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Goals set in economic development workshop

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The Northeast Florida Economic Development Corporation hosted a collaborative workshop with government and business leaders on Friday, June 12, at the Gov. Charlie E. Johns Conference Center.

The group sketched out short-term, intermediate, and long-term goals to foster business development in Bradford County and the surrounding area.

The approximately 30 government and business leaders said the EDC should achieve the following objectives over the next 12 months: finalizing the county's warehouse lease with Canadian aerospace company MHD Rockland, crafting an economic development strategic plan, achieving widespread, high-speed internet access, developing incentives for businesses to relocate to the area, drafting an eco-tourism marketing plan, and developing the local workforce.

Other segments of the workshop included a presentation by Dwight Hewitt on his east-downtown development he calls City Walk, a presentation by Patricia Evans and Pam Whittle about the county's



Capital City Bank Market Leader Patricia Evans (left) and Chamber of Commerce President Pam Whittle talked about Bradford County's prior efforts in economic development.

prior efforts in economic growth, and updates from Bradford County Manager Scott Kornegay, Keystone Airport Authority Chair David Kirkland, the City of Starke's Jimmy Crosby, and Hampton Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth about how governments are attempting to attract employers to the area.

Evans also discussed Rural Days, a partnership of 28 rural Florida

counties that aims to improve the visibility of rural communities in the Florida Legislature.

The session also included presentations by consultants working with the economic development corporation. Those were Roger Phipps of the marketing firm Seven Lights, Rusty Causey and A.J. Graves of Creative Engineering, Rick Anderson of railroad contractor W.J.

Sapp, Carol Saviak of Florida Power and Light, and Jeanie Rickman from Congresswoman Kat Cammack's office.

At the end of the half-day workshop, Amber Shepherd of the economic development corporation led a discussion to help craft the organization's upcoming goals.

In addition to the short-term objectives, attendees recommended seven goals for the two to five-year horizon. Those were extending water and sewer service to the Starke Bypass, establishing a business incubator to foster local business development, performing a gap analysis of infrastructure shortcomings like affordable housing, continuing to develop an inventory of local sites, marketing the Starke-to-Gainesville rail spur, commonly known as the Peggy Line, identifying international trade opportunities and taking advantage of the state's emphasis on attracting semiconductor businesses to Florida.

The group also recommended two long-term goals: extending infrastructure to the south part of Bradford County and improving public transportation.

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Candidate forum July 20

The Bradford County Republican party is sponsoring a candidate forum on Saturday, July 20, starting at 6 p.m. at the ARC of Bradford County, 1351 S. Water St. (S.R. 100 near the radio station). All candidates for office are invited to attend. If candidates have a conflict with the date, they may send a surrogate to speak on their behalf.

In addition, WEAG 106.3 will broadcast the forum on the radio.

For more information contact BCREC secretary Donna Solze at 904-364-6076.

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

Candidate forum July 25

Starke Commissioner Janice Mortimer and the Bradford County Democratic Executive Committee are sponsoring a nonpartisan community political forum on Thursday, July 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Church of God by Faith Community Learning Center, 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke. All candidates and community members are welcome.

Come meet local candidates, ask questions, hear their platforms and network with neighbors who share your interests and concerns. Active participation is the key to a thriving democracy, so come influence conversation and gather the information needed to make educated decisions about the upcoming elections.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Candidate forum in Union

The Union County Republican Party is hosting a candidate forum on Thursday, July 25, at the Lake Butler Community Center. Doors open to the public at 6 p.m. for a candidate meet-and-greet, and the program starts at 7 p.m. GOP candidates in all contested races will be presenting. Iced tea, coffee and cupcakes will be served. Learn more at Facebook.com/UnionCountyGOP.

Bradford Democrats meet July 22

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet in person on Monday, July 22, at 7 p.m. All registered Democrats are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Capital City Bank conference room, U.S. 301 North in Starke. For further information, please contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com.

Brooker council considers county's fire assessment

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

Brooker Town Council members have confirmed tentative support for the county's fire assessment, but final approval will depend on how the county structures the assessment.

At the council's previous meeting, Brooker declined "consent for inclusion" in the Municipal Service Benefit Unit for the assessment because there is no fire station in the town. Since that time, Brooker has been informed that state funding was received for a new station.

Consent is required for the county to collect the fee from property owners in municipalities. Lawtey and Hampton have already signed on. The city of Starke declined because they have their own fire department.

Bradford County Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter and County Commissioner Diane Andrews were on hand to answer questions. They said agreeing to the first reading of the ordinance is primarily a means to stay included in the discussion since a second reading will be required for actual enactment.

Brooker's attorney, John Maines, expressed concerns if the language in the second reading is substantially different than the first reading. He had no problem with Brooker agreeing to participate in what the county enacts as an assessment, but those details are not determined yet. He said major changes between the first and second readings could lead to "potentially

treacherous waters ahead."

Chief Carter went through the details of getting a fire station located in Brooker. Phase 1 will be funded by a \$500,000 state allocation and will be restricted to capital expenses to get the station built in Brooker. Mayor Gene Melvin pointed out that the proposed location is secured with recently purchased land.

Phase 2, to be funded next year, will equip the building. The station will always have one firefighting crew and one truck on hand. According to Carter, the cost of operating the Brooker station has been figured into the proposed assessment.

Carter said the county will want some ownership stake such as a long-term lease of 50-100 years. That led to a discussion of the assessment particulars.

Based on the latest numbers, if the county funded 100% of the fire department budget with the assessment, the cost would be \$334 a year per residential unit, 22 cents per square foot for nonresidential properties and a flat \$93 for vacant parcels. Commissioner Andrews noted that the assessment ultimately decided on by the county commission does not have to be 100% funding. She said that funding at 25% would be around \$80 per year for residents, and that is a figure she could accept.

Carter acknowledged that, by law, government and agriculture are exempt. The county commission



Mayor Gene Melvin examines a water meter during a discussion on system upgrades.

will need to decide on other optional exclusions, such as churches, nonprofits and disabled veterans. Any optional exclusions cannot be absorbed by the citizens, so must come from another source, such as property taxes.

Not all counties use the "calls for service" methodology, which evaluates historical demands for service by class: residential per dwelling unit, nonresidential per square foot and vacant land per parcel. The analysis for Bradford County indicates calls for service were 68% residential, 24% nonresidential and 8% vacant land.

Some counties and cities use a sliding scale dependent on property values instead of the calls for

service method. It's up to the county commission to decide many of the details, such as how to define a "dwelling," and if multiple structures — such as a guest house or she-shed — on the same property are a separate dwelling unit.

The county's intended timeline is to have a final assessment resolution passed by August or early September so that the final assessment roll can be submitted to the tax collector by Sept. 15. A first class mailing to the public 20 days before the final hearing is required by law.

Updating water meters

The Brooker Town Council meeting began early with a presentation of the new water meters. Ty Jackson and Brianna Gleason from Fortline Waterworks gave details of the smart meters produced by Danish company, Kamstrup. The company came to the U.S. in 2013.

The meters are claimed to save time for data gathering and reporting as well as saving water because of precision measuring and quick leak detection capability. The meters can be read by cell phone while driving by, and the reading will automatically be registered to the office database.

The council members all agreed this would be a big improvement over the current system.

Bradford school budget set for first public hearing

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Finance Director Shannon Rodriguez mapped the process of approving Bradford County School District's tentative \$48.7 million budget over the next few months.

The budget workshop was Rodriguez's first since becoming finance director, and she announced the first public hearing for the budget is Monday, July 29, at 5:01 p.m.

The property tax rate is broken down into categories. The required local effort is set by the state, and this next year it will be slightly higher, going from 3.1860 mills to 3.1890 mills. This will result in a tax increase. The categories for discretionary operations (0.7480 mills) and capital improvement (1.5 mills) have not changed. The total proposed millage going into the first public hearing is 5.4370 mills, which is 2.39% higher than if the school board adopts the

rolled-back rate. (Adopting the rolled-back rate would result in no tax increase.)

Rodriguez noted that the Florida Department of Education had not provided the final required local millage rate as of July 15, but 3.1890 mills is the expected rate based on information provided in the Florida Education Finance Program conference report.

The budget is based on total taxable property value approaching \$1.59 billion in Bradford County. Property taxes alone won't raise all the revenue needed, of course. Local revenue makes up 22.6% of the general fund, with the state providing 76.2% and the remaining 1.2% coming from the federal government.

Most federal funding is for expenses outside of the general fund, such as the food service program, which is in the special revenue fund. Funding for transportation, maintenance and

projects are paid for out of the capital fund.

Looking at all funds combined, local revenue adds up to just under \$9.1 million, with the state contributing \$22.6 million and the federal government providing almost \$6.1 million, for a total of \$37.7 million. A \$10.5 million combined fund balance brings the total available revenue to \$48.7 million. Almost \$36.6 million in planned expenditures results in a higher combined fund balance of \$11.6 million.

Rodriguez noted the fund balance figures will change as they close out the fiscal year and all transactions are posted. This will happen by early August in preparation for the district's annual financial report to the state.

The state raised the per-student allocation more than \$191, Rodriguez said. (The total is \$8,959 per student, according to FDOE.) Enrollment is projected to increase by 160 students.

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Deadline approaches to vote in August, register by Monday

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Monday, July 22, is the last date to register to vote or change party affiliations before the Aug. 20 primary.

You can visit the elections office or register to vote online at www.votebradfordfl.gov. Updating your address is even easier. Just call 904-966-6266.

There is a lot you can do can

do at the elections website, including view a sample ballot, enter your address to determine your voting precinct or sign up to vote by mail.

Voting precincts will be

open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the day of the primary. There have been some changes due to redistricting. Polling locations now include Lawley Community Center, Heilbronn Springs Baptist Church, Starke Church of God by Faith, Bayless Highway Baptist Church, Bradford Senior Center, Madison Street Baptist Church, Starke Golf and Country Club, Sampson City Church of God, Theressa Community Center, Hampton City Hall, Keystone United Methodist multi-ministry building and Brooker Community Center. Where you vote on election day is determined by where you live.

If, however, you're going to take advantage of early voting,

you will go to the commission meeting room in the north wing of the Bradford County Courthouse. Early voting for the primary will be available from Aug. 5-18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To vote by mail, request a ballot by calling the elections office or visiting the website. The deadline to request a ballot by mail for the primary is Aug. 8.

In addition to candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, Republicans will be selecting their candidate for superintendent of schools — incumbent Will Hartley or his challenger, Tracy Kendrick. The winner of this race will continue running in November.

Democrats have Senate candidates to choose from.

All District 5 voters regardless of party will be voting for a county commissioner. Competing in the open primary are incumbent Diane Andrews and challenger Brian Outlaw.

The nonpartisan race on the ballot is for District 4 school board member. Incumbent Candace Osteen is running against Dana Bell and Mitchell Gunter.

You can find contact information to reach out to candidates at www.votebradfordfl.gov, or attend one of the upcoming forums sponsored by the local Republican and Democratic executive committees.



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The Science Bus visits RJE summer day camp

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Special to the Telegraph

Once again, the Science Bus of the Cultural Arts Coalition made a visit to Bradford County. This time campers at the RJE Center got the chance to tinker with experiments and demonstration items.

Thirty students rotated in groups of ten through three stations. Paul Still and Ok Sun Burks from Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District demonstrated how different soils seep water. First the campers were encouraged to feel five different moist soil textures, ranging from sand to clay. Then they were instructed to pick a card for the type of soil they think would "win the race" to drain water through it.

