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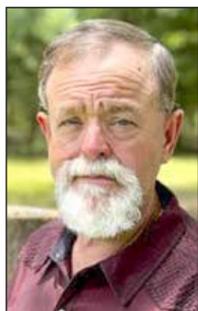
BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Early voting began this week, and Bradford County has two commission seats on the ballot, most of who appeared at an Aug. 4 candidate forum to talk about their campaigns.

The forum was sponsored by the Republican Party of Bradford County, held at the Bradford Fairgrounds, hosted by Richard Solze and broadcast on WEAG 106.3.

All the county commission candidates are running as Republicans, and the forum began with District 2. Larry Davis was up first. He briefly introduced himself as a former road department employee who is now in business for himself. He said he overcame a lot of struggles at a young age to get to this point, and he was grateful to be married to a wonderful woman.

Incumbent Commissioner Kenny Thompson addressed the perception that the county overspends, saying there are enough funds to provide a cushion of several months (in the event of an emergency).



Larry Davis



Kenny Thompson



Tom Germano



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Trish Tucker

“We’ve got a fire department that we’ve got to deal with. Do we need it? Absolutely,” he said. Thompson also talked about extending infrastructure to the bypass that will attract businesses and generate tax revenue.

“We’ve got a lot of money, but do we have enough? Absolutely not.” One thing the county can look forward to enjoying the proceeds of the renewable energy project now underway at the New River Regional

Landfill, he said.

“We got a lot of work to do. COVID killed us, not only this county but our country. But America can come back and so can Bradford County,” Thompson said.

A third candidate for District 2, Mark Williams, did not participate.

Davis and Thompson were both asked what must be done to balance the county’s budget. Davis said major spending cuts are called for.

Unnecessary spending needs to be cut in every department, he said.

“We’ve cut and cut and cut,” Thompson said. “There’s nothing else to cut.” If they must, commissioners will continue to rely on reserves to balance the budget, he said.

“Bradford County is sitting on a better cushion than what they think,” he said.

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RJE banquet in September

The RJE Alumni will be hosting a Purple and Gold Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 3, beginning at 6 p.m. with a social hour and a banquet at 7 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Camp Blanding Facility, 5629 State Road 16 West, Starke.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased from any Alumni Executive Committee Member: Joann Jackson, Sherry Williams, Alica McMillian, Carnell Williams, Linda Hampton, Sandra Demps, Sylvia Patterson, Brenda Butler, Mary Lett, Glory Jackson, Gloria Harrison, Wanda Middleton, Mildred Petteway and Lillie Strachan.

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Fellowship Food Pantry

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Clay candidate responds to sex crimes allegations

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A candidate running to represent the Lake Region on the Clay County Commission is denying allegations that he committed lewd and lascivious assault on a girl under 16.

Even before Dale Carter officially qualified for the District 4 County Commission Seat, now held by Crystal Lake resident Betsy Condon, rumors were swirling in his Clay Hill community about his checkered past and allegations of sexual misconduct with an underage girl.

On June 15 Carter posted on his Facebook page that a newspaper was about to print a story on his criminal history, including charges related to passing bad checks, liens filed by



District 4 County Commission Candidate Dale Carter in a photo taken for his campaign.

the IRS and a lawyer and the sex allegations.

“They dug up some things I done 20 years ago,” Carter wrote in the post. “Evidently my company, which I own, wrote a couple of NSF checks. I took care of the checks but they are on my record along with me having a lien from the IRS from 2005 along with an attorney that I hired who is now a judge in Clay County who is part of the movers & shakers of Clay County.”

“Last but not least, they are saying I had been with someone underage, THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED,” he added.

The story in the Fleming Island-based publication never appeared.

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Union receiving more than \$20 million this year

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Union County has done well during the current grant cycle and Tallahassee has been kind because funding is being provided for several projects that the Union County Board of Commissioners has seen the need for. The total of the grants, derived from a number of state and federal sources, is \$20.35 million.

Current ongoing grants for the county include \$430,000 from the federal Environmental Protection Agency in the form of a Brownfields Grant (for the assessment of potential contaminated sites in the county), along with state grants for a number of projects.

The Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program as given the county \$160,000 for work on the fencing and lights at the O.J. Phillips Park and ballfield. Also from the state is a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Florida Historical Grants Program for Small County

Restoration Design — earmarked for the repair and restoration of some of the historic features of the Union County Courthouse, such as the windows.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has granted the county \$750,000 to expand and improve the Union County Agricultural Education Complex, adding another arena and making other improvements. Enterprise Florida has given the county \$25,000 for Enterprise Consulting and another \$10,000 for Marketing as assistance in the work of bringing economic development to the county.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection as once again funded the annual Tire Amnesty event, a happening in which many Union County residents participate in as a way to get rid of old tires accumulating on their property at no cost. The funding for the event totals \$25,000.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in addition

to the usual road work they provide through the SCRAP and SCOP grant programs (see below), are providing the county with \$1.5 million for bridge repair and road work on CR-229.

FDOT is also continuing funding necessary road work in the county through its Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) and Small County Outreach Program (SCOP). Four projects on funded in this grant cycle — \$5 million for paving and necessary repairs to CR-18 from CR-121 to the Columbia County Line, \$4 million for similar work on CR-238 from 111th St. to CR-229, \$500,000 for a project involving 92nd, 146th and 152nd Streets and \$3.5 million for repairs and paving of CR-229 from CR-121 to the Baker County Line.

The Florida Legislature responded favorable to three of five funding request made by the county.

In the recent past, the Legislature mandated updates in the security of all of the county courthouses in the state but failed (at that time) to provide

funding to the counties to finance the needed work. In its last session, the Legislature granted Union County \$550,000 to upgrade courthouse security. Also granted, under the auspices of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, were requests for funds to build a fire station in Providence (\$850,000) and a start on the funds needed to construct a new Public Safety Complex (\$3,000,000).

The Public Safety Complex will replace the aging Union County Jail, needed office space for the Union County Sheriff’s Office and badly needed space for Union County Emergency Management. Although this is only about 20% of the funds that will be needed to build the complex (\$15 million), it provides a start that will allow the county to get the final plans and site work done, with the hope that if positive progress is shown the Legislature will approve further funds for the project next year or sooner.

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Starke candidates get into city's past and future

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

When last week's political forum turned to the city of Starke, candidate Michael Heeder was up first to talk about his run for the District 1 commission seat.

"I believe what we have in Starke, especially District 1, is a good thing. I think I can do it better," he said.

Heeder's experience is in public safety, including nearly 40 years as a firefighter paramedic for the city of Gainesville. He served as captain there as well as chief of multiple volunteer fire departments in Bradford County. Today, he works for the sheriff as 911 coordinator.

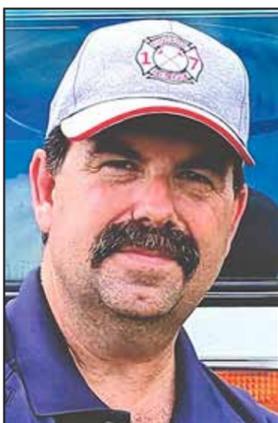
"When you need help, I'm

the one that makes sure that you get the help you need in an emergency," he said. "As your city commissioner, when you need help and you call, I'm the one that's going to get you the help you need even if it's not an emergency."

Heeder said he is not running to change policies but to change the culture. That means focusing on what will be happening in the city 10 years from now. Leaders elected today should be laying the groundwork for what the leaders of tomorrow will be facing.

Commissioners — city and county — working as a team with citizens can make that happen, he said.

Heeder conceived of Starke's



Michael Heeder



Danny Nugent



Andy Redding



Lex Sanders

successful Splash Bash, and he said with support, they can do even more to make Starke a great place to be.

Danny Nugent is in his fourth term on the city commission and is seeking his fifth. In addition to his work on the commission, he works for the Department of Corrections and is a Chief Warrant Officer for the Florida National Guard.

The father of four and grandfather of five said the commission has repaired roads and upgraded the electric system, restructured the pension system for city employees, and improved recreation facilities.

They are working on wastewater improvements with the assistance of millions of dollars in grant revenue.

Nugent said he understands the importance of local business and wants to bring new businesses into the city. The bypass has hurt some businesses, he said, so he talked about also bringing more people back to Starke with events and recreational activities. The commission is also working with the county to expand infrastructure to serve new businesses or residents.

In addition to serving the city as mayor, Nugent is on the board of the Northeast Florida League

of Cities and is currently serving as president.

"I have always strived to do what is best for the city of Starke and its residents. If reelected, I would continue to work for you," he said.

District 5 candidates were up next, beginning with Randy Crews.

"I truly believe there's not a better city in America to live in," Crews said of spending his 63 years here.

Crews served two years on the commission 30 years ago. He said the police force is at the top of the list of things central to him as he runs for office again.

"Our security is important," he said.

Utility bills were up next, with Crews saying he wants to see bills simplified so customers know what they are paying for.

"I worked up at the desk at the city hall a few years back for seven months, and it was amazing how many people really didn't understand what they were looking at," he said. "If you look at the bill, you don't even know what you're paying for."

While the city doesn't have much of a recreation department left, Crews said he grew up in the

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District 5 school board candidates compare experience

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Only one school board race made it to the ballot this year in Bradford County. Incumbent Erica Reddish and Lynn Melvin are running in District 5.

Melvin's experience includes a long career working in Bradford schools. She taught in Starke and Brooker elementary schools for more than 23 years, and then acted as principal for both schools for the following 12 years.

"With 35 and a half years of dedicated service to Bradford County schools, now is the right time for me to continue serving the students, teachers, parents and citizens in this role," she said.

Melvin said she intends to share this experience if elected to the school board.

"Utilizing the skills I have acquired throughout my career, I can provide an educator standpoint on the effects and outcomes of policies and procedures, programs and other decisions made by the board," she said.

"Students first," has been and remains her motto, so she said she would work for safe and supportive learning environments. Both students and teachers deserve the best curriculum, and her understanding of curriculum would help student achievement and teacher success, she said.

Melvin said she also has experience creating and following school budgets as well as transparency and accountability.

"As we face trying times in our education system, it's imperative to have leaders with the knowledge and experience necessary to implement solutions



Lynn Melvin



Erica Reddish

and develop programs that promote excellence in learning. As your District 5 school board member, I will be that leader," she said, adding she would act as a bridge between the community, teachers, staff and legislators.

"Together, we can make a difference bringing unity and strength to our school district, making it one in which all stakeholders have a vested interest and can be increasingly proud."

Reddish said she had been blessed many times during her two terms on the school board. She feels honored to have been appointed by the citizens to serve.

"I tirelessly work for the school system for our students, for our teachers for our community as a whole to make the best decisions I could," she said. She said a good school board member is both available and aware. She became aware of the district's needs as a mother of three kids in three different schools. Instead of waiting for retirement, she said she decided the right time was the present.

Reddish said her decisions as a board member are made with prayer, research and feedback, and with the lives of children in mind.

"I knew that I would make decisions that would affect not only my own kids, but their peers as well. So I knew nothing about the school board. I knew nothing about politics or the process. But I knew that I couldn't wait," she said.

Reddish said she used her parental experience in schools and at school events to gather feedback and listen to concerns.

"They understand that I'm in that same walk of life with them and I can relate to what they're going through."

Progress is linked to change, and change can be tough, she said.

"I'm a firm believer that if the right decisions are made for the right reason, and the goal is a stronger and successful school district, then the growing pains of change will be worth it," Reddish said. Those pains can bring the community together to squash fears in favor of a more exciting future, she added.

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"So I vow to you if reelected as school board member for District 5, "I'll continue to always do what's best for our students, our staff, no matter how tough that decision is. I'll put what's in the best use of our entire school district and community as a whole over the interest of politics," she said.

Both candidates were asked how they would specifically improve Bradford's educational system. Melvin said by spending financial resources in the "right places," and by recruiting and retaining qualified teachers.

"I think we've got to not only support those beginning teachers, but I think it's very important to support those veteran teachers," she said. "It's kind of sad when I hear that someone coming into our county with 18 years of experience is only making \$4,000 more than a beginning teacher. That's just really unacceptable to me."

She also mentioned "good curriculum" that would increase student proficiency.

Reddish brought up the nationwide teacher shortage, but said she was encouraged to see

so many familiar faces at teacher orientations — former students who have returned to teach in Bradford County.

"You have people who have been affected by educators in our community who have now accepted that challenge to come back and fill those shoes. So I think that's a very positive step in

the right direction for education in our own community."

The forum was sponsored by the Republican Party of Bradford County, held at the Bradford Fairgrounds, hosted by Richard Solze and broadcast on WEAG 106.3.

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Lake Region



(Left) Architect Paul Stressing talks to Keystone Heights Elementary School Principal Beth Turbeville during a city-hosted open house on planned improvements to the school.

City hosts open house for elementary school improvements

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city held an open house at the beach pavilion on Aug. 2 displaying planned improvements to Keystone Heights Elementary School.

The event follows a presentation to city council members by architect Paul Stressing outlining the planned construction of a new cafetorium, the conversion of the current cafetorium into a media center and the conversion of the current media center into a six-classroom suite.

Also on display during the open house was the master plan for the school which includes replacing the campus's 65-year-old classroom buildings and getting rid of the school's portable classrooms.

Keystone taking on more events

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City officials said they are taking over the Lake Region's annual Halloween celebration, will reestablish its farmers' market, and may assume control of the community's Our Country Day fireworks display.

In previous years, the end-of-October candy giveaway: Boo on the Boulevard, has been organized by nonprofits like the Keystone-Lake Region Business Association and the Lions Club. However, with no

organizations willing to take on the project this year, Keystone Heights City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said the municipality would lead the event.

Rutkowski also told city council members during their Aug. 1 meeting that she plans to bring back the city's farmers' market in September.

The event, dubbed the Keystone Korner Market, will run on the second Saturday of each month from September through May behind city hall.

The city manager added that vendor participation in the

market would be restricted to homemade products.

"So, the Avon representative can't set up (at the market)," she said.

An independent, Our Country Day Committee, has produced the city's annual 4th of July fireworks display for many years. However, Rutkowski said the committee is reviewing its operations and may choose not to continue. She added that if the committee decides to disband, the city is ready to take over the event.

KH adopts tentative millage and budget

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The city council unanimously voted to hold the municipality's millage rate for next year at the current rate of 4.2901 mills during a special July 27 meeting.

The council may later lower the tentative rate before the Sept. 30 deadline.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said that if the council chose to adopt the rolled-back rate of 4.0344, it would have to make \$20,000 in cuts to the municipality's proposed 2022-2023 budget.

Mayor Karen Lake said she favored holding the rate as is.

"We've kept the millage rate the same these last few years, and it's worked out financially for us in terms of being able to do some projects that we wanted to do to improve facilities and other things inside the city limits," she said.

Added Vice-mayor Steve Hart: "With inflation running at nine percent, if we go to the rollback rate and stretch that over a couple of years, who knows what mess we're going to be in, so I think the 4.2901 makes a lot more sense and it is consistent with

Upcoming food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds 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.

District short of school bus drivers

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

FLEMING ISLAND — Clay County Public Schools Superintendent David Broskie said the district will start the 2022-2023 school year with 10 bus driver vacancies.

"You probably all know (about) a bus driver shortage in the State of Florida," he said during the Aug. 4 school board meeting. "There's a little over 1,900 bus driver vacancies in the state. In Clay County, we have 10 student transportation vacancies; that simply means we don't have

enough bus drivers."

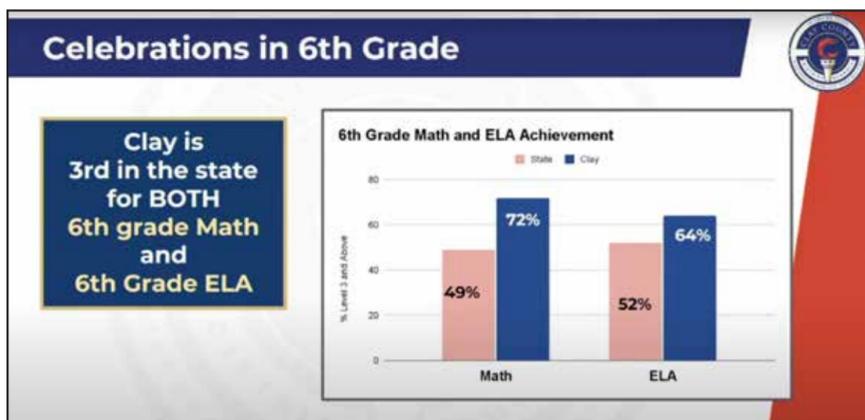
The superintendent added that driver shortages are not limited to Clay County or school districts.

"Every industry that has people driving somewhere is missing people," he said. "This is not an education-related issue. It's not a Clay County-related issue. Everyone is experiencing a labor shortage when it comes to drivers."

Broskie noted that even in years with no driver vacancies, during the first week of school, he typically receives more questions about student transportation than any other topic.

He said late buses and traffic congestion during the first week of school should not surprise parents and commuters.

"Clay county has about 218,000 people according to our last census," he said. "We have a little better than 40,000 students in our school system. That means either one or two people are driving those children to school, or the bus is out there. This shouldn't be a shock that traffic across the entire county will be slower on the first day of school and probably for a five to seven-day time period."



Superintendent touts school ranking

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

FLEMING ISLAND — Superintendent David Broskie said during an Aug. 4 school board meeting that Clay County Public Schools ranked ninth in the state overall and ninth in English language Arts and Math according to student test scores.

"I want to emphasize the

quality of work that happens within Clay County schools," Broskie said. "I can't say that enough and will continue to say that every chance I get."

The superintendent added that the district ranked fifth in fifth and eighth-grade science, third in biology, seventh in civics, and fourth in U.S. History.

Broskie singled out last year's sixth-grade students, who ranked

third in the state in both math and English Language Arts.

"I put some pressure on the junior high principles to say: Hey, you've got a pretty good group coming up, those are the sixth graders that will now be seventh graders this year, 23 points above the state average in math, 12 points above the state average in ELA," he said."

RESPOND

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However, in August the Florida Center for Government Accountability published a story claiming the 51-year-old has logged more than 50 traffic tickets, has been accused of writing worthless checks, engaged in false advertising as a licensed contractor, illegally transported hazardous materials and failed to appear in court. The story claimed his most recent legal entanglement was a February charge of doing business without a license.

The story also detailed the alleged sexual misconduct, stating that a 22-year-old told Clay deputies Carter had sex with her for several years, starting when she was 14 or 15

years old.

"Clay sheriff's Det. Ryan Ellis wrote in a later report that there was probable cause to charge Carter with lewd or lascivious assault on a victim less than 16 years old," Susan Clark Armstrong wrote in the story. "But when Ellis referred the case to the State Attorney's Office, it was determined that the statute of limitations had expired on the crime and no charges were filed."

Just before the Florida Center for Government Accountability published the story, Carter said he received a message from Armstrong threatening to go public with the piece if he did not withdraw from the race.

"This is the SECOND time this reporter has said this (isn't that blackmail?!)," Carter wrote

on a social media post. "Ladies & gentlemen, I have told you I have a past and have been ACCUSED of a lot of things, but I have NEVER served a day or night in jail. She keeps going back to my past, focusing on the negative things and not looking at all the positive things I have tried to do for Clay County."

Some of the positive things Carter points out are his advocacy for senior citizens, his role in organizing the annual Middleburg Christmas parade, and his position as a founder in the Clay County Business Association.

"If I am elected, I plan on taking half of my first years [sic] pay to build a handicap playground at one of our parks," he wrote. "I am doing this for Clay County, not the money."

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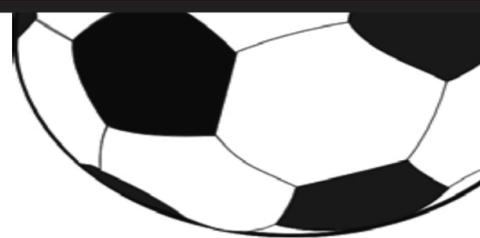
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Congressional candidates are pro-police, anti-Pelosi

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Two Congressional candidates were among those who attended a political forum sponsored by the Republican Party of Bradford County at the fairgrounds on Aug. 4.

Republican Congressional candidates vying for the party nomination include Justin Waters and incumbent Kat Cammack. Waters said COVID lockdowns, the Black Lives Matter movement and calls to defund the police were behind his decision to run.

"We need to back our law enforcement, and we need to ensure that Nancy Pelosi and the other Democrats do not defame our law enforcement because the thin blue line is what holds our civilization together. Without them, we will fall apart," Waters said. The federal government also needs to stay out of local elections, he said.

The 40-year-old lawyer said he has no ties to the "DC Swamp."

"When you pick a federal lawmaker, pick one who does not have ties to the swamp, because if they have financial and friendship ties to the swamp, they're going to represent the swamp, the DC beltway, not us in our district," he said.

Cammack proudly referred to herself as Nancy Pelosi's least favorite member of Congress. She's worked hard for the title, she said, fighting to secure the nation's borders, support law enforcement and opposing overreaching government spending.

"What we have seen in the last 18 months, is an attempt by the ultra-radical left to control every

aspect of our life," Cammack said. She likened immigration to an invasion of both non-U.S. citizens and dangerous illegal drugs.

She said Americans are in the middle of "an all-out assault" by people who are attacking first responders, driving up the price of gas and shipping jobs overseas.

"But the thing that I come back to is the Constitution. We have a Constitution that guarantees life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that is what we need to protect more than ever," she said. "We will continue to fight every single day to make sure that we the people control Washington, not the other way around."

Both were asked to name the biggest issue facing the Third Congressional District. Waters said he would put his staff to work writing grants for the district's rural communities, which are in need of the revenue but often don't have their own grant writers.

Cammack said it's Washington bureaucrats who want to control everyone's life and make them pay for it. She called government spending a "national security threat."

A third Republican candidate, Manuel Asensio was not present.

Neither Democrat candidate Tom Wells or Danielle Hawk participated.

Not present, but spoken for

Ashton Hanigan spoke on behalf Sen. Marco Rubio, attacking Val Demings, who is seeking the Democrats'

nomination to run. She said the establishment is behind Demings and will spend hundreds of millions of dollars trying to get her elected. Meanwhile, Demings, a former law enforcement officer, has come under attack for statements she made about defunding the police. As a result, Hanigan said 55 of the state's sheriffs, including Gordon Smith, are backing Rubio.

Since being elected to Congress, Hanigan said Demings has voted with Pelosi 100% of the time.

"Once she gets to the Senate, if she does, she's going to vote with Chuck Schumer 100% of the time. We have a 50-50 Senate right now and cannot afford to lose the seat," she said.

Demings was not represented at the forum.

Colin York spoke for incumbent Attorney General Ashley Moody, saying she serves to protect Floridians, their freedom and their children. That includes fighting federal vaccine and mask mandates. She is unopposed in the primary, but will face the Democrats choice in November. These choices include Daniel Uhlfelder, who York referred to as the COVID "grim reaper" and Aramis Ayala as a socialist who wants to turn Florida into Portland.

Neither they nor the third Democrat on the ballot, Jim Lewis, were present at the forum.

Candidates for governor, chief financial officer and commissioner of agriculture did not participate.

The forum was hosted by Richard Solze and broadcast by WEAG.

Four seeking to be next circuit judge

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Although not campaigning for a political position, all four judicial candidates attended last week's political forum at the Bradford County Fairgrounds.

These candidates are on the ballot to be the next circuit judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Sean Brewer is a 24-year prosecutor married to a school teacher and father to three boys in high school and college. Brewer said that gave him the opportunity to serve the community as a coach to around 125 different youth sports teams.

In his career, he has specialized in prosecuting crimes against women and children, and has tried murder cases as well. His trial experience is the number one reason why he is ready to serve as circuit judge, he said. His connection with the community and its families is another.

AuBronce Martin and his wife also have three sons from college age down to middle school. He has served as an assistant public defender for 24 years. He is a certified family and county court mediator and was an adjunct law professor at the University of Florida. He has served as president of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association and as board president of Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Alachua County.

From that experience, he said he has learned that life meaning does not come from how much money or popularity your work brings you.

"It comes to the knowledge that you can get up every morning, and know that you helped somebody, and that you did the right thing," Martin said. That is what should drive a

judge, he added.

Nathan Skop began by touting his endorsement by former Congressman Ted Yoho, whose values he said he shares. He said he is the only candidate with quasi-judicial experience serving the entire state. He was appointed by the governor to serve as a commissioner on the court of the Public Service Commission, whose decisions are appealed directly to the Florida Supreme Court. So, he hasn't just tried cases, he has adjudicated them, he said.

In law school, Skop performed an externship in the criminal division of the circuit court under Judge Robert P. Cates. Skop entered law school at the age of 37. His first career was in business and engineering. He has built space station batteries and nuclear submarines. Then after obtaining his MBA, he worked for Boeing and built airplanes as a propulsion engineer. From there, he went to FPL to work in renewable energy before taking on law school. With this experience, Skop said he is the most well-rounded candidate.

He also feels the most

persecuted. In spite of being involved in a nonpartisan race, he said he is the only candidate whose signs are being vandalized.

"Why? Ask yourself. They put Hitler on my sign the other day. That's just unprecedented for a judicial candidate," he said.

Dan Weisman said his first career was in the Army. As a platoon leader, when soldiers were tired and needed direction and motivation, he would take map and talk to them about how far they had come and where they were going. He said he was going to do the same for the audience, declaring they were not electing an appellate or Supreme Court judge. Whoever wins will not be making decisions that impact nationwide laws. They will be trying cases in criminal, civil or family court.

"You want to put someone on the bench who has substantial trial experience, who's been on both sides of the aisle and is going to know how to do it right," Weisman said.

As for his experience, he said he was a gang prosecutor for the

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The District 4 portion began with candidate Tom Germano who said he's spent the last five years immersing himself in the county, serving the local Republican Party, chairing the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District, joining the board of the Melrose Fire Department, acting as a member of the Traffic Safety Team and chairing Staff Parish Relations at Keystone United Methodist. He said he would use his leadership experience and the experience he has attending local government meetings to bring revenue to Bradford County instead of new taxes and fees.

"I'm with Kenny," Germano said. "I don't know that we're overspending. I've watched as our county departments have cut their budgets, and they've done a very good job, but cuts don't replace revenue, and taking an ambulance service does not serve any of our interests."

The services need to be paid for, he said, and so the costs must be offset with additional revenue. The county should be taking advantage of the growth it is experiencing with an impact fee on new construction, he said.

"District Four is growing fast. This would help pay for the increased demand on the infrastructure," he said.

Germano said the county can use its natural resources and recreational opportunities to draw visitors to the county, and it must protect those resources by saying no to phosphate mining.

"I respect Commissioner Riddick. He's served 12 years. But let's face it, our property taxes are at an all-time high," Germano said, also pointing to the construction of a fire station in Speedville that cannot fully serve that function.

Germano also talked about candidate Trish Tucker who in charge of finance working for Sheriff Smith.

"I'm not sure how that's supposed to work. It seems like a huge conflict of interest," he

said, adding candidate Christiann Hudson was not present at the forum and had not attended commission meetings.

"We can keep doing the same thing over and over again, and in four years, we're going to be talking about the same thing," he said.

Incumbent Commissioner Danny Riddick said it has been an honor to serve for more than 11 years. In that time, he said, almost all the dirt roads in District 4 now have millings or chip seal. Sidewalks were added along S.R. 21. Speedville has that fire station that is now answering calls, and grants provided playground equipment for the community park.

Other accomplishments include resurfacing of county roads with state dollars as well as the sidewalks around Hampton Lake, he said. Soon, he said, the county will be repaving some roads on its own thanks to a paving machine acquired with gas tax revenue.

"We are planning and preparing to bring in smart growth for jobs and revenue," Riddick said, adding he prays for guidance for every decision he makes.

Candidate Trish Tucker said Bradford County is headed in the wrong direction, adding poor spending choices have resulted in higher taxes and failing infrastructure.

"I'll say the elephant in the room out loud: If commissioners continue to spend at the rate we've been spending, and if commissioners continue to borrow money from our reserves the way they have been, Bradford County be facing a serious financial crisis within the next few years," she said.

As the sheriff's finance director, she said she knows how to balance a budget.

"Each year we've found ways to stay under our budget and return money to the county. We've had to make those tough choices. We need a county commission that will both make those tough choices but also work to find new sources of revenue," Tucker said. Instead, she said

the commission has placed the burden on taxpayers.

According to her, the county could be attracting revenue from the outside by encouraging more visitors and residential growth.

"As a proud lifelong Republican. I believe in the values of conservative governance, and I believe now more than ever, we need real conservative governance in Bradford County," she said.

This set of candidates was asked about improving fire services in rural areas. Germano said it would cost even more money than had already been spent, but the Speedville station needs to be brought up to code and living quarters added so it can operate 24/7.

Riddick defended the county's prior investment in the Speedville station, saying support came from a few sources, including volunteers and the RV park.

"Anybody that knows me knows that I have been working hard on fire protection ever since I've been in office," he said.

Tucker suggested using state aid to make improvements in the Speedville station. In addition to more firefighters, she said her heart was with law enforcement, and more public safety personnel on the road would help the whole county.

Soil and water group meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office.

There will be a discussion about the conditions of Alligator Creek, Lake Sampson and the Sampson Canal, and the increased risk of flooding that may result from blockages in the drainage system. There will also be reports on the status of district projects and activities.

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(Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings. For such purpose, said person may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.) F.S. 286.0105

UNION COUNTY

Elections office training and upgrading security

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Poll workers for the Union County Supervisor of Elections Office underwent training on August 3-4, 2022 to learn about new laws and equipment and to also review protocols for election security and voter health protections in preparation for the upcoming Primary (Aug. 23). In addition, on Aug. 5, voting machines were put through a logic and accuracy test and security assessment at the SOE office. A representative from the Florida Division of Elections observed the testing.

On Aug. 3, 2022 poll workers, both clerks and assistant clerks, were trained on the new Electronic Voter Identification Device (EVID). This new device makes voter check-in faster and more secure by scanning the voters driver's license and transmitting the information to the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office where it is scanned automatically for the voters information, identity, eligibility to vote and registration information. Before the EVID machines were put into service it was often necessary for the



The Logic and Accuracy Test Group at the SOE Office last week. (l-r) Karen Shealy (secretary for the canvassing board), Linda Hastings (Bureau Chief of Voting Systems Certification for the Florida Division of Elections), Debbie Osborne (Union County Supervisor of Elections and member of the Canvassing Board), Billy Hall (IT Specialist for the UC SOE) and Lacey Cannon (County Commission District 4 incumbent and candidate).

process to be done by hand. Using this system the validity of the license is guaranteed.

Poll workers also trained on

the new Express Vote machines — an advance in accessibility, convenience and ease of use for any voter with disabilities.

On Aug. 4 training was conducted for the polling place inspectors, machine operators and the Union County deputies (sworn into this special duty by Sheriff Brad Whitehead) who will be providing security at the elections office and all of the polling places. Much of this training was educating

and reviewing the workers on the Florida Statutes affecting the primary election and other rules and regulations they are to follow while conducting them. Time was also taken to allow the workers to become familiar with the newly mandated Spanish language ballots.

Between the two training days the SOE office provided necessary training and review to 50 poll workers, many who have served in past year and a few new ones as well.

Also provided by the SOE office was the official list of the members of the Canvassing Board for both the 2022 Primary and General Elections. The board must be comprised of the county judge, the Chairman of the County Commission and the Supervisor of Elections. Alternates must also be named in case one of the primary members is unable to serve.

The Canvassing Board will be made up of: the Honorable Judge Mitchell Bishop as Chairman (with the Honorable Bo Bayer serving as the alternate), County Commission Chair James Tallman (with County Commissioner Ryan Perez as the alternate) and Supervisor of Elections Deborah Osborne (with County Commissioner Travis Willie Croft as the alternate).

The Canvassing Board is present to certify the election.

Among the boards duties are tabulating the Vote by Mail ballots, duplicate (fill out) standard ballots for those received by fax (mostly from members of the military) as the machines will not accept faxed ballots, remarking damaged ballots (with clear preferences stated but damaged so they would not be accepted by the machine) and verifying signatures as necessary.

The board will be on-site for both the primary and general elections to accomplish their tasks as they occur, thus speeding up the tabulation of the votes and generating the results.

SOE Deborah Osborne wants to remind all Union County voters that early voting for the Primary Election on Aug. 23, 2020 will be held on Aug. 13-20, 2022. Early voting will take place at the SOE Office, located at 175 West Main St. in Lake Butler on Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

"My staff and I are working hard at getting ready for these elections, making sure that everyone who wishes to vote is able to do so in a secure and safe manner," Osborne said. "Everyone here is ready to perform their duties and serve the voters of Union County to the best of their ability."

Library ends summer with a splash

BY MARY BROWN
Union County Public Library

A fun time was had by all at the library's annual end of summer water party on July 21st!

Each year a host of local organizations attend, set up tables and give away fun goodies to the children and families. Agencies that attended and helped to make this year's event a success include: Union County Health Department, Union County 4-H, Union County Supervisor of Elections, Guardian Ad Litem, Alachua County Victims Advocate, Florida Center for Independent Living. Additionally, a new feature this year included representatives from Jacksonville Disc Golf Club — New World Sports and Gainesville Disc Golf Club —



Dad Joey Dicks gets cooled off in the dunking booth.

A big hit each year with the children includes a giant water slide and the appearance of the Union County Fire Department with their giant firetruck spraying water.

The Union County Friends of the Library provided hotdogs and refreshments and the New River Public Library Cooperative helped out with overall funding for this big event. Volunteers are pooled from the teen organization, Junior Friends of the Library.

"The library staff and volunteers work very hard each year to bring fun, quality programming to our community. We always look forward to our annual water party — it's a winner every time!" stated Library Director, Mary Brown.

Gainesville Chain Hawks. Golf pros were on hand to give away lots of discs and prizes and show kids and adults how to throw discs in baskets.



Blakelyn McNutt and Sadie Cayton enjoy the giant slide.



James and Matt Brown show the Desire family (Treavon, Stella and Mom, Suzanne, how to throw discs.



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Raymond Leroy Addison, 47, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Aug. 6 for an out-of-county warrant.

Shannon Marie Chabot-Chisholm, 42, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Aug. 1 for failure to appear.

Jacquara Octavia George, 32, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on July 30 for assault.

Noah Caleb Goodin, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Aug. 2 for a probation violation.

Chasity Shianne Hannah, 38, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Aug. 2 for failure to appear, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Shywon D. Hawkins, 24, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Aug. 5 for assault, obstructing justice and false imprisonment.

Carl Lester Laycock, 38, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Aug. 2 for fraud-swindle.

Jada Nicole Minter, 24, of Chester Virginia was arrested by Bradford deputies on Aug. 1 for a probation violation.

Kathy Lynn Minton, 60, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Aug. 3 for larceny.

Herbert Augusta Mullaly, 23, of Orange Park was arrested by Bradford deputies on Aug. 3 for sexual assault.

Chadly Derick Richey, 41, of Waldo was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 31 for out-of-county warrants, possession of drugs, possession of marijuana and a probation violation.

Union

Wesley Glen Addison, 21, of Archer was arrested by Union deputies on Aug. 8 for larceny and for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense.

Jerry Ray Bennefield, 48, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Union deputies on July 19 for probation violations.

Anthony Ryan Carlo, 27, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on July 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

David Allen Carlisle, 42, of Alachua was arrested by Union deputies on Aug. 1 for aggravated assault.

Michael Shawn Gibson, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 28 for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, destroying evidence, escape and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Herbert Lynn Kelly Jr., 20, of Alachua was arrested by Union deputies on July 28 for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, destroying evidence, escape and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Willie Annette King, 61, of Chiefland was arrested by Union deputies on Aug. 6 for trafficking in drugs and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Kyle Mitchell McSpadden, 30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 29 for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, destroying evidence, escape and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Randy Randell Randolph III,

30, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 31 for trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Crystal Marie Schneider, 35, of Salem, Indiana was arrested by Union deputies on July 27 for a probation violation.

Brian Matthew Shipp, 39, of Lake City was arrested by Union deputies on July 27 for a probation violation.

Brannon Leo Smith, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 27 for attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense, criminal mischief with property damage, burglary, destroying evidence, escape and smuggling contraband into a correctional facility.

Shawn Devon Steward, 43, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on Aug. 2 for an out-of-county warrant.

Joshua Paul Thompson, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 29 for a probation violation.

Traver Lane Tetstone, 30, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on July 27 for a probation violation.

Colton Wesley White, 20, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on July 21 for a probation violation.

Clay

Virginia Mayo Bennett, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on July 30 for aggravated assault.

Clayton William Holstein, 47, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Aug. 3 for resisting an officer.

Christian Zephania Kocher, 27, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Aug. 4 for possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell and possession of drug equipment.

Duncan James Lloyd, 20, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on July 31 for failure to appear.

Deputy gets probation after DUI, crash

Bradford criminal court dispositions for July 26 and 27

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE— A defendant who was a Clay County deputy at the time of his arrest was sentenced to probation after pleading to DUI.

Christopher Allen Coldiron, 48, was sentenced to 12 months' probation and time served: two days for the Dec. 29, 2021, offense of DUI. The state dropped additional charges of DUI with property damage and failure to yield.

According to an arrest report, Coldiron, 47, of Lawtey was arrested by FHP Trooper Jeffery Naeyaert after a crash that occurred at 10:22 p.m.

Naeyaert wrote that he was dispatched to a crash at the intersection of State Road 16 and County Road 233 north of Starke when he saw a silver Dodge Ram with damage to the left rear.

"I observed Vehicle 2, a blue in color Chevrolet pickup truck... with damage to its front right," he added.

Naeyaert wrote that Coldiron, the driver of the silver Dodge, told him that he was driving on 233, turned right, and didn't remember anything after that.

The driver of the blue Chevrolet said that while he was driving northbound on 16, the Dodge ran the four-way stop at the intersection and that he could not avoid hitting the Dodge.

The trooper added: "While speaking with Mr. Coldiron, I observed the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and breath. I observed Mr. Coldiron to be unsteady on his feet and his eyes to be bloodshot and watery."

Naeyaert wrote that Coldiron said he had just left Timbuktu, a U.S. 301 bar and package store, and was heading for his girlfriend's house at the time of the crash.

"When asked if he had consumed anything to drink," Naeyaert wrote, "he stated, 'about 6 beers and a shot of Crown Apple.' I asked if he was having dinner while drinking, and he stated it was a family get-together."

The trooper wrote that based on the results of standardized field sobriety exercises, he arrested Coldiron for DUI.

He added that the defendant refused to provide a breath sample.

"It should be noted, on multiple occasions," Naeyaert concluded, "Mr. Coldiron spontaneously uttered 'I'm (expletive deleted)' and 'my career is over.'"

According to Clay County Sheriff's Office social media, Coldiron served as the agency's director of detention.

Choked family member for not helping with chores

Cynthia Odon Barnum, 59, was sentenced to 12 months' probation and time served: two days for the July 12 offense of domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, witnesses told arresting officer Bradford Deputy Jacob Desue that the defendant screamed at them for not helping with household chores, then lunged at a male family member, putting her hands around his neck. Another family member pulled Barnum off the victim.

"During my initial interview with Cynthia," Desue wrote, "she

appeared severely intoxicated... and stated she was not the primary aggressor."

Ally Marie Bly, 19, signed a pre-trial intervention agreement for the July 3 offense of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Got free food from Subway, stole phone

Dashawn Wingfield Charvonta, 22, was sentenced to 18 months' probation for the June 12 offense of grand theft.

According to an arrest report, the defendant walked into the Lawtey Subway restaurant, sat down, and rested his head on a table. An employee of the store, concerned about the stranger's health, bought the man a sandwich. Video surveillance showed that while the employee was serving other customers, the defendant took the woman's phone, which she had placed on a nearby table, and walked away. The phone was valued at \$1,200.

Lawtey Police Officer Robert T. Jordan wrote in the report that he located the defendant walking north near the southbound lanes of U.S. 301 and, while conducting a search for officer safety, discovered the phone in the defendant's right pocket. Jordan added that when he told Wingfield he was being arrested for grand theft, the defendant replied: "Grand theft, man I just took the phone off the table."

Threatened to cut ex-girlfriend's throat

Jonathan Austin Deutsch, 42, was sentenced to one year probation for the Jan. 3 offense of assault.

According to an arrest report, the defendant's ex-girlfriend told police that she and the defendant were arguing about their relationship when the defendant slapped the victim and threatened to cut her throat.

Robert Olin Fulgham, 47, was sentenced to time served: 15 days for the Jan. 24 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Dylan Craig Hurt, 23, was sentenced to three years' drug offender probation and time served: 26 days for the June 4, 2021, offenses of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shot gun in backyard, hit neighbor's house

Cassandra Flowers Johnson, 42, was sentenced to 12 months' probation for the Feb. 10 offense of discharging a firearm in public. The state dropped additional charges of firing a missile into a dwelling and using a firearm while under the influence.

According to an arrest report, a resident living near the Keystone Golf and Country Club said he heard gunfire and then rounds striking his home.

Johnson, along with co-defendant Robert C. Godwin was arrested for weapons offenses.

Deputies found three bullet holes on the outside of the victim's home and recovered three projectiles in the house, finding one 15 feet away from where the victim's 17-year-old daughter was sleeping.

"While talking to (the victim), I was notified by dispatch that Robert Godwin called into dispatch and told them that he was shooting fireworks at his house," wrote arresting officer Glen Ward in the report.

The victim told deputies

he believed the rounds came from Godwin's home, based on previous problems with the neighbor.

The victim's and defendant's properties are approximately 780 feet apart, separated only by open golf course between the two parcels.

When deputies first contacted the defendants, they stuck to Godwin's claim that they were only shooting off fireworks in the backyard.

"After separating the suspects and further questioning," Ward wrote, "Cassandra admitted that she and Robert were both shooting guns outside."

Godwin also admitted to shooting an AM-15 rifle, while Johnson confessed to shooting a 9mm handgun.

Deputies found red markings on two of the rounds recovered in the home, which corresponded to a red ballistic tip found in the magazine of the 9mm.

Godwin admitted to being intoxicated and told deputies he was shooting the rifle to mourn the death of a close friend.

"It should be noted that both Godwin and Johnson have lived in the area for several years and are familiar with the fact that there are occupied residences close by Godwin's house," a deputy wrote in the arrest report. "Both were also shooting guns late at night into the darkness without a proper and safe backdrop to prevent any bullets from continuing down range to an unknown destination."

Godwin earlier pled to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, discharging a firearm in public, and using a firearm while under the influence. He was sentenced to time served: one day and five years' probation.

Randal Eugene Manning, 41, was sentenced to six months' probation for the Jan. 13 offense of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Stole car while victim was in shower

Timothy Peter Magruder, 22, was sentenced to 13 months in prison for the March 6, 2018, offense of grand theft auto.

According to court papers, the victim told Starke police that he met the defendant the previous night. The defendant asked for the victim's car keys to retrieve his phone charger. The victim gave Magruder the keys, then took a shower. The defendant and his 2014 Volkswagen Jetta were gone when the victim exited the shower.

Police located the car in Jacksonville using a GPS device, and Jacksonville sheriff's deputies arrested Magruder after finding him seated in the Volkswagen.

Ashley Jean McCoy, 36, was sentenced to 24 months' probation for the March 6 offense of grand theft auto.

Emily Nicole Middleton, 41, was sentenced to time served: 32 days and 18 months' drug offender probation for the June 26 offenses of driving with a suspended or revoked license-habitual offender and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Cole Smith, 24, was sentenced to 13 months in prison for the Feb. 25 offenses of possession of methamphetamine and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

The state dropped charges against Gernard Lemar Williams Jr. for the June 16 offense of driving without a valid license.

After DUI arrest, state agrees to deferred prosecution

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — A 39-year-old Starke woman will not face a DUI charge if she fulfills the terms of a deferred prosecution agreement she signed in July.

Georgia Montez Reddish was arrested by FHP troopers on June 5.

In an arrest report, Trooper J.E. Farley wrote that he saw Reddish's black Chevrolet truck continuously drift within its designated lane and onto the lane markers while traveling on State Road 16 east, near the Starke Bypass.

Farley added that while conducting a traffic stop the defendant exhibited evidence of impairment, including bloodshot and watery eyes, flushed face and intermittent slurred speech.

After administering field sobriety tests to the driver, the trooper arrested her for DUI.

"I asked Reddish to rate herself on a scale of one to ten; with one being not impaired and ten being too impaired to stand up," Farley wrote. "Reddish replied she rated herself a three."

The trooper added that Reddish refused to submit a breath sample for determining alcohol content.

Under the deferred prosecution

agreement, Reddish must refrain from violating the law for 18 months, pay \$100 in court costs, donate \$500 to Bradford Ecumenical Ministries, complete 48 hours of community service, attend a victim impact panel administered by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, complete DUI school and complete an alcohol-substance abuse evaluation.

If Reddish fulfills the terms of the agreement, she will be allowed to enter a plea of reckless driving with alcohol, and the State will recommend that a judge impose the statutorily required minimum fine for the offense, in lieu of any additional sanction.

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Attorney General's Office and was named Gang Prosecutor of the Year. In private practice, he has worked on defense and said he knows what it's like to defend an innocent man.

"You want someone up on the bench with experience on both sides of the aisle so that we can all get a fair result," he said.

Because they are to remain nonpartisan, judicial candidates had to answer carefully when asked about their judicial philosophy. Brewer said judges should interpret the law and avoid being activists. Martin said foremost it is to treat people with dignity, to listen, and to be fair and impartial.

Skop said the circuit needs

fair and impartial judges, but he also spoke about his values, which he said include "God, country, Constitution, Second Amendment rights and good Christian family values." He said he is the only candidate with rural values and accused Sheriff Gordon Smith, who has endorsed Brewer, of trying to "fool people."

Weisman said he maintains his philosophy from the military and his days as a prosecutor: You have to do what makes sense with what is in front of you.

"If it's right there in front of you in black and white," he said, "you do what the law says."

The forum was sponsored by the Republican Party of Bradford County, held at the Bradford Fairgrounds, hosted by Richard Solze and broadcast on WEAG 106.3.

Voter registration and information

There will be a great community gathering with refreshments provided on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. at Greater Allen Chapel, 746 Pine St. in Starke. Bring someone who needs to register to vote or needs encouragement to vote.

This is a nonpartisan event to encourage exercising the right to vote, and all are welcome to attend. For further information, call 352-283-5536.



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department, so it is important to him. Parks need to be maintained and leagues and tournaments should provide family friendly fun, he said.

Finally, he spoke about elections, saying the commission did a great thing by moving its election to the date of the primary. Steps should be taken to make future city elections occur on the presidential and midterm primaries to increase voter participation, he said.

Candidate Andy Redding began by talking about Starke's history to make the point that the city's growth has stalled since the 1960s. Since the 1950s, the only information about Starke on the internet involves Ted Bundy or fights about the water tower cross and 10 Commandments monument, he said.

"From the outside looking in, someone could say we've been on pause since the 1960s," he said, pointing out the city's population had only grown by around 1,000 residents since that time. It took 60 years to grow the city's population 20%. Florida has grown by 10% in the past two years, he said.

"My grandfather was a Baptist preacher, and he said if an entity

is not growing, it is dying. Are we dying as a town? Definitely not. We're pumped and primed for the future," Redding said.

That means supporting sustainable growth in businesses and jobs.

"We have been and we still are the quickest way to access Florida from north to south, and from east to west. We have to develop and maintain a strong reliable infrastructure that is ahead of the curve to attract and retain businesses that can provide wages to our citizens that make them want to come here, stay here and develop a life here."

Planning for growth means improving roads, increasing water supply, expanding sewer capacity and providing access to high speed internet. The community also needs to embrace its schools to help children succeed at home and beyond, he said.

Joyce Johns appeared to speak on behalf of candidate Lex Sanders, who she said was sick with COVID. She said her boss was a Starke native and has been practicing law in the city of Starke for 20 years.

"His concerns are the same as the concerns that you have. How can we make Starke a better place to live all of us?"

Like all residents, Johns said Sanders is concerned with high

utility bills, but also with how more people can be drawn to experience what Starke has to offer.

"There is a lot of pride in Starke, and we have fellowship and godly people that cling together and make things happen in our community," she said.

"Lex is doing this solely because he loves his community that he's lived in all of his life, and to help Starke to find ways to flourish in the years to come," she said.

District 1 candidates were asked about potentially consolidating some city and county services. Heeder said the opportunity is there, but he does not support it. Again, he focused on the city's future, saying it will grow and needs to be able to serve its own citizens.

"A municipality hinges on its ability to serve an urban area," he said. "Ultimately, the city residents are living in a city and they pay for city services, and they deserve those city services. If you live in the county, you take the risk. If you live in New River, Brooker, you know that it's going to take longer to get law enforcement or fire rescue to you. That is because of where you live. If you live in the city and you pay for city services, you deserve a city response time of two minutes, two and

a half minutes, three minutes. That's what you get in the city of Starke, and I believe that's the way it should remain."

Nugent said city and county agencies work well together, but the city is not interested in consolidating services.

District 5 candidates were asked what voters had been telling them about Starke's most critical issues.

Crews said it might not be critical, but he spoke more about increasing voter turnout by permanently moving election dates.

Redding said high electric bills, which is something he has vowed to take on. He also readdressed the importance of infrastructure to the city's future.

Johns said she and Sanders have often spoken about electric bills. Even seniors whose mortgages are paid off may be choosing between paying utility bills and taxes or buying food and medicine, she said. That is something Sanders is focused on, in addition to working together to improve the city as a whole.

The Aug. 4 forum was sponsored by the Republican Party of Bradford County, held at the Bradford Fairgrounds, hosted by Richard Solze and broadcast on WEAG 106.3.

Starke suspending utility disconnections

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — As elevated fuel prices and a hot summer continue to result in staggeringly high utility bills, the city of Starke will temporarily suspend disconnections and give customers more time to pay their bills in full.

To be clear, bills are not being canceled. Every charge accumulated will eventually need to be paid, but residential and business customers will be able to carry some of that debt into the fall when usage to drop because of the milder weather.

City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, who had already been working with individual customers, brought a more formal plan to the commission Aug. 2. As a result, disconnections will be suspended through Sept. 30 and late fees will not be accumulated.

The policy will apply to accounts with balances of \$300 or less. So, if your bill is \$450, you would pay at least \$150 and carry any unpaid balance forward to settle later.

According to the city, the same

policy will extend from Oct. 1 to 31, but the balance requirement drops to accounts with balances of \$150 or less.

Deferments will end in November, and all current and past due amounts will be due. Even in the interim, the city is urging customers to remain as current as possible on paying bills and not fall too far behind.

Irrigation meters discounted

Water and sewer rates increased as a result of the debt acquired to rebuild the city's wastewater plant.

Those whose water bills are impacted by higher usage due to watering lawns and filling pools may want to investigate installing an irrigation filter.

The city is temporarily making that more affordable by offering a 30% discount on the cost, which can vary by meter size.

Contact the city manager's office for more information at 904-964-5027. The discount period will expire at the end of December.

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Boettcher, Ford are 2022 Dr. Franklin Scholarship recipients

Brandon “Bo” Boettcher and Raven Ford are the recipients of this year’s Dr. Benjamin Franklin Recognition Day Scholarships.

The scholarship, named after a former member of Lawtey’s Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, is in the amount of \$1,500 and awarded to a student with an interest in medical/health professions.

Applicants were required to write an essay on their goals, objectives and need for financial assistance.

Boettcher, a resident of Keystone Heights who graduated from Keystone Heights High School in 2008, is married to Catherine. They have two children: Colin and Christian. Boettcher is currently enrolled in the part-time Practical Nursing Program at North Florida Technical College. (His sister, Morgan, is a recent NFIC Licensed Practical Nursing graduate.) He’s a certified nursing assistant and wants to specialize in pediatric nursing upon graduation in June 2023. Boettcher plans to start his nursing career as an LPN and continue his education toward becoming a registered nurse.

When asked to give advice to those considering a career change, Boettcher, who is changing careers himself, said, “Even if you think it’s impossible, or life is too busy with work and kids and a spouse, if you buckle down and have the drive, you can choose your dreams and aspirations.”

Ford is a 2022 graduate of Bradford High School. She said it’s “still crazy” to think of herself as a BHS alumnus.

In a statement submitted by Ford, she wrote: “Growing up in such a small county, I always wished to be in high school and leave for college. Now that I’m here, I realize that it has taught me a lot.

“Having to be around people who envy you has made me the way I am today. My mom always tried her best to keep my peace from being disturbed by these types of people, and I’ve realized now that she was making me see that no matter how nice, respectable and kind you are, people will always be there to dim your light. Carrying this with me — and the Lord — I have conquered many obstacles and successfully graduated with high



ABOVE: Brandon Boettcher, a 2008 Keystone Heights High School graduate, is a nursing student at North Florida Technical College. **LEFT:** Raven Ford is a 2022 Bradford High School graduate.

honors.

“Even though you face hard times in school, work and at home, never quit, because as long as you’re trying your best, that’s all that matters.

“Receiving this scholarship will help me continue to do my best and be the best by getting things I need for my labs and

books needed for my classes.

“The biggest thank you goes to the founders of the Dr. Franklin Scholarship for choosing me as one of the recipients. I would also like to thank my family, friends and True Vine Ministries for supporting me throughout my life and pushing me this far to get where I am now.”

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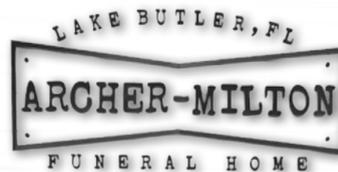


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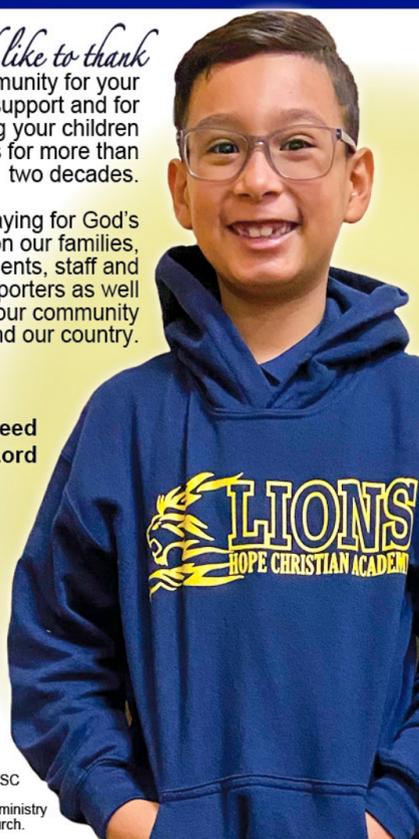
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AUTOS, BUSES, PEDESTRIANS: SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

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SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG PEDESTRIANS

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they’re walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don’t block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don’t honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

SCHOOL DAYS BRING CONGESTION

School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying

to drop their kids off before work. It’s never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present — especially before and after school.

IF YOU’RE DROPPING OFF

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don’t double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don’t load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

If you’re driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind — or from either direction if you’re on an undivided road — if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus

- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks



Martha and Calvin Lee

Lees celebrate 55th anniversary

Calvin and Martha Lee celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in Tampa on July 29 with family and friends.

Martha graduated from Bradford High School in 1964 and worked throughout the state and for the federal government in

data processing and computers.

Calvin, who graduated from Cambridge in 2001, is a former Duval County Soil and Water commissioner and a retiree of the Army and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.



Starke Kiwanis Club supports world-level weightlifters

The Kiwanis Club of Starke, at its July 19 meeting, made a donation of \$1,500 to Courtney Comer and Mahailya Reeves, who will be competing at the International Powerlifting Federation Worlds in Istanbul. Comer and Reeves helped Bradford High School win its first-ever girls weightlifting state championship in 2021-22. Pictured in the foreground (l-r) are Comer, Reeves, Raiford Wreckshop Trainer and BHS Girls Weightlifting Coach Bryan Griffis and Kiwanis of Starke President Brad Smith. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Starke's First Baptist welcomes Tennessee native Page as pastor

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Matthew Page already knew that he was in the right place because it's where God wanted him to be, but he has received confirmation from the people of Starke and Bradford County, who have given him and his family a warm welcome.

Page is the new pastor at First Baptist Church of Starke. He said he, his wife of 11 years, Heather, and their two children — 8-year-old Hudson and 7-year-old Emmeline — feel right at home. In fact, Page joked that his family has been the recipient of so many cakes and pies that he's got to get into the gym and work out.

"They love on you really well in this community," Page said, adding, "The love that's in the community has been overwhelming for my family, not just from First Baptist Church of Starke, but from Starke itself."

It's quite a different experience for Page, who served in the ministry at Brentwood Baptist Church for 13 years. Brentwood, Tennessee, is a suburb of Nashville. Interactions with people there are different, Page said, pointing out that it's not a knock against the people of Nashville. It's just that the culture in Nashville is different.

"One of the things I am adjusting to is in a big city, you ask somebody how they're doing, they're like, 'Oh, I'm good.' Then they'll go on home and shut the door," Page said. "Here, it's a 20-, 30-, 40-minute or an hour conversation. I wasn't used to that in Nashville. People don't give you that time."

Page said Starke gives him a feeling of nostalgia, reminding him of his time as a youth when he grew up on a farm in Jackson, Tennessee.

Starke also gives him a feeling of purpose. That comes from seeing statistics of the number of church people and the number of unchurched people in the area. In fact, Page had his sights set on Florida as a state to make a move to because the North American Mission Board classifies the entire state as a "Send City," or a place where the number of unchurched people is greater than the number of church people.

"I took a mission journey here (in Florida) years ago and just immediately connected with and felt drawn to the area," Page said.

Page wasn't immediately drawn to a career in ministry, but that, too, is exactly where God wanted him.

Mission trip leads



Matthew Page, the new pastor at First Baptist Church of Starke, is pictured with his wife, Heather, and their children: Hudson and Emmeline. Photo provided courtesy of Page.

to prayer about future and career

In Jackson, Tennessee, Page grew up on a farm that produced such things as cotton, hay, beans and corn. He said he wasn't required to do a lot of work on the farm, especially since he played football for the private

school he went to. Still, there were times where he pitched in. He remembered helping his grandfather pick cotton.

Page didn't have a lot of down time. He said if he did, it would be filled with doing something.

"I come from a family of hard

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Bengals' Hurst gives \$10K to BHS football program

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football program received a pleasant surprise in the form of a \$10,000 donation toward chartering buses for away games from NFL player Hayden Hurst.

Hurst's parents, Jerry and Cathy, presented Varsity Head Coach Jamie Rodgers with a check on Aug. 5.

"We've had a place down here for eight or 10 years," said Jerry Hurst, who lives with his wife in a home on Sampson Lake. "Hayden loves coming out here and seeing the place and just being a part of the community."

Jerry said his son has come to love the community so much, he wanted to make a donation to the BHS football program.

"He didn't play here," Rodgers said