younger sister.

"That was pretty awesome," she said of Saylor's performance. "I honestly didn't believe it. I was super proud of her just because she's so young, and she hasn't been doing it as long as I have. She's excelling so well so fast."

Kara Rhoden, who is the sisters' mother, said Ryleigh gets a lot of credit in how well Saylor performed.

"She taught her younger sister most of what she knows," Kara said, who noted that Saylor won her championship on the horse that was passed down to her from Ryleigh.

Kara said her daughters haven't decided if they want to go for Versatility at the state show. It's a lot of work and can



Bradford County 4-H club Horsing Around was represented at the Area North Horse Show by (l-r) Mason Stone, Saylor Rhoden, Ryleigh Rhoden and Raegan Luke. All qualified for next month's state show.

be hectic competing in multiple classes, which require you to be at different arenas at different times.

Dress requirements may also differ from one class to the next.

"They don't want you to have the poised, English hunter-jumper look in the Ranch class," Kara said. "If you're in the Ranch class, they want you to look like you're going out onto a ranch."

Ryleigh laughed about trying to keep up with where you're supposed to be and what you're supposed to be wearing, saying that when she showed up for the Hunter Under Saddle class, her shirt wasn't buttoned properly.

"Somebody had to tell me to fix my shirt," she said.

Her performance in that class was a pleasant surprise,

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Another trophy for Bradford Rookie All-Stars

The Bradford Rookie All-Stars won their third straight district title, going 4-0 at the District 5 tournament in Alachua. They defeated Newberry 11-2, Palatka 7-2, Williston 11-0 and Keystone Heights 14-6. The team will play at the state tournament later this month. Pictured: (front, l-r) Cruz Eaves, Trey Waldon, Wynnlis Lansford, Rylan Noegel, Jaxson Strickland, Ashton Brown, Michael Hanson, (middle, l-r) James Taylor, Maddox Hilliard, Chance Reed, Hayden Padelford, Kingston Donley and (back, l-r) coaches Sadie Orton, Cletis Brown, Braxton Britt, Thomas Strickland and Anthony Lansford.

KHHS boys weightlifting team earns top awards at Clay County event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's boys weightlifting team and Head Coach Lantz Lowery earned the top male awards at the annual Clay County Athletics Awards Show, presented by Jaguars PREP and Dream Finders Homes, on May 10 at Orange Park's Thrasher-Horne Center.

The Indians won their third straight state championship, so it was probably no surprise to most that they received the Male Athletic Team of the Year award and that Lowery was the Male Coach of the Year.

Two members of the team received special recognition, with Sam Ulsch receiving a Hero Award (for overcoming adversity) and Ben Ulsch receiving a Fellowship of

Christian Athletes Character Award (for recognition as a generous giver, faithful friend, committed encourager and forgiving teammate).

Andy Long received a Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with KHHS athletics.

The awards show also recognized the student-athletes who earned Clay County Coaches All-County honors in every sport. In traditional boys weightlifting, Keystone had five first-team selections in Jed Tisdale (119-pound class), Reid Begue (139), Bryar Schenck (183), Trey Jeffries (219) and Tyeler Anthony-Rozier (238). Brian Overton (169) made the second team, while the following earned honorable mention: Declan Shine (129), Wyatt Van Zant (139), Davin Adams (154), Landon Hovsepian (169) and

Brayden Wester (238). Begue, Jeffries and Anthony-Rozier were first-team selections in Olympic weightlifting, while Hovsepian, Schenck and Dakota Roper (199) were second-team picks. Earning honorable mention were Overton, Shine, Van Zant and Wester.

In softball, Keystone had one first-team selection in Kiley Channell and a second-team selection in Alaina Kinsall — both of whom play in the infield. Pitcher Kadence Massey and outfielder Abbie Roach earned honorable mention.

Keystone's baseball team had four players earn honorable mention: utility player Noah Branch, outfielder Connor Guy, shortstop Chase Packham and pitcher Gage Smith.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of June 8, 2023

BRADFORD

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

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

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

A parcel of land containing 1.08 acres, more or less, and lying in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, Township South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described in Exhibit A attached. Parcel Indication Number: 04943-0-00405.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHARLES DANIEL SIKES

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Attorney for Petitioner
Tina Phillips
Personal Representative
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Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 6/9/23 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave, Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:

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- # 166 - Belonging to K.Dugan
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- # 158 - Belonging to K. Morabito
- # 49 - Belonging to D. Riddick

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2023-CP-000039

IN RE: ESTATE OF MONICA LEIGH PICKRON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MONICA LEIGH PICKRON, deceased, whose date of death was November 27, 2022; File Number 2023-CP-000039, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is: June 01, 2023.

Signed on May 30th, 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE No. 22000301CAAXMX REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. PEGGY MCLOUGHLIN AKA PEGGY PRICE MCLOUGHLIN, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 22000301CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit in and for BRADFORD County, Florida, wherein NWL COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff and PEGGY MCLOUGHLIN AKA PEGGY PRICE MCLOUGHLIN, et al., are Defendants. Clerk of Court, Denny Thompson, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Bradford County Courthouse lobby, 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at the hour of 11:00 AM, on the 22nd day of June, 2023, the following described property:

PARCEL "E"
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 1/2" IRON ROD LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19 AND RUN S87 DEGREES 55' 33" W, AS A BASIS OF BEARINGS, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE

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TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on May 15, 2023: T & C Tatum Investments, Inc., PO Box A, Lawtey, FL 32058-0701 has submitted for renewal Water Use Permit application #216033-2, for average daily withdrawals of 0.0324 million gallons of groundwater for agricultural use. This project is located in Sections 24-25, Township 6S, Range 22E in Bradford County. Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource

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Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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Notice is hereby given:

Richard L. Soilberry JR
Last known address of: 5222 NW 176th Way APTA Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.

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Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections

P. O. Box 58
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Date: June 5, 2023

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COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on June 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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UCHS to name hoops court after Thomas

Union County High School will name its basketball court after former head coach and school alumnus James "Jimmy" Thomas, hosting a dedication ceremony on Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m.

Former players, students and the members of the community are invited.

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Tara Tarvit was named to the second team in girls tennis, while Whitnee Buchanan and Sarah Siebert earned honorable mention. Boys player Ethan Teague earned honorable mention.

In girls flag football, Keystone had first-team picks in wide receiver Kendall Gagnon and utility player Ella Hutchins.

Gagnon and Hutchins were also second-team selections at linebacker and running back, respectively.

Linebacker Aiyana James also made the second team, while quarterback Dezaray Bright earned honorable mention.

Kiersten Shaw earned honorable mention in girls track and field in two events: the high jump and the pole vault.

In fall sports, Keystone's Candace Jackson made the first team in girls golf. Teammate M.J. Rivera received honorable

mention.

The volleyball team had two players earn second-team honors in Riley Barry and Kori Jennings.

Keystone also had two second-team selections in the sport of cross country with Olivia Griffin and Tyler Griffin.

In boys golf, Alex Addington made the second team, while Connor Guy earned honorable mention.

The football team had a second-team selection in cornerback Darrion Grady, while the following earned

honorable mention: defensive lineman Tyeler Anthony-Rozier, offensive lineman Brayden Wester and running backs Cartez Daniels and Bryar Schenck.

In winter sports, the boys soccer team had four players receive recognition, led by first-team selection Logan Spence. Carson Eatmon and Skylar Kedgley were second-team picks, while Aaron Wiley earned honorable mention.

Kiersten Shaw made the first team in girls soccer. Kendall

Gagnon and Ella Hutchins received honorable mention.

Girls basketball player Dezaray Bright was a first-team selection, while Kiley Channell made the second team.

The boys basketball team had a second-team pick in Seth Gagnon. Zeke Pelham earned honorable mention.

Kaylee Wright earned second-team honors in girls weightlifting in both traditional and Olympic. She competed in the 169-pound class.

HORSE

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considering she was competing with a 4-year-old horse.

"We actually ended up placing second out of seven, which I was not expecting. I thought we weren't even going to place," Ryleigh said, adding, "I was almost in tears."

Ryleigh actually competed with two different horses, so saddling up which horse she was going to use for a certain event added to the hectic nature of the day.

"It was extremely stressful for me," she said.

Ryleigh, though, feels right at home working with horses. She's been around them her whole life and looks forward to an internship with a horse trainer this summer.

"That is definitely something I want to pursue," Ryleigh said.

Big sis is happy that her little sis has followed in her footsteps. Besides teaching her most of what she knows, Ryleigh said she has also offered this particular piece of advice to Saylor: "Once you find what you love to do, stick with it."

4-H: a different horse experience

She may be versatile, but Ryleigh said her favorite show classes are those that involve ranch skills.

"It's a dying breed, honestly — ranch work and stuff," Ryleigh said. "That's what I typically do. The ranch stuff — working with cows and roping."

Between the ranch-related classes and those devoted to English-style riding, 4-H offers a horse experience that's a little different from the one most people in the area are involved in.



Saylor Rhoden and her mare are pictured working the gate obstacle in the Ranch Trail class.

"Barrel racing is big in this town," Kara said, "but this is a different discipline than barrel racing, even though that is an aspect of it."

Kara said 4-H has a lot of rules regarding its horse events, most of which are centered around safety, which she appreciates. Not everyone does, though.

"Unfortunately, that deters a lot of kids in this county," Kara said. "They don't want to wear a helmet."

The interest is there, though. Ryleigh remembers when she was the only one from Bradford County competing at the 4-H Area North Show.

"We've kind of pulled some people in with us," said Kara, who expressed her gratitude to the UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension of Bradford County for its support of her in leading a 4-H horse club.

As a senior-age 4-H member, Ryleigh has the right to qualify

for the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Championships, which will be held in Perry, Georgia. She qualified for the regional show the last two years, but didn't compete one year because she didn't feel she and her horse were quite ready for that type of event and didn't compete the other year because Kara had been in a riding accident.

Speaking of the prospect of qualifying and competing in this year's show, Ryleigh said, "It would mean so much, especially with my horse that I have now because I've worked so hard with him."

Whatever happens, it has already been a notable year for the Rhoden family, as proven by the two 4-H Area North Horse Show Versatility championship buckles that now reside in their household.

"It's pretty cool that the sisters walked away with them," Kara said.

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That's an out for the student team as Thomas Borland hits Behavior Resource Teacher Edrick Hamilton with the ball during a student vs. faculty kickball game at Starke's Southside Elementary on the last day of school. Jayden Roberson and Braxton Tetstone are also pictured in the background. Many of the faculty members and students wore leis and grass skirts on what was a luau-themed day. Faculty and students also wore shirts that read: "Ohana means family." Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Paraprofessional Jaquan Bryant (right) has his sights on recording an out as Brody Bell runs to second base.



Gillian Sheppard (right) flexes after safely reaching first base during a kickball game between faculty and students on the last day of school at Starke's Southside Elementary. Students A'moni Williams and Alliyah Simmons are also pictured.



Students Isabel Barth and Alani Jenkins hang out with Dana Bell while enjoying their Kona Ice treats.



ABOVE: Edrick Hamilton prepares to try to get a student out as Tonjala Tyson and Leanna Norman (l-r) look on from the background. LEFT: Leanna Norman (left) gets a handle on a kicked ball. Doug Samons is also pictured.



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Aubrianna Thomas makes her way to third base.



Logan Lewis (left) prepares to catch the ball as Conner Daly looks on.



Emily Coston (right) tries to avoid getting hit by a ball. Student Robert Bellamy is also pictured.



ABOVE: Braxton Tetstone (left) calculates which way he should move in order to avoid being put out by Behavior Resource Teacher Edrick Hamilton. RIGHT: Principal Cassie Melvin kicks her way onto base.



Tonjala Tyson attempts to make a defensive play.



Ashariyah Williams (left) prepares to make a throw.



Gillian Sheppard (right) looks to be having a panic attack while watching Audrey Murphy try to corral the ball.



Ameriyah Pittman takes her turn to kick. Pictured in the background (l-r) are Sa'niyah Aaron, Harmony Stokes and Mauriya Hankerson.



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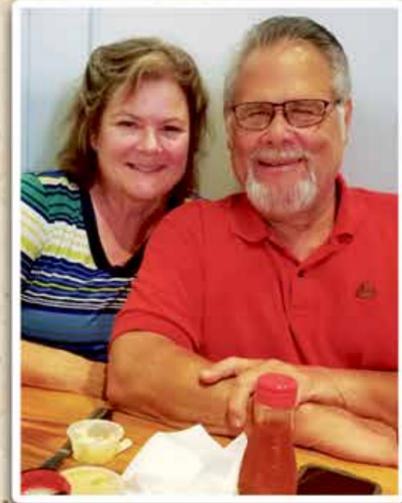
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