As they watched the water seep through, those with the winning cards squealed. Still talked about which soil would be best for a garden. He also had turtle shells to show along with two types of cypress trees. Still left enough cypress trees for each camper to take one home at the end of the day.

Capt. Kevin Mueller from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office gave a workshop with handouts on "stranger danger," because it's crucial that youngsters be aware of signs of danger and know how to cope with any strange situation they might encounter.



Summers are for science, and this bus transports kids on a journey of discovery.

The Science Bus is always a big hit. Science Director Marvin Wilson encourages the visitors to "touch everything." The converted yellow school bus has counters along the side of the bus with the science demonstration models laid out on top. The different objects set out for exploring have names such as Plasma Ball, Upside Down Inversion Goggles, Music Bottles and Biology Through a

Microscope. The Clean Water experiment is a plastic tower that represents the different layers of rock and soil that lead down to the aquifer, our source of drinking water in Florida. The students insert eyedroppers full of dirty water and watch as it seeps through the layers, coming out clear at the bottom.

According to Alica McMillian, president of Concerned Citizens of Bradford County and director

of the summer day camp, the campers were "ecstatic" over the opportunity to learn new things about science.

"They talked about it all day long," she said.

County Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, who initiated the request to have the Science Bus visit the camp, gleefully claimed, "I think I had as much fun as the kids did!"

"They had a great time and



T.J. Williams and Janay Albert sample soil textures.

were fascinated by the many things they saw and experienced doing," she said. "I love science, and it was one of my favorite subjects as a kid in school back in the day. [It] brought back many childhood memories for me, like when we collected water samples from nearby ponds and looked at paramecium and amoeba on

slides under a microscope." The visit was made possible by donations from local Bradford Environmental Forum and Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District Board. Regional funding came from Our Santa Fe River and the Suwanee/St. Johns Chapter of the Sierra Club.



Paul Still helps campers compare soil textures and their properties.



Campers of all ages found interest in the experiments.

BUDGET

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The final public hearing and adoption of the budget will take

place Sept. 9. Between now and then, things can change, and another workshop is scheduled for Aug. 12 to address changes in the tentative budget prior to the final hearing.

It was Rodriguez's first budget presentation since becoming finance director. Previously a teacher and school administrator, her skill at sharing information was applauded.

highly effective teachers and \$75 for effective teachers will also be added to the base salary, with \$2,500 to \$4,000 available for those with higher degrees.

Noninstructional personnel at entry level saw 5 cents added to their \$15 an hour minimum, with more depending on position and experience.

Administrators (not a part of the bargaining unit) are paid based on level of education, with multipliers added based on years of experience and the responsibility of the position.

Employee pay

Employee raises were already addressed with the school board voting to sign the latest union contract in June. Beginning teacher pay was increased from \$44,000 to \$46,500, thanks to a Teacher Salary Increase Allocation from the state of \$784.98 and a salary increase of \$1,715.02. These amounts were added to each step along with salary decompression funds of \$25 to \$575, depending on experience.

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Lake Region

Tourism director speaks in Keystone

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Clay County Director of Tourism spoke to a Keystone Heights business group about the travel industry, giving the group a broad overview of how tourism enhances the area's economic development and how businesses improve Clay County tourism.

Kimberly Morgan told the Lake Region Prosperity Partners that tourism provides the equivalent of \$300 a year per household in tax revenues to the county.

"That's a great tax saving for local residents," she said.

The tourism director added that visitors account for thousands of jobs in Clay County, especially in the hospitality and restaurant businesses.

Explore Clay FL app

Morgan also highlighted her department's new smartphone app: Explore Clay, FL. She said the app lists upcoming events within the county, features dining and hospitality offerings, and gives visitors and residents interesting places to visit.

The Lake Region attractions on the Explore Clay FL app include Sweet P's, Abandoned Treasures, the Keystone Heights Beach Park and Geneva Jungle, the Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, Kingsley Lake Park, Fancy Nails and Spa, the Keystone Heights Airport, Flower Petals, the Keystone Heights Theme Park, the Tea Room and Gifts, Little Rain Lake Community Park, the Palatka-to-Lake Butler State Trail, Nutrition Retreat, the



Clay County Director of Tourism Kimberly Morgan

Camp Blanding Museum, the Florida International Rally and Motorsports Park, the Keystone Heights Nature Park, CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm, the Leona F. Terry Azalea Park, and Twin Lakes Community Park.

The app includes tours of the county's new regional sports complex, the Celebrate Clay History Passport, Caffeinated in Clay: a tour of county coffee houses, and a Golf Passport, highlighting the county's links and greens.

"The history passport features 25 different locations throughout the county that have a great history story to go with them," Morgan said, "and when you check in to 15 of them, then you get a prize."

Morgan also discussed the tourism office's role and how the staff markets the area and manages destinations.

"We keep an inventory of businesses so that we know what we need to enhance experiences

and what experiences are not a good fit for our community," she said.

Recent and upcoming events

Morgan recapped the MotoSurf competition for the Clay Chamber group, which was held at Keystone Beach in May, and said her office is trying to find out when CBS Sports will air the Lake Geneva event.

She added that once the event is scheduled on the network, "we'll be reaching out to local restaurants in the Keystone Heights area and throughout the county to see if they'll do watch parties so that everyone can see Keystone Heights on the big screen."

Morgan also briefed the business group about the April opening of the regional sports park near Camp Blanding.

"In April, we hosted the Jacksonville Jaguars NFL Flag Football Regional Tournament," she said, "with about 3,000 people there."

The tourism director said the park hosted a Florida round net state tournament in June and the ultimate frisbee competition for the Sunshine State Games.

"We're working on lacrosse," she said of potential events. "We've got another flag football tournament coming, we're talking to a soccer group, and in December, we are planning to host the National Intermural and Recreation Sports Association, Collegiate National Championship for flag football."



Christine Arnold covered the city's history from the 1830s until the 1929 stock market crash, which marked the end of the town's initial growth.

Keystone's early years in review

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights Heritage Commission chair lectured at the Keystone Heights library about the city's early years.

Christine Arnold covered the city's history from the 1830s until the 1929 stock market crash, which marked the end of the town's initial growth.

The number 11 figures in the town's early history, and even in recent years, with the naming of the county's local fire station: Station 11.

Arnold said that number was derived from a map of Florida drafted by Zachary Taylor during the Second Seminole War in which the U.S. Army commander drafted a grid through the state, and the Lake Region was located within Square 11. A fort built near the current city hall was named Fort 11, and Lake Geneva was designated as Lake 11.

Although the war produced no local conflicts, soldiers in the fort were assigned to patrols to keep the roads safe.

Arnold said the conditions at Fort 11 were better than most other Florida forts because of its access to clean water.

The Heritage Commission chair said the first railroad came through the area in 1803. The station was based in Newberg, near the current Circle K at State Road 100 and County Road 214, also known as the Gizmo. An additional community called Brooklyn was near the current site of Hitchcock's Grocery.

Arnold said almost all travel was done by railroad because the conditions of the roads were horrible, and Florida was a free-range state. Cattle often sat in the middle of dirt grades, making passage difficult.

"In 1923, a trip from Green Cove Springs to Keystone took four hours, and to Gainesville took an entire day if you went by road," she said. "In 1924, eight trains a day on the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad came by, four passenger (trains) from Valdosta to Palatka and four freight."

Arnold said a Mr King built a hotel in Brooklyn, which coincides with the name of King Street, a dirt road that runs north from State Road 100 past a county boat ramp on Lake Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn community was established in 1905. Mr. Lee persuaded the railroad to move the depot to Lake Geneva, and afterward, Lee constructed the Lake Geneva Hotel nearby.

In 1917 a Mr. Zell bought a large portion of land in the area. Zell had worked with John Lawrence in Sebring.

"He was established in Sebring, but there was something, and I don't know what it was," Arnold said of Lawrence. "He became disenchanted with Sebring after building a house and everything."

Zell brought Lawrence to the Lake Region for a visit, and the Lawrence Boulevard namesake fell in love with the area.

At the time, the community of Brooklyn was still functioning near the current Hitchcock's. However, when Lawrence arrived, he moved the focus of development to the shores of Lake Geneva.

Arnold then cataloged some of the town's earliest settlers and the homes they built, many of which are still occupied.

One newcomer was Donald Pangborn, who founded the Keystone Lumber Company with his partner Ed Caughey.

That business continued to thrive until it was bought out by Jackson Building Supply, which later sold the land to Walgreens.

Pangborn was the local supplier of lumber for Sears home kits. The Lawrence bungalow at the corner of South Lawrence Boulevard and Southwest Jasmine Avenue was a Sears kit home, but its lumber was shipped by rail from Pittsburg because the Keystone Lumber Company had not yet been established. Arnold said John Lawrence's familiarity with the home-building concept made it a popular option in Keystone Heights.

Arnold said customers would choose a floor plan, and the factory, later Keystone Lumber, would cut the wood and number the pieces for assembly. Arnold showed the crowd at the library some planks from her house with the Sears kit numbering on them.

Eventually, Lawrence sold his interest in the development company to Frank Miller, a Pennsylvania State Senator from Meadville. Miller brought Ed Larson to the area, and Larson would eventually become Florida's comptroller.

Arnold also reviewed some early photographs of the town, which featured landmarks such as the city's first gasoline station, Babbit Drugs, and Watson's Grocery.

Arnold said the stock market crash of 1929 and the following depression took the wind out of the Lake Region's development in the first quarter of the 20th century. However, growth would rev up again with World War II's onset and Camp Blanding's establishment less than 20 years later.

Runway lights replaced at airport

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights Airport board approved a final change order for replacing runway lights along the edge of runway 11/29.

During the panel's June meeting, Engineer Bill Prange said the project is complete, and the lights are operational.

He added that the project's request for bids inadvertently

prescribed high-intensity lights instead of medium-intensity lights. The contractor who successfully bid on the project offered a bid with high-intensity lights but used medium-intensity lights once the error in the bid request was discovered.

TCA Electric then submitted a change order to the airport, reducing the total cost of the project by \$102 for each of the 53 lights installed along the

edge of the runway, lowering the cost of the project by \$5,406. Other adjustments to the project reduced its costs by an additional \$4,295, bringing the final price tag to \$640,107.

The engineer added that all that remains on the project is a final payment to the contractor and a final reimbursement from Florida's Department of Transportation.

Women's Day at Greater Bethlehem

The women of Greater Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church of Starke will be having their annual Women's Day this month. Two programs are scheduled for Friday, July 12

and July 19, each beginning at 7 p.m. The final program will take place Sunday, July 28, at 11 a.m. Guests have been invited to speak at each program. Please come out and help support Women's Day.

VBS in Raiford

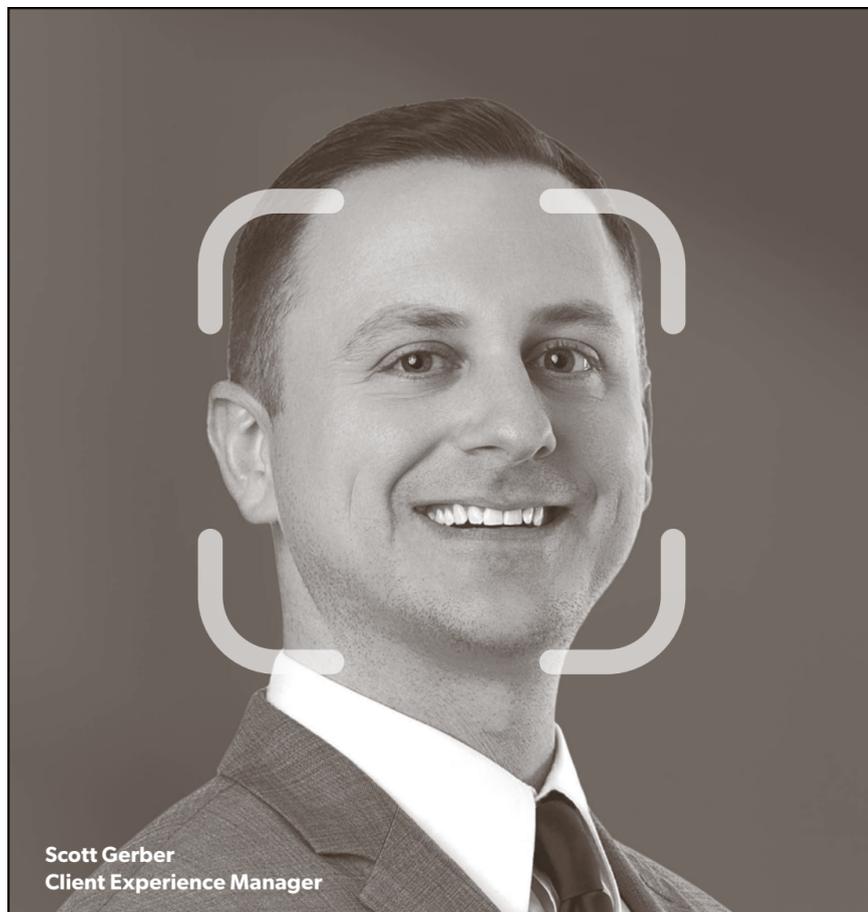
First Baptist Church of Raiford will have vacation Bible school for ages 5 to 11 on Saturday, July

27, from noon to 3 p.m. Have fun with water, crafts, food and more while learning "all about Jesus." The church is located at 13175 N. CR 229 in Raiford.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, July 23, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry 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.



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Starke City Commissioner Danny Nugent cuts the ribbon for Starke Family Pharmacy on June 9. Also pictured (l-r) are North Florida Chamber of Commerce board member Steve Futch, business owner Sunil Paladugu, Dan Hartley, Field Representative for Rep. Kat Cammack, Starke City Manager Drew Mullins and Jesus Batista with Career Source of North Central Florida.

Former Winn-Dixie pharmacist opens business

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A pharmacist who worked at Starke's Winn-Dixie for 12 years has opened his own drugstore across the street from the grocer. Sunil Paladugu and the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce co-hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Starke Family Pharmacy on July 9. The new business owner asked Starke City Commissioner Danny Nugent to handle the scissors during the ceremony.

Paladugu, a Jacksonville resident, said he grew fond of his Bradford County customers during his employment at Winn-Dixie. He said that after the grocery store's owner,

Southeaster Grocers, agreed to be acquired by Aldi, Winn-Dixie sold its prescription business to Walgreens.

"Most of the people here," he said, "I've got a personal relationship. I'm driving from Jacksonville, but still, I like this place."

Paladugu said he graduated from pharmacy school in India and has been in the profession for 17 years. Before working in Starke, he was a pharmacist in Winn-Dixie's Argyle Forest store in Jacksonville.

The new business owner said health insurance companies are making it more difficult for new pharmacies to get reimbursed, and the application process from major insurers and benefit

managers has been his most significant hurdle in opening his doors.

"I applied with the insurance companies in October, so it's taken eight months to get approved," he said.

At the ribbon-cutting, Paladugu said he was still waiting on approval from one insurer. However, Humana has approved his business. The pharmacist added that around 60% of his customers carried Humana health insurance when he worked at Winn-Dixie.

Starke Family Pharmacy is near Little Caesars, Healing Hands Massage and Wellness, and The Cutting Room.

GOALS

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Past efforts

Evans and Whittle said economic development efforts began in Bradford County before they became involved. The pair credited Community State Bank President Jerome Johns, Bradford County Telegraph Publisher John Miller, Chiropractor Virgil Berry, and former and newly elected Starke City Commissioner Bob Milner for leading the effort to develop an industrial park south of Starke on State Road 100 and organizing the county's predecessor economic development organization.

Whittle said attracting employers to an area is a long process, recalling that retailer Aldi first contacted her office in 2018 and opened its Starke location four years later.

Evans said the previous economic development organization was hindered by the fact that it was a special district with a board appointed by the governor and was required to operate in the sunshine.

The banker added that when the legislature abolished the special district overseeing Walt Disney World, the legislation also dissolved the previous Bradford development authority and four other special districts created after 1969.

Now organized under a non-profit private corporation, Evans said the previous restraints on economic development efforts have disappeared. She added that with the addition of Shepherd, the full-time contractor can move projects along faster than the previous collection of part-time board members with other responsibilities.

"She's helping coordinate the meetings," Evans said. "She's helping do the outreach. We've got marketing materials, which Pam and I were trying to create on Word and PowerPoint on my computer at the office."

Evans said that although the area's economic development efforts are better, there is still room for improvement.

"We've got everything that's ready to move forward, except that we're still partially being reactive," she said. "We've got to have a strategic plan. We're having these meetings, our board meetings, and community meetings, and we've got some great ideas, but we don't have our map of exactly what we need to do."

She said the purpose of the workshop was to develop that plan.

County, cities, and airport

Kornegay briefed the group on Bradford County's so far

successful effort to attract an international business to the community. He said MHD Rockland had already been operating out of the Keystone Heights Airport and was looking for additional warehouse space.

"If you were to fill 40-foot shipping containers full of these parts that they have and put them end to end on trucks, the line of containers would be 150 kilometers long," he said.

The county manager added that the Douglas Building, across U.S. 301 from Walmart, would have been a good fit for the Canada-based aircraft company. The building was owned by Florida's Division of Emergency Management. Since the division's head and Kornegay worked together previously at Jacksonville Fire Rescue, he had an opportunity to ask for the structure and property on the county's behalf.

The agency chief said yes, and a year and a half later, the state conveyed the property to the county.

"Now, we're in the final stages of negotiating the lease with MHD Rockland so that they can move into the facility," he said. "They've already said that they're going to do anywhere from \$3 million to \$4 million worth of upgrades and renovations to the facility before they even move in. Revenue to the county is going to be somewhere around a million dollars a year in lease revenue."

Kornegay concluded by saying that the parcel on which the warehouse sits consists of 30 acres, but the Canadian company is only going to use seven acres.

"So, the county is going to have an opportunity to develop that other remaining acreage in whatever way we see fit," he said. "MHD Rockland's long-term intent is to move their international headquarters from Montreal, Canada, to Starke, Florida."

The City of Starke's Jimmy Crosby said that the county's financial commitment to extend water and sewer service to the bypass will create extensive opportunities for the area.

The city employee added that expertise and contacts are the two necessary ingredients for economic development.

Crosby said most local residents should share his motivation for attracting new jobs to Bradford and Union counties and the Lake Region.

"For me, it's personal," he said. "I'm getting to the age now that what I care about is my kids staying here and being able to find a good job, so my grandkids are here, and I can play with them, and that's what I see happening. That's why I care."

Keystone Heights Airport Board Chair David Kirkland said the airport is focusing on growing the facility's economic base, and

he is looking forward to working with the economic development corporation to achieve that goal.

"Many of you here have seen our airport grow from a small airport to a \$14 million entity," he said. "We serve a lot of transit pilots; we have people flying in from all over the nation to visit North Florida."

Hampton Clerk Mary Lou Hildreth highlighted her town's recent Dollar General and potential Circle K additions, Thermacell, and recent state grants to upgrade the Palatka-to-lake Butler State Trail that runs through Hampton.

Rural Days

Evans said that six years ago, she envisioned Rural Days in Tallahassee after seeing Clay County leaders implement Clay Day at the state capitol and thought Bradford County should imitate its eastern neighbor.

"Nobody in the State of Florida understands the importance of rural communities," she told the group. "Nobody knows who you are. That's why they keep calling you Broward instead of Bradford."

She said that on the recommendation of State Rep. Bobby Payne, the idea expanded from a Bradford County event to include more rural areas. In its first year, Rural Days included representatives from Bradford, Baker, Union, and Putnam counties and the city of Keystone Heights.

Over the next two years, participation in the event doubled to 10 governments in the second year and 20 in the third year. Last year, 28 of Florida's 31 small counties participated in Rural Days.

Evans declared that face time with lawmakers and their staffs ultimately results in more state money for local projects.

"You're not going to get the appropriations you need until you build the relationships, and they know who you are," she said of Tallahassee lawmakers.

Evans claimed the effort had succeeded.

"Twenty-eight of the 31 rural counties from the state of Florida worked rural county days last year," she said. "Every single community that I spoke with got appropriations last year. It's working. The state of Florida knows who we are. Rural counties are a force to be reckoned with."

Evans said that maintaining the momentum for the event is essential.

"We've got to stay in their faces," she said. "We've got to keep those relationships going."

The Capital City bank market leader said the 2025 Rural Days will occur on March 19 and 20-

New teachers certified while on the job

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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As Florida continues to experience a teacher shortage, the state and school districts are working to bring new teachers to the profession, providing additional pathways to certification.

Christina Cornwell, coordinator of professional learning for Bradford County Schools, recently presented two of seven newly certified teachers to school board members. Courtney Hense and Juanita Burch earned certification while teaching.

Tracy Dawson, Morgan Alvarez, Leanna Norman, Tracy Snyder, and Makayla Elixson also received their professional teaching certificates during the past school year.

As Cornwell pointed out, there are multiple paths into teaching. Some enter college to pursue a teaching degree, while others who have chosen another course of study later decide their heart is in education. They "come on

over to the right side," Cornwell said.

Requesting a temporary teaching certificate allows individuals to complete all the requirements for a professional teaching certificate while employed full-time as a teacher. During that time, they are teaching while enrolled in a state-approved teacher preparation program.

"There are a few different programs that we offer our teachers in order to go from a temporary teaching certificate into a professional, which means you have taken all of the courses and met the requirements to teach our kids," Cornwell said. She wanted everyone to know the hard work that goes into doing that, she said.

In this particular program, those aspiring to obtain a professional teaching certificate can enroll in college courses or a partnership program between Bradford County Schools and the North East Florida Educational Consortium.

Each of the 2023-24 recipients

completed the NEFEC program, which requires completing 20 multipart college level assignments, according to Cornwell. Each requires hours of effort outside the classroom. In addition, depending on the certification, these teachers must complete two or five reading competencies, which adds 120 or 300 additional hours.

"That's a lot of additional time that teachers are spending learning their craft to become experts for our students in addition to teaching full time. And we know that teaching full time is not a 9-to-5 job, so the fact that these individuals have completed their program is a boon for Bradford County," Cornwell said.

Cornwell thanked school administrators, teachers and coaches for supporting these new certificate holders through the process, including observing and providing needed feedback.

Superintendent Will Hartley thanked Cornwell for her work with all the district's teachers.



Christina Cornwell, coordinator of professional learning for Bradford County Schools, (center) is pictured with newly certified teachers Courtney Hense and Juanita Burch.

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UNION COUNTY

County honors librarian, renames facility

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

Members of the Union County community came out to bid goodbye to long-time Union County Public Library Director at a special ceremony/retirement party held at the library on Tues. June 24, 2024.

The library was closed for the event, and a large area was cleared to accommodate the seating of the participants. About 70 people attended, including several local officials. An expansive table of finger foods and drinks was set out for attendees, complete with a retirement cake.

Union County Commissioner Channing Dobbs opened the ceremony, discussing growing up with Brown always at the library. He said "she was the library" to him and many other children in the county. He also spoke about her impact on the community during her tenure.

"She impacted so many young lives in her time here," Dobbs said. "Nothing a person does in life even comes close to having a positive impact on children, and she did that every day."

Dobbs said he had never heard a single complaint about Brown from the public during her 30 years there.

Dobbs then got to pull the rabbit out of the hat – the surprise planned for the event and the commemoration of Brown's retirement. At its last meeting, the Union County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to rename the library the "Mary C. Brown Public Library" in honor of her service. County Attorney Russ Wade read the proclamation



Library volunteers Leah Brannen (left) and Tifton Roseke (right) show off the library event t-shirt quilt, made by Janis Peterson, that was the staff's retirement gift to Mary Brown.

declaring the change and citing her many contributions to the library, then four of the five county commissioners (with Donna Jackson unable to attend due to work obligations) were on hand to present Brown with a bronze plaque declaring the new name.

Many people in the audience were wiping tears as a line of people came to the podium to praise Brown and share their favorite memories. Some of these memories brought smiles and chuckles, but many also brought tears from Brown, her staff, and many in the audience.

New Union County Public Library Director Pritti McNutt, who has served under Brown as assistant director since 2005, came to the podium to present Brown with a retirement gift from the library staff and volunteers – a quilt handmade by resident Janis Peterson, made of 12 years of library summer program t-shirts.

McNutt went on to relate

some of her history at the library, working with Brown. She said she needed a job after high school, so she applied at the library and was hired (2001).

"I have worked with Mary for 23 years, and she has helped me through so many personal and career issues," McNutt said. "Thank you, Mary, for pushing me and making me achieve through an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree. You were always there to support me. You always stood up for the library staff and always focused on the community and people we serve. It has been an honor to work with and for you these past years."

The testimonials and thanks (and tears) continued, and then Brown came to the podium to speak.

"I am incredibly humbled by this show of love," Brown said. "Leaving is one of the hardest things I will ever do. I feel so honored in such a profound way. This library has truly been a



Union County Commissioners presented Mary Brown with a plaque renaming the library in her honor. Pictured are (l-r) Commissioner Willie Croft, Commissioner Channing Dobbs, Mary Brown, Commissioner Jimmy Tallman and Commissioner Mac Johns.



Several Union County constitutional officers came by to congratulate Mary Brown on her retirement. Pictured are (l-r) Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades, Supervisor of Elections Deborah Osborne, Mary Brown, Tax Collector Lisa Johnson and Sheriff Brad Whitehead.

community effort, as well as one by the wonderful staff members I have been lucky to have over the years. It should not just be my name on the plaque, but all of yours as well."

Brown thanked the county

officials, community, the board of commissioners, friends, family, and library staff and talked about her years working with McNutt. She concluded her comments before inviting all to the buffet.

"This is the end of a chapter and the beginning of a new one," Brown said, "and I am so happy that I have gotten to be part of the story."

County commission seeking officer for land use, code enforcement

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of Commissioners is in the process of taking applications for a new position being developed in the county - a person tasked with both the administration of the land development regulations and the new code enforcement process deemed to be necessary by the board.

The dual role will be filled by a single applicant and the county has been advertising the position in a number of places to try and find someone who has experience in one or both areas. The position will pay \$68,000 to \$72,000, depending on that experience.

The job description is detailed and specific concerning the job

skills and experience required in an applicant and the work that will be required of them. The job will require a combination of office skills and boots-on-the-ground physical work. Much of the work will be done in the Union County Building Department office, dealing with zoning and code issues, answering questions from employees and citizens and the reviewing, processing and approval of zoning applications. That is not to say that the new director will be in the office all the time. Another part of the position's duties will be performing investigations of reported code violations and enforcing corrective action to be taken when violations occur.

Job requirements include a thorough knowledge of county

and city development regulations, comprehensive plans, and other development ordinances, not just what is already there but keeping up with state and federal changes affecting the county that might require amendments in the county regulations. Also is at least two years' experience directly related to land development/zoning. When not doing all these things, the new director will be asked to assist the county administration office with grants, appropriations, research, and data collection.

For the past several years County Coordinator Jimmy Williams has been doing all of these duties, but because of the infringement on his time imposed by them the board decided a few months ago to develop the new

position, integrating it with the code enforcement issue they have been discussing over the past two years.

The closing date for applications is July 18, 2024, and, as of July 15, there had been only 4 applicants. The board discussed this issue and agreed to interview what they had in hand by the deadline and then readvertise the position if they did not select one of them.

The need for this position was demonstrated at the board's June 4, 2024, Public Hearing concerning a rezoning request from a local property owner. Justin Howard wanted to build

and operate a small business (a beauty shop) next door to his home on a property of less than ten acres off SR239-A. The family contacted their commissioner, Donna Jackson about the matter in August 2023 and then went to the building department, thinking that they needed to get a special exception of the 1.01 acres that would be used for the business. They were finally referred to the North Florida Regional Planning Council for advice concerning the special exception permit process, only to find out that changes made in the Florida Statutes, that were made during the COVID pandemic to

assist people in starting home businesses did not allow the business to be located as an ancillary building, that it must be part of/attached to the home.

"They were left in limbo," Jackson said. "They had already gone to considerable expense getting a survey done and having plans drawn because they had originally been told that was what they would need for a special exception. They jumped through all the hoops and got nothing out of it. No one even suggested that all that was required would be to change the LDRs."

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Union County High back-to-school information

Schedules

Student schedules will be released via Skyward at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 18. The schedule request window will open at 8 a.m., Monday, July 22, through Thursday, July 25, closing at 3 p.m. Be sure to check your schedule in Skyward on the schedule tab and request any changes before the window closes.

If you miss this window, the final request window for the first semester will be Aug. 14-16. Please remember the following before you request a change:

- All schedule change requests must be completed through Skyward. Requests made through email will not be honored. This is because each schedule change request is date and time-stamped and is taken in the order they are received.
- Many sections of courses are already full or near capacity so please make sure that your request is centered around a need.
- Please do not make multiple schedule change requests. Think about the changes you need/want (discuss with your parent/guardian) and then submit one change request. Multiple requests do not increase the speed at which your request is reviewed and only serve to make matters more complicated.
- Only students have access to request schedule changes.

How to request a schedule change

1. Log into Skyward.
2. Go to the upper right-hand corner of your screen and you will see District Links. Click on that and it will take you to the Schedule Change Request. Fill out the form and submit it.
3. If you are a freshman or a junior, your request will automatically be sent to Mrs. Neal.
4. If you are a sophomore or a senior, your request will automatically be sent to Ms. Williams.

Parking permits, lockers

Please see the schedule below for the purchase of parking spots.

Note: All debt must be paid in full prior to purchasing a parking spot. Pay off any outstanding debt. To find out your debt, please go to Skyward and it will be listed under Outstanding Debt. Debt may be paid to Mrs. Brittany Gulbrand in the library.

To purchase a parking spot, the student will bring the following:

- valid driver's license.
- current vehicle registration.
- current proof of insurance.
- \$20 (cash only).

Mrs. Dawn Rizer will be handling all parking spots paperwork and payments. Please note, that the student is required to purchase the parking spot unless approval is given by administration for a parent/guardian to purchase.

Lockers are \$10 for the year. UCHS provides the locker with a lock included.

Monday, July 22, only seniors may purchase parking permits and/or lockers.

Students may choose their parking spot in the designated parking lot for seniors. Tuesday, July 23, only seniors and juniors may purchase parking permits and/or lockers. Parking spots and lockers will be assigned by UCHS.

Wednesday, July 24, only seniors, juniors, and sophomores may purchase parking permits and/or lockers. Parking spots and lockers will be assigned by UCHS. Thursday, July 25, all students may purchase parking permits and/or lockers. Parking spots and lockers will be assigned by UCHS.

Only seniors may decorate parking spaces.

1. All decorations must be less than the width of the parking space.
2. Painting of any part of the parking space is not allowed.
3. Decorations may be put up no earlier than Sunday, Aug. 11.
4. All decorations must be removed by Friday, Aug. 23, by 3:30 p.m.

Open house, orientation

UCHS open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 6. Students and parents/guardians may visit campus to meet staff, pick up information, and tour campus. UCHS is excited to meet incoming ninth-graders and parents and catch up with 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students and parents. Come out and meet your teachers and explore campus.

Ninth-grade orientation: 6-7 p.m.

10th/11th/12th grades: 7-8 p.m.

Students return to UCHS: Monday, Aug. 12.



Thursday, July 25th • 6:00 PM • Lake Butler Community Center

The **Union County Republican Party** is hosting a **Candidates Forum** for GOP candidates in all contested races, offering a venue for campaigns to introduce themselves to voters and present their respective platforms before the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 20th.

Candidates will present for the following races:

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- Union County Board of County Commissioners, District 3
- Union County Clerk of Court

Here is the schedule:

- 5:30 PM – Candidates set up campaign tables
- 6:00 PM – Doors open to public for candidate meet-and-greet
- 7:00 PM – Program begins

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Douglas heals with herbs and cooking

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

Former Union County resident Beth Douglas has found her niche in the world – she is a stay-at-home mom and operates her own business selling products that can help people feel better and protect their health.

Born and raised in Raiford, Douglas worked at the Clerk of Court office in Lake Butler for Regina Parrish, then moved over to the county office as secretary to the board. All this changed when she married her husband, Matt. The couple moved to Live Oak for a year, where she worked for the Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners. She then returned to work in Union County, once again in the clerk's office, for another year.

The couple finally bought a small farm, the land had been used as an organic nursery, in Columbia County. Matt had family in Trenton and Live Oak and wanted to be closer to them. Beth said she fell in love with the place immediately.

Started selling baked goods

After 16 years of marriage, the couple has one son and three daughters. Douglas stayed at home with the kids and, as they became old enough, began home schooling them. Since she was home all day, she decided to start her own small business. First, it was a small baking business – sourdough and quick breads, muffins, and a little bit of everything.

"I grew up baking with my mom and loved doing it," Douglas said. "I sold much of what I produced, but there were also always some fresh items for the family."

One day, Douglas said, someone requested that she make some elderberry syrup for them. She studied how to make it and, in the process, looked into herbs further.

"My mother introduced me to herbs, but I renewed my interest and just took off with it," Douglas recalled. "I wanted to help my children with their common complaints holistically, cutting down on doctor visits (although they still occur)."

Herbs can help, but are not a substitute

Once she started, she wanted to learn all she could about the uses of medicinal herbs. Although she is quite clear in stating that she is not a doctor or other medical professional, she also knows some herbal remedies that can help people. She said that herbs can enhance health and wellness but are no substitute for medical care when needed. But she also said that a few doctors often refer



Former Union County resident Beth Douglas at her family's farm near Ellisville.

people to her for her products.

Douglas works from some of her own original recipes and also from some of the classes she has taken in learning herbalism. She makes a variety of products, including extracts, tea blends, simmer pot blends, and syrups. Her two best-selling products are elderberry and mullein syrups – the first to build up the immune system's resistance to infections and allergens and the latter to alleviate many of the symptoms of upper respiratory infections and issues.

Her products have become popular, and she has many customers in Union County. Union Direct Primary Care LLC, in both Lake Butler and Starke, sells her syrups, as does KC's Produce in Lake City. She also sells both herbal and baking products through her Facebook page, "Our Family Table."

Douglas is expanding her herbal business slowly and is content with that.

"My kids are my number one priority," Douglas said. "I am a 24/7 mom, and for me, that is living my fondest dream."

Pharmacist and herbalist living together

Douglas said she grew up on a farm with livestock and crops and still enjoys gardening, both for eating and medicinal uses. Her children are in Union

County 4-H. Her son showed his first steer this year, and her oldest daughter works with rabbits and chickens. The family has a strong faith and attends Sardis Baptist Church in Worthington Springs.

Matt is a pharmacist, and he is the one Douglas credits with her happy life and her ability to have the time to start and grow her business.

"My husband has made it possible for me to fulfill my life-long calling to be a mom and to help others," Douglas said. "He is supportive of all that I do, and he is a wonderful husband and father."

Although a pharmacist and an herbalist sharing the same home may seem odd to some people it works well for the Douglas'.

"Both of us see the need for what we each do and discuss ways that the two methods complement each other and can work together to help people to be healthy."

More products are on the way after Douglas studies up a little more on her craft. She wants to go slow. However, as she never wants her business to take the time she feels her children need.

"My family is my whole world, my fondest dream, and I want to cherish the years with them, not spend them on other pursuits," Douglas said. "God and my family are the most important things in my life, and I work hard to never lose sight of that. I have a wonderful life, and I want to keep it that way."

"We need to change how we do business in this county," Jackson said.

Commissioner Jimmy Tallman also commented.

"This is not the first time something like this has happened," he said. "Anytime we can take the reins and do things like this in county the better off we will be. We can control our own fate. The planning council has done a great job for the county, but we do not need to depend on them for everything. This county has always been about home rule and individual changes. We need to make good, common-sense decisions. The

county needed to be based on good choice and reasonable solutions."

Union County Property Appraiser Bruce Dukes, who attended the meeting, said that "no one here knows how to instruct someone on how to make things happen. We need to simplify. People need access to answers, and we should have some paperwork or something available to give them answers."

The board voted unanimously to approve the job description for the position of the new Code Enforcement and Zoning Director, and Williams was told to advertise immediately.

begin at 9:15 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Come see what God has been doing

and bring a dish to share at the fellowship. For more information please call 352-485-1246 or 904-796-2359.

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Finally, in June, the Howard family need was satisfied when the board, acting as the county Planning and Zoning Board, approved the rezoning of the entire property Ag-4 to Neighborhood Commercial (CN), at a cost of \$1,650. After almost a year of doing the wrong things, because they had been told that was how it needed to be done, the Howard's are finally free to build their business on their property legally.

Homecoming at New River Baptist

New River Baptist Church, located at 16703 SW 144th Ave. in Brooker, will be having its 191st Homecoming Celebration service on Sunday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m.

New River Baptist Church is the second oldest existing Baptist church in the state of Florida having been founded in 1833. Come be a guest for services on that exciting day.

Sunday School classes

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

Amberly Alan, 32, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 8 for a probation violation.

Cheyenne Khol Barnes, 32, of Florahome, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 7 for out-of-county warrants.

Chace Jeremy Beville, 40, a Brooker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 8 for a probation violation.

Thefts at construction sites

George Thomas Bishop, 60, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 9 for burglary and larceny.

According to an arrest report, Denmark Building LLC reported lumber, window screws, window tape, and caulk valued at \$450 stolen from two separate construction sites.

Surveillance cameras at the construction sites captured a Florida automobile tag number, which eventually led investigators to the defendant.

Sledgehammer used to smash into store

Cynthia Mae Brewer, 34, of Starke, Jeremy Christopher Brewer, 31, of Starke, and Nancy Elizabeth Brewer, 44, of Starke, were arrested by Bradford deputies on July 12 for burglary, larceny, and criminal mischief with property damage.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a report of a burglary at MRK Food Store, formally known as Edwards Grocery in Theresa, where they found a hole in the back concrete wall of the structure. Surveillance video revealed a car on the property near the time of the break-in that resembled that of Cynthia Brewer, a frequent customer of the store and sister of Nancy Brewer, who lives next door to the grocery.

Nancy Brewer told deputies she heard noises coming from the direction of the store, which sounded like people attempting to break into the structure. She added that she walked around the grocery but claimed to see no one there.

Jeremy Brewer told deputies that he and his sister Cynthia

broke into the grocery store using a sledgehammer while sister Nancy acted as a lookout. He added that Nancy took \$30 of the stolen cash and some vapes while he and Cynthia split several hundred dollars between themselves.

Surveillance video from inside the store showed two people in hooded camouflage clothing and masks filling bags full of cigarettes and vapes, breaking into a cash register, and prying open a quarter slot machine.

DeAngelo Devon Crawford, 19, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 10 for a probation violation.

Victoria Elizabeth Curtis, 19, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 6 for a probation violation.

Gary Stephen Johnson, 63, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 10 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Thomas Orville Lantis, 68, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 6 for DUI.

Jammie Louann Lemire, 45, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 11 for battery.

Lindy Magee Libert, 39, of Middleburg, was arrested by FHP troopers on July 9 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and attaching a tag not assigned.

Man stabbed in front yard

Anthony Copeland Martin, 61, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 11 for aggravated battery.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a stabbing report and found the victim on a front porch with a stab wound to his lower abdomen. According to witnesses, Martin attacked the victim with a knife in the victim's front yard.

The defendant told deputies that the victim had beaten him one week earlier while Martin was walking down a street.

"Martin stated that he was walking down Oak Street when he was again confronted by (the victim)," wrote a deputy in the report. "Martin stated that (the victim) slapped him, and he feared that (the victim) would batter him again. Martin stated that he then drew his pocketknife and stabbed (the victim) before leaving the scene."

Michael Beachman Pope, 33, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 11 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Swing at woman disputed

Lawrence Jesse Stephens, 45, of Starke, was arrested by

Bradford deputies on July 8 for assault.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that she and the defendant had been arguing and that, at one point, Stephens balled his fist and swung at her, missing.

The defendant said that during the argument, he balled his fist and took steps toward the victim but did not swing.

A witness corroborated the defendant's claims, adding that Stephens was 20 feet away from the victim when the alleged assault occurred.

Clarence Anthony Touchet, 48, of Balstrup, Louisiana, was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 9 for failure to appear.

Union

Found asleep parked in road

Cayden Zachary Blaize Cutford, 20, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on July 13 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of liquor by a person under 21 years of age.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a call in the Worthington Springs area. Witnesses told dispatchers a pickup truck was parked in the middle of the road with the driver's door open.

On arrival, officers discovered two occupants in the truck asleep: the defendant and Landon Dilas, with Dilas holding a beer in his right hand and Cutford resting a beer on his lap.

Deputy Clyde N. Barringer wrote that he saw a crystal-like substance within a plastic bag and a crystal-like substance on the screen of a cell phone in plain view on the truck's center console.

The crystal-like substances tested positive for methamphetamine, and both men denied knowledge of the substance in the bag. Cutford admitted the phone was his but denied knowledge of the substance on the phone.

Landon Chase Dilas, 20, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on July 13 for possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of alcohol by a person under 21 years of age.

Vanderick R. Williams, 34, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on July 15 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Clay

Paul Allen Addison, 54, of Starke, was arrested by Clay deputies on July 6 for DUI with property damage or injury.

VBS at Heilbronn Baptist

Heilbronn Baptist Church will have vacation Bible school July 22-26 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach based on Romans 12:2. Transportation is available by calling Jimmy Rhoden at 904-263-8953 or Norman Dowdy at 352-745-0761. The church is located at 21354 S.R. 16.

Back-to-School Splash

Looking for a fun event for the kids this summer? Want to walk away with free school supplies? This is the event for you! Faith Presbyterian Church of Melrose (2738 S.R. 21) is hosting its sixth annual Back-to-School "Splash" event July 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Kids play all games for free and collect school supplies along the way. Stay for lunch off the grill (hamburger/hot dog, french

fries, watermelon a and drink) for \$10. Cool off with a Kona Ice!

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Morgan is new principal at Starke Elementary

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A picture may be worth 1,000 words, but none of those words told Laurén Morgan that she would soon be one of the Bradford County School District's principals, just like the two women she appeared with in a photo at a Florida Association of School Administrators Conference in Orlando this past June.

Morgan had recently been announced as the new assistant principal at Starke Elementary School when she posed for a photo with colleagues and friends Cassie Melvin, the principal at Bradford Elementary, and Terri O'Quinn, the principal at Lawtey Elementary. A week after becoming Starke Elementary's assistant principal, she was named the school's principal after Raymond Schaefer resigned. Schaefer is now the assistant principal at Middleburg's Tynes Elementary School in Clay County, where he and his family live. (Schaefer's wife, Melissa, is an educator in Clay.)

Looking at the photo now, Morgan said she and her friends never could've imagined it would become a representation of the district's three elementary principals. They had wanted to get some of the other Bradford administrators in the photo, but after not being able to locate them, took the quick photo of just the three of them.

"I'm so grateful we snapped this photo," Morgan said.

Morgan, who had served as assistant principal under Melvin at Bradford/Southside Elementary the last three years, wasn't expecting to be moved to Starke Elementary to serve in that same capacity, so she obviously wasn't expecting to then move up to being principal. Being the self-professed "organized-and-detailed person" that she is, she had already unpacked and set up her office across the hall from Schaefer's office.

When she became principal, she moved her stuff again.

"I don't mind it one bit," Morgan said. "It's an honor."

It was a week that proved to be "a little bit overwhelming," but Morgan knows she has a great support system to rely on — her friends she posed with in the FASA conference photo. Melvin and O'Quinn are both on speed dial.

"They are dear friends," Morgan said. "They are going to be mentoring me along the way. I know I can count on them for anything."

Feeling at home — in administration and in Bradford Co.

Morgan's career in education began at Waldo Community School, where she taught for five years. She then taught 10 years at Keystone Heights' McRae Elementary. It was while at McRae that the idea of moving up into administration began to form, thanks to the principal at the time, Marcus Dooley.

"He kind of put the leadership bug in my ear," Morgan said.

She continued teaching, moving to Melrose Elementary, which is where O'Quinn served as assistant principal before being named as Lawtey Elementary Principal in 2021. Morgan taught at Melrose for four years.

Melrose Principal Leah Lundy, like Dooley, believed Morgan had what it took to be an administrator. She encouraged Morgan to go for her master's degree in Educational Leadership. Morgan said her thought was, "All right. Now I've heard it two times. This is a message that that's where I need to head."

Morgan, who earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Florida, did her master's work through Saint Leo's. She finished in 2021.

Though she had lived in Bradford County since 2005, Morgan had been commuting to Alachua, Clay and Putnam counties. Her first administrative role was at what was then Southside Elementary — the same year she earned her master's degree.

Now, Morgan prepares to



Laurén Morgan served briefly as the new assistant principal at Starke Elementary before being moved up into the role of principal. She spent the last three years at Bradford/Southside Elementary as assistant principal.



Laurén Morgan (center) poses for a photo with Lawtey Elementary Principal Terri O'Quinn (left) and Bradford Elementary Principal Cassie Melvin at the Florida Association of School Administrators conference in June. The photo didn't represent the Bradford County District's three elementary principals at the time, but it does now.

start her fourth straight year in Bradford.

"As cliché as it sounds, I'm

home," she said. "I'm where I'm meant to be."

At Southside Elementary, she became part of a completely new administrative team at the school, though Melvin had already been serving as principal at the school in Brooker. She moved to Southside when the Brooker school was closed.

Morgan and Melvin became what people referred to as "the M&M team."

"She is a phenomenal leader," Morgan said. "Her relationship-building skills are something I'm definitely going to continue (at Starke Elementary). She's a great cheerleader. She's really just a beautiful soul. She's well-rounded."

"I learned a lot working with her."

One thing she learned that a lot of administrators don't is how to open a new school. In fact, because of delays, she started the 2023-24 school year at the Southside campus and ended it at the new Bradford Elementary campus.

It was an experience that will help her now as principal.

"I think it's understanding that we have to be flexible in education," Morgan said, adding, "We have to be flexible as individuals. I think that will help me lead my school."

Leading Starke Elementary

Morgan enjoyed working with Melvin and was looking forward to doing the same with Schaefer.

"I would've loved to have worked with him," she said. "We worked together a few short days. Just his calm demeanor is one that definitely resounded with me. He's a very wonderful guy."

Schaefer left a handwritten note for Morgan, which she discovered when she moved into his old office. She said Schaefer expressed his faith in her and offered her some "wise words."

"I cried as I read it," she said. "It's a beautiful note that I'm going to cherish."

She also cherishes the memory of her husband, who passed away five years ago. She takes comfort and strength in knowing that he's watching over her and couldn't be happier to see where she's at now.

Williams named new principal at BMS



Crystal Williams enters her second year in the Bradford County School District as the new principal at Bradford Middle School. She served as assistant principal at Bradford High School the previous year.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Crystal Williams wasn't expecting to start two new jobs within the span of a year, but at least she doesn't have to travel far.

Plus, it's a step up and presents the chance one looks for as a school administrator.

Williams, after completing one year as the assistant principal at Bradford High School, has been announced as the new principal at Bradford Middle School. When asked what her reaction was to the news, she used words such as "shocked" as well as "honored."

"I definitely wasn't planning for this yet," she said. "I loved the high school. We had such a great year, and there are great things ahead. We had a great team, but when the (BMS) opportunity came around, it was something that you couldn't pass up."

Approximately a mile separates BHS and BMS, so she had minimal distance to travel in setting up her new office. With the schools' proximity to each other, Williams envisions maintaining a working relationship with BHS Principal Chris Coffey and others at the high school.

"We were joking that we were just going to go ahead and build a bridge across the street," Williams said. "We definitely will continue to collaborate with each other on a regular basis. It's really important to me that what we're doing here (at BMS) is consistent with the goals at the high school."

Making the right career choice

By becoming the new principal at BMS, Williams is making a return to grade levels she has experience with. As a youth, though, she wasn't imagining being a part of educating students in any grade.

Williams said she was convinced as a young child that her future involved art. As she grew older, she fell in love with math and gave thought to becoming an architect.

"During junior year of high school, I actually shadowed a local architect in the Orange Park area," said Williams, a Fleming Island High School graduate. "It was far from what I expected."

The experience changed her course. She thought about teach math, something she was doing already through her high school's Mu Alpha Theta tutoring program.

Still, she tried to talk herself out of going into teaching. She entered college with the plan of earning a business degree.

"I realized that I wasn't going with my passion," Williams said. "I wasn't following my heart, so I switched to math. Everything felt at peace. I knew I was doing what I was supposed to do."

Saint Leo University, which is where she earned her bachelor's degree, offered her the chance to pre-intern one day a week in a classroom. The opportunity took her to different middle schools in Marion County.

Williams' final internship, which was full-time, occurred at Belleview Middle School. It offered her more than she was expecting.

"I had a great internship teacher who really let me take over," Williams said. "A lot of people, in their internships, don't get to really take over. My intern teacher taught me and then let me try."

Her eight-year teaching career began at the school where her full-time internship took place. It took nowhere near that long, though, for her to think about going into administration. She began work on her master's degree after her second year of teaching.

In the two years prior to being hired as the assistant principal at BMS, Williams served as Liberty Middle School's assistant principal of discipline.

The top leader

Williams now finds herself at the middle-school level again. She said some educators cringe when you say, "middle school," but she's always found those students to be a "fun group."

"They are still kids, but they are finding themselves," Williams said. "They want to be adults — they think they are adults — but they really do still care about what we (as adults) think. They still want the mentorships. They still want the connections."

Williams, of course, knows the middle school years are so important to students and the rest of their school careers.

"If they didn't do well in elementary, this is the opportunity for us to be able to change their mindset about school," Williams said. "This is kind of that spot where they can go in either direction."

"We have the opportunity here to really help propel them in a positive direction."

Her previous middle school experience didn't have her sitting in the principal's chair. She's excited, but admitted it's also a little scary.

"You are solely responsible for this school and these people and these kids," Williams said. "I think the biggest fear is you don't

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Starke camp offers STEM skills and more



Jaden Hendrieth adds sweet potato filling to his pie crust.



Janay Albert is happy, and why not? She's making sweet potato pie, which she'll get to eat.



Left: The I AM STEM camp offers more than science, technology, engineering and math. As demonstrated by Zion Tyson (foreground) and Jaden Hendrieth, participants take time in the afternoon for yoga.



Gabrielle Hill (foreground) and Zion Tyson work on math problems.

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Science, technology, engineering and math.

STEM education is a focus in schools and also a part of some students' summers through activity filled camps that challenge the mind, but are also

fun.

The annual I AM STEM camp offered in Starke by Edrick Hamilton and his 12G mentoring program, however, is about so much more than science, technology, engineering and math. It's about life.

Sure, the children are doing

things like building rockets and even using math skills in a tasty way by making sweet potato pie in the camp, which began June 17 and runs through July 2, but they're also learning about various aspects of health and

safety and how to communicate and cooperate with others.

Hamilton said the children, who are entering second-eighth grades, participated in an activity in which they stood in a circle and passed items to the person to the right or left of them. The children, who were wearing name tags, had to say their name and then the name of who they were passing the object to. After having done that a couple of times, then the order was changed, forcing them to pass the objects to different people and learn different names. Hamilton said the goal was for the children to talk to each other. If they didn't know how to pronounce a name, they could ask. If they

heard a mispronunciation of their name, they could correct it.

Communication was key in another activity: People, Tigers, Traps. It was like Rock, Paper, Scissors, with the children using

body movements and positions to act out whether they were a person, a tiger or a trap. A person beats a trap, a trap beats a tiger

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Eastwood Moody works on constructing a prosthetic leg.



Is making sweet potato pie a STEM activity. Absolutely. Children used math to measure the ingredients. Eastwood Moody (far right) takes his turn adding an ingredient to the mixing bowl. Also pictured are (from far left) Zion Tyson, Erin Nichols, Gabrielle Hill and Camryn Flintroyal.



The best part of a STEM activity that involves making sweet potato pie is eating the end result, of course, as Camryn Flintroyal demonstrates.



Kailynn Jenkins shows off the shoe she's working on as part of a prosthetic-leg project.



ZsaZsa Ross (left) is having a lot of fun as she and Gabrielle Hill test the shoe Ross made as part of a project in which campers had to build prosthetic legs.

CAMP

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and a tiger beats a person.

At first, the students were divided into pairs, competing one on one. The two competitors would then be paired together on a team to play against another twosome. Larger and larger groups kept being created. It required the children to talk to each other and decided which they were going to be: a person, a tiger or a trap.

Learning how to work together, which could be a big benefit to those children when they become adults and find themselves having to do the same in a job.

Hamilton hopes the activity will also help the children focus on what they need to do in their school classrooms. For example, if a team is discussing whether or not to act out the role of a person, tiger or trap, and one person isn't paying attention, it'll show when that one person does something different.

"If you're in a classroom, you've got to make sure you get rid of those distractions," Hamilton said.

As has been the case in the past, the camp, which takes place at the Church of God by Faith Community Center, will include visits from personnel in



Jordan Slocum (right) works on a math exercise, with Zori Resendiz observing and ready to offer any assistance.

such organizations as Bradford Fire Rescue and UF Health, who will teach the children such skills as applying bandages and tourniquets and performing CPR.

Hamilton has said in the past that it may seem like some of the camp participants are too young to try to learn CPR, for example, but one never really knows what will lodge itself in a child's mind, remaining there until it's needed in the future.

"We don't know what the kids are going to retain," Hamilton said, "but if you give them that, that's a seed you're sowing.

They may not be large enough or strong enough to provide a service for an adult, but if they learn it, they can teach it to an adult next to them who doesn't know how to do it and could help save a life just by having that knowledge."

In fact, Hamilton would like to have health-related and emergency services personnel be part of a larger event for the public, knowing that the more knowledge more people have, the greater number of people can be helped when an emergency situation arises.



ZsaZsa Ross (right) shows Edrick Hamilton what she's working on. Hamilton and his 12G Mentoring group offer the annual I AM STEM camp.

"That's the goal for next year, to have it as a community event," Hamilton said.

The STEM camp also includes visits from Meridian Behavioral Healthcare personnel, who talk to children about emotions and cover such topics as bullying and respect.

A STEM camp wouldn't be a

STEM camp, though, if it didn't include the hands-on activities that, hopefully, make learning STEM principles fun.

Not every child, of course, is going to experience first-time success with whatever project they're working on at the time. That's OK. Hamilton said the key is to get the children to

think through the project and determine how they can fix whatever's wrong.

"If you just shut down and give up, you're not learning anything," Hamilton said, adding, "When I see them all engaged, and they're trying things, that's all I care about. They're learning (when they do that)."

Each day begins with a chant, which reminds the children that they are doing more than participating in a summer camp. They are striving to be successful in life.

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- A...Achievers. Being all that we can be.
- M...Motivated. To fulfill our purpose and destiny.
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Athletes earn Sun honors in 3 spring sports

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
cliff@bctelegraph.com

Student-athletes from Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high schools were among the honorees with the release of the Gainesville Sun's All-Area teams in baseball, softball and track and field.

Bradford's Elijah Kellum was a track and field selection after winning a state championship in Class 2A, jumping 45-9.75 in the triple jump. He also placed fourth at state in the long jump with a distance of 22-7.75.

Kellum, who was the first track and field state champ for the Tornadoes in 20 years, was

the District 3 champ in both events with distances of 44-3.5 in the triple jump and 21-11.75 in the long jump.

At the Region 2 meet, Kellum was the runner-up in both events. His triple jump distance was 44-2, while his long jump total was 22-6.5.

Bradford and Keystone each

had two players earn second-team Gainesville Sun All-Area honors in Big-School softball.

The Tornadoes' Rylie Blankenship made the team as a utility player, playing in the outfield and pitching. She led the team in batting average (.494), runs scored (24), hits (38), on-base percentage (.565), stolen

bases (28), innings pitched (43) and strikeouts as a pitcher (27). She was third in slugging percentage at .545.

Bradford's Addyson Hinds, a catcher, had a sophomore season that consisted of a team-leading 25 RBI and six homers (seventh most in all of Class 3A). Her .806 slugging percentage also

led the team, while her on-base percentage of .500 was second. She was second on the team in batting average (.419) and doubles (6) and third in runs scored (17) and hits (26).

Keystone's Ashley Nugent made the second team as an

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Legal Notices

BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION:
 CASE NO.: 2023-CA-0356
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

HEATHER RENEE SCRIMSHAW A/K/A HEATHER SCRIMSHAW; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; JEDIDIAH JAMES SCRIMSHAW A/K/A JEDIDIAH SCRIMSHAW; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE (Please publish in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in the above styled cause now pending in said court and as required by Florida Statute 45.031(2), DENNY THOMPSON as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, east front door of the Bradford County courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL., 11:00 AM on the 15 day of August, 2024, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE EAST 100 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANCH 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2647 NW 210 STREET, LAWTEY, FL 32058
 IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service. Dated this 21 day of June 2024.
 By: /s/ Lindsay Maisonet
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL DIVISION:
 CASE NO.: 24000057CAAXMX
 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.

WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JACOB J. HOUDERSHOLT A/K/A JACOB HOUDERSHOLT; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,
 Defendants.

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COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 20 OF KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES UNIT ONE REPLAT, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 29 DEGREES 16 MINUTES AND 20 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID KEYSTONE CLUB ESTATES UNIT ONE REPLAT, 325.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 60 DEGREES 43 MINUTES AND 40 SECONDS WEST, 530.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES AND 55 SECONDS WEST, 458.43 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE 280.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 46.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE WITH A CURVE CONCAVE, SAID CURVE HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 24 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 4276.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 68.91 FEET, AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, 68.91 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 220.56 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 115.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST, 420.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND BEING LOT 4 OF INDIAN LAKE WOODS AS SURVEYED BY JOSEPH G. KNAPP, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR AND SHOWN ON A MAP OF SAID INDIAN LAKE WOODS DATED MARCH 23, 1984 AND REVISED APRIL 25, 1984. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES OVER, UNDER AND ACROSS THE EASTERLY 7.5 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO THE FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AS DESCRIBED IN

MISC. BOOK 8, PAGE 593 AND MISC. BOOK 9, PAGE 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4193 SE 8TH AVENUE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656

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Notice is hereby given that on dates below these vehicles will be sold at public sale on the date listed below at 10AM for monies owed on vehicle repair and storage cost pursuant to Florida Statutes 713.585 or Florida Statutes 713.78. Please note, parties claiming interest have right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of Courts as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the clerk of the court for disposition upon court order.
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on April 10, 2024:
 Matthew L Adkins of CSX Transportation, Inc., 1590 Marietta Blvd Nw, Ste 215, Atlanta, GA 30318-3643, has submitted an environmental resource permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-240587-2. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 35, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, and includes 3.49-acres. 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 Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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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 OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on August 21, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on August 14, 2024 and end at 2PM on August 21, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storagetreasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121
 Time: 02:00PM CST
 A02, Hovestadt, Mark, A08, cruger, gerica, A16, Maddox, Carolyn, A41, James, Jeanette, B06, Morgan, Tina, B08, Brunson, Teresa, B16, Morgan, Tina, B37, Thomas, Shantal, B56, Bowen, Dustin
 Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storagetreasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 PROBATE DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 24000072CPAXMX
 DIVISION: Probate
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JUANITA FORTNER ROPER A/K/A JUANITA F. ROPER A/K/A JUANITA ROPER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of JUANITA FORTNER ROPER A/K/A JUANITA F. ROPER A/K/A JUANITA ROPER, ("Decedent") deceased, whose date of death was April 2, 2024, and whose Social Security Number is XXX-XX-3979, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner'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.
 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 SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S

DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR CURATOR HAS NO DUTY TO DISCOVER WHETHER ANY PROPERTY HELD AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH BY THE DECEDENT OR THE DECEDENT'S SURVIVING SPOUSE IS PROPERTY TO WHICH THE FLORIDA UNIFORM DISPOSITION OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY RIGHTS AT DEATH ACT AS DESCRIBED IN FLORIDA STATUTE 732.216-732.228, APPLIES, OR MAY APPLY UNLESS A WRITTEN DEMAND IS MADE BY A CREDITOR AS SPECIFIED UNDER SECTION 732.2211.
 The date of first publication of this notice is July 18, 2024.
 DAKOTA T. BOND A/K/A DAKOTA TYLER BOND, Petitioner
 39 Wainwright Way,
 Avon Park, Florida, 33825
 LAW OFFICES OF AL NICOLETTI /s/ Alfred V. Nicoletti
 ALFRED V. NICOLETTI, ESQ.
 Florida Bar No.: 125446
 7512 Dr. Phillips Blvd.
 Suite 50-647
 Orlando, Florida 32819
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given that the Canvassing Board meeting scheduled for July 26, 2024 at 10 am has been rescheduled for July 19, 2024 at 10am. The location remains at the Supervisor of Elections office, 945 N. Temple, Ave., Starke. The Canvassing Board schedule can be found by going to our website, www.votebradfordfl.gov
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 08/02/2024 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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 This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 07/18/2024.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: CLINT LOCKHART, 6747 SW 95TH St., Hampton, FL 32044 joint owner, doing business under the firm name of: LOCKHART CONTRACT SERVICES LLC DBA TRUE NORTH RENTAL SERVICES, 6747 SW 95TH St., Hampton, FL 32044 intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 16th day of July A.D., 2024, in BRADFORD County,
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UNION

NEW RIVER BOARD MEETING

The New River Community Health Center Board of Directors will meet Thursday, July 25, 2024 at the DLP Bank, 811 S Walnut St., Starke, FL 32091 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. announces the availability of \$350,000 of State Housing Initiative Program Plan funds for Union County, FL for the fiscal year 2024/2025. Application packets are available on our website at www.srcinc.org/ programs, or you may contact our SHIP Administration office via email at sbarrington@suwanneeec.net

to have an application emailed to you. Applications will be accepted beginning September 1, 2024 and will continue to be accepted until June 30, 2025 or until funds have been exhausted. For additional information please contact Stephanie Barrington, SHIP Director, 386-362-4115 extension *242, or sbarrington@suwanneeec.net
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LAKE REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, July 29, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656: Unit# 230, containing misc. household items.
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING A SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1.054 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE L. RESTEA FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY ZONING MAP BY AMENDING APPROXIMATELY 1.054 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE L. RESTEA FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS FOR RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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Former Tornadoes pass on skills to youth during camp



Landon Johnson (right) prepares to pass as Amari Jones looks on during the July 5 BHS Alumni Youth Camp. Children ages 7-14 got to participate in drills led by former BHS players who are now playing in college. Jones is a quarterback at FIU.



Devon McBride (left) and Chason Clark have fun while demonstrating what the participants in their group are to do. Both are first-year student-athletes at Marshall.



Dontae Balfour (left) gets Jarin Borgner positioned for a drill.



Left: Jarin Borgner works on tackling.

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Obituaries

Jacob Browder

Jacob "Jake" Browder of Lawtey, born on Jan. 17, 1945, in Paoli, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, in Gainesville, at the age of 79. He was a lifelong carpenter who poured his passion into every project he undertook. He was known for his infectious laughter, unwavering faith, and his big, infamous eyebrows that always seemed to have a story of their own. He found joy in simple pleasures: a well-chewed cigar, the comfort of watching classic western movies, and the solace of singing hymns and leading music at his church. He was also an avid reader and shared many adventures with his wife, Connie Browder, as they traveled together, creating cherished memories. His dedication to his craft, traveling, and love for music were evident throughout his life. He will be remembered for his warm smile, his unwavering faith, and the love he shared with his family and friends. His legacy of hard work, kindness, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Browder; his son, Chad Browder; and his brother, Henry (Vivian) Browder.

He is survived by his children, Matthew Browder, Dale (Rachel) Mosley, and Tammy (Matthew) Riggs; as well as his siblings, Elmer Browder (Linda, deceased), Ruby Harper (Nick, deceased), David (Glenda) Browder, and Robert "Bob" (Sharon) Browder. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Emily, Bailey, and Garrett; and great-grandchildren, Carter and Della, who affectionately called him "Papa."

A graveside service to celebrate his life was held at Long Branch Cemetery on Monday, July 15.

Arrangements were by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke, 620 E. Nona St., Starke, 32091 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

PAID OBITUARY

Jean Cellon

Jean Cellon, 90, of Melrose and formerly a native of Gainesville, died Sunday, July 14, 2024. She was predeceased by her daughter, Leslie Cellon; and brother, Tommy Martin.

Survivors are her children, Connie Cellon, Frank Cellon, and Diane (Tom) Trexler. She was very proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice in her memory. The family received friends on Wednesday, July 17, at Milam Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the care of Milam Funeral Home, Inc., 311 S. Main St., Gainesville, 32601. 352-376-5361. www.milamfh.com

Bobby Glenn

Bobby Hagen Glenn, 78, of Dahlonega, Georgia, died Thursday, July 11, 2024. He was born Nov. 19, 1945, to the late Hagen Switzer Glenn and Bessie Cooksey Glenn.

Survivors include his wife, Margie Glenn; son, Lee Glenn; daughter-in-law, Jocelyn Glenn; daughter, Lori Glenn; daughter-in-law, Eliana Hensley; and grandchildren, Hagen Glenn and Hadley Glenn.

To share a memory or condolences with the family, visit the online guestbook at andersonunderwood.com.

Anderson-Underwood Funeral Home, 2068 Hwy 19 N., Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Margaret Henschel

Margarete Frieda Schroeder Bedell Henschel, 94, of Keystone Heights, moved to her heavenly home, trusting Jesus as her Savior, on Monday, July 8, 2024, at the Haven E.T. York Hospice Care Center in Gainesville. Born on May 22, 1930, in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the second daughter of Hermann and Grete (Kroger) Schroeder, who immigrated from Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, the year before. She graduated from Dundalk High School in 1947 and worked in her father's bakery until she married her first husband, William A. Bedell Jr., in 1951. They moved to Orlando in 1956 and had three children together. In 1964, Marge, as her friends called her, married her second husband, Floyd E. Henschel, and a daughter was born to them in Maryland. They made a final move to Keystone Heights in 1967. She was an incredible stay-at-home mother, a Girl Scout leader for 50 years, went to work at Watson's Grocery Store in 1973, and retired from Miller's Supermarket in 1995. She loved sewing, crafting, stamp collecting, camping, genealogy research, and Gator sports. But her greatest joy and pride were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Dave Davis; and niece, Marliesel Roy.

She is survived by her children Susan (David) Stanley, of Keystone Heights, Linda Bedell of Cocoa, Richard Bedell of Atlanta, Georgia and Nancy Blackall of Keystone Heights; grandchildren, Scott (Amanda) Blackall of St. Johns, Bryan (Hannah) Blackall of Birmingham, Alabama, Gina (Eric) Martin of Keystone Heights, Evan (Crystal) Stanley, Katie Stanley, Timothy Stanley and Kimberley Stanley, all of Keystone Heights and Deborah Stanley of Tallahassee; great-grandchildren, Paige and Payton Blackall, Sarah and Nathan Blackall, Brayden and Rhett Martin, William and Benjamin Stanley; and nephew, David (Teresa) Davis of Manchester, Maryland.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 14, at Friendship Bible Church. Interment will be at a later date.

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

PAID OBITUARY



Frank Pendarvis

Frank Pendarvis, 68, a lifelong resident of Bradford County, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at his residence. He was born in Starke on July 8, 1956, to the late William "Bill" Pendarvis and Iris VanZant. After attending Bradford High School, he joined the United States Army, where he proudly served our country for many years. Following his honorable discharge from the military, he began his longtime career as a log truck driver, working in the logging industry for over 30 years. His unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic were shown daily in his profession. Beyond his work, he was an avid hunter who cherished his time in the woods and often shared his love for hunting with his son. More than anything, he enjoyed spending time with his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Fred Pendarvis; sister, Doris Minchew; and stepfather, Oscar Vanzant.

He is survived by his son, Jonathon Pendarvis of Callahan; sister, Delores (Roland) Vanzant of Callahan; and grandchildren, Jaxson and Taylin Pendarvis.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lawtey, with Pastor Lester Austin and Pastor Jeremy Crawford officiating. The family will receive friends an hour prior at the church. Private interment will follow at Long Branch Cemetery.

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

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Bonnie Raulerson

Mrs. Bonnie Kaye Raulerson, 76, passed away Friday, July 12, 2024, at Haven Hospice E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. She was born Feb. 12, 1948, in Pensacola, to the late Chris and Lois (Blum) Christiansen, and was a longtime area resident. She retired from the United States Air Force as a supply supervisor at the rank of SMSGT. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Collette Poe.

Survivors are her loving husband of 50 years, Tommy Raulerson of Starke; daughters, Sonya (Tony) Ringler of Jacksonville, Lee Ann (Eric) Mason of Starke, Tina Raulerson of Live Oak; siblings, Connie (Will) Scheer of Big Cabin, Oklahoma, Terry Vanord of Deland, and A. J. (Sue) Christiansen of Lancaster, California. In addition, she leaves her six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family received friends for a reception and viewing on Tuesday, July 16, at DeWitt C. Jones Chapel of Jones Gallagher Funeral Home. Interment will be private at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wreaths Across America, P.O. Box 249, Columbia Falls, ME 04623, wreathscrossamerica.org.

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

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Marlene Redding

Mrs. Marlene Redding, 84, of Keystone Heights, formerly of Ft. Pierce, died Monday, May 27, 2024, at Riverwood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Starke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond H. Redding; and their son, Michael Redding.

She is survived by her children, Myron (Janice) Redding, Marilyn Smith, and Mitchell Redding; 11 grandchildren; and a host of extended family members.

There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are by Milam Funeral Home, Inc., 311 S. Main St., Gainesville, 32601. 352-376-5361.

Myrna Richter

Myrna M. Clifton Richter, 79, of Lake City, passed away at her home on Saturday, July 13, 2024. She was born in Orange County, California, to the late James B. Clifton, Sr. and Norma Eloise English Clifton. She had been a longtime resident of Starke and had made her home in Lake City since 2021, when she and her husband, Pastor Robert "Bob" Richter, were called to pastor Bethlehem Baptist Church on State Road 100. She previously worked as a secretary with Naval Air Station Jacksonville and New River Correctional Institute in Bradford County. She enjoyed riding horses when she was younger, fishing, making ceramic dolls, and quilting.

Survivors include her husband, Pastor Robert "Bob" Richter, Lake City; her children, Cheryl Honour of Putnam Hall, Michael (Beth) Taylor Sr. of Keystone Heights, Beverly (Rob) Mason of Jacksonville, Wyatt Taylor of Lake City and Dusty Taylor of Keystone Heights; two brothers, James B. (Jenny) Clifton Jr. of Keystone Heights and Wilder Lee (Donna) Clifton of Keaton Beach; seven grandchildren, Julie, Zaria, Michael, Kendra, Charlotte, Kodie and Dakota; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, July 20, at 11 a.m. at Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Pastor Larry Finley officiating. Interment will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A time of visitation with the family will be Friday, July 19, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International in memory of Mrs. Richter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 S. US Hwy 441, Lake City, 32025. Please leave words of comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

PAID OBITUARY

MORGAN

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"This would make him so proud — to see that I am principal at Starke Elementary School," Morgan said, adding, "I know that I'm here for a reason and that he's so proud. He's shining down his light on me,

and he's going to make sure I'm successful."

Though Morgan's the principal at one school, she sees herself as a district-wide principal. She said she, Melvin and O'Quinn have the goal of uniting as a team for the betterment of Starke, Bradford and Lawtey elementary schools.

"I really see these three schools working closely with

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infielder, leading her team in batting average (.417), hits (35), RBI (23), home runs (4, tied with teammate Delia Johnson), on-base percentage (.427) and slugging percentage (.666). She was second in runs scored (22) and doubles (7).

The Indians' Kadence Massey was a selection at pitcher. She made 19 appearances in 25 games and had a record of 7-6. She led the team in ERA (3.39), innings pitched (76.1) and strikeouts (74).

The Sun's Big-School Baseball All-Area team included two from Keystone: outfielder Connor Guy and utility player Austin Musgrove.

Guy led the team in batting average (.506), RBI (26), hits (43), runs scored (38), doubles (9), triples (5), home runs (6), stolen bases (18), walks (20, tied with Musgrove), on-base percentage (.609) and slugging percentage (.941). His slugging percentage was third best in all of Class 3A, while he was fourth in the class in batting average, home runs and runs scored. Guy was 10th in 3A in on-base percentage and 11th in RBI.

Musgrove, an infielder and pitcher, batted .238 and was first on the team in walks (20, tied with Guy) and second in runs scored (21) and stolen bases (11). He was third in on-base percentage (.396) and slugging percentage (.417). Musgrove finished the season with 14 RBI, five doubles, two triples and two home runs.

As a pitcher, Musgrove had a 5-3 record, throwing a total of 53.1 innings. His ERA of 1.82 led the team, as did his 67 strikeouts.

Union's Devin Diggs was a second-team selection to the Sun's Small-School All-Area baseball team as an infielder. He batted .209 and led the team in triples (2), home runs (3) and slugging percentage (.432). Diggs was third on the team in runs scored (20) and RBI (18).

Diggs also pitched, making 14 appearances and throwing 28.1 innings (third most on the team). He went 1-2 with a 2.47 ERA, leading the team in strikeouts with 48.

No student-athletes from Bradford, Keystone or Union were selected for All-Area teams in boys tennis, girls tennis and girls track and field.

The Sun didn't release an All-Area team in boys weightlifting.

WILLIAMS

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want to drop the ball. You want to make sure our students get the best opportunities they can."

Williams said her experience working under Coffey at BHS will help her. He excelled at organization and interacting with people, Williams said, adding, "I can't say enough great things about him. I'm really grateful I got to work with him this year. I appreciate all the opportunities he gave me and the mentorship and all that good stuff."

New start

For the second straight year, Williams will be one of the new faces on her campus.

"I was joking about the fact that I was setting up an office again and having to learn people again," she said. "It was like I had just really gotten to know everybody at the high school."

When asked about her goals, Williams her top priority at BMS is to ensure that every student is receiving "standards-based, strong Tier 1 instruction."

"Every student on this campus should have the opportunity to be exposed to content-rich tasks," Williams said. "They need to be able to be challenged. They need to be able to be given the opportunity to excel."

"I do not believe in busy work. I do not believe in just putting a worksheet in front of a kid. I want Tier 1 instruction, which is the instruction that is happening in every class every day."

one another," Morgan said, admitting that probably hasn't always been the case.

"To unite and to work together — it helps all the students in Bradford County," she said. "That's the goal. The goal is to have every child succeed."

Morgan is in the process of meeting and getting to know the staff at Starke Elementary, while also reading applications for the position she previously occupied, albeit briefly.

"We're about to hire, hopefully, our assistant principal," Morgan said. "I hope to have a special day where the staff can come and meet us. We're going to do

Williams wants students to be offered a learning environment that they want to be a part of.

"I want our kids to want to be here," she said. "I want it to be engaging, and I want it to be rigorous. I want them to be able to compete against other students in our state and in our country and to be able to be successful in their future endeavors."

Of course, when it comes to educating the students, it's important that everyone is on the same page. That's part of any administrator's job.

"It's making sure that everything aligns and that teachers are not feeling they're being pulled in 1,000 directions," Williams said. "Our role is to make their job as easy as possible so they can focus their efforts on their lesson planning and their students' achievement."

"We need to make sure that they are able to provide those students with that instruction that they need every day. We have to make sure we eliminate barriers that stand in their way."

Williams wasn't expecting to be one of the administrators at BMS, but she is honored to serve as the school's principal and wholeheartedly believes that it was meant to be.

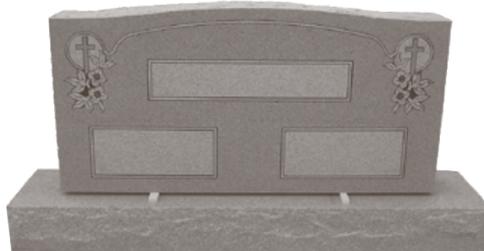
"God works in mysterious ways," Williams said. "All of this was not part of (my) plan, but just the way everything has happened, I know that it is part of whatever He has planned for me."

So, after a year's time, Williams finds herself moving into another new office. She wants to continue to call the BMS principal's office hers for years to come.

"Hopefully, I get to do this for a long time," she said.

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Torin Brazell (right) watches Callan Phillips as he prepares to sprint through a drill.



Journey Reed (left) listens to some instructions given by Devon McBride.



Bentley Griffis participates in a passing drill.



Torin Brazell (right) follows Cayden Coffey as he maneuvers around obstacles.



Right: Journey Reed (left) listens to some instructions given by Devon McBride.



Tez Williams (left) demonstrates to Terry Roberts how to perform in a particular drill.



Torin Brazell (right) follows Cayden Coffey as he maneuvers around obstacles.

Right: Ashton Brown prepares to take on a roll-tackling ring.



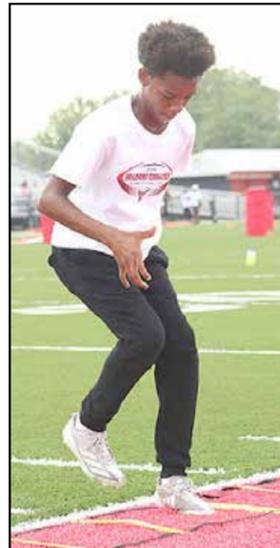
Chase Small gets airborne in a tackling drill. Also pictured is former Tornado Chason Clark.



Bryson McCollum displays his speed and agility.



Chase Small (left) participates in a drill, observed by Chail Cummings. Cummings is a first-year student-athlete at Memphis.



Journey Reed works on his foot agility.

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Black Creek Project Update



TREATMENT AREA: The Treatment Area is seen in the above aerial photo taken at the NE corner of Lake Brooklyn. In the screen shot on the lower right, the Black Creek Project Treatment Area can now be seen in the latest Google (Maps & Earth) products. On site, in person, the size of the Treatment Area seems huge. From satellite imagery we gain a different perspective. In the lower left photo, the now completed water tank (painted as specified by Camp Blanding) is seen with the treatment ponds beyond. Above that photo, treatment cell No. 1, is being prepped to receive its liner and pipes. The liners in treatment cells 2 & 3 will be installed soon after.



PUMP STATION: Great progress has been made since the inset photo from last year showing the pit with the four pipe risers. The pumps, seen inside the building wrapped in protective plastic, are being attached to the piping that will carry the Black Creek Water to the 30' manifold on the west side of the pump house. The pumps' support equipment is now being installed. While in service, the pumps won't run constantly. Water from Black Creek will only be pumped when conditions warrant or approximately 75% of the time, according to Water District studies. Additionally, the design of the creek side intakes prevents any withdrawals during times of low water.



INLET FACILITY: The inset photo from June 26, 2023 shows us that Black Creek was at flood stage and work in the area had ceased. Currently, the area worksite has been graded to its final contours and new sod has been installed. The inlet structure itself is almost complete and both it and the pumps will soon be ready for testing.



THE SR 21 PIPELINE: Reiki, a worker stands on the pipe casing which was bored under SR 16. Next step, a pipe casing will be run under SR 21, the eastern boundary of Camp Blanding. In the right photos, workers in a trench box prepare for the next section of pipe and a mini bulldozer fills the trench and levels the ground as pipe is laid on SR 21.

JULY 2024



06/27/2024 DATA (Elevations NAVD88)
Brooklyn Level: 108.2 Ft
Alligator Creek Flow: 1.3 MGD; Level: 108.4 Ft
Geneva Level: 93.1 Ft
South Fork Black Creek (SR-16) Flow: 12.3 MGD; Level: 91.1 Ft
Monthly Rainfall: 2.5" (Source: SJRWMD and USGS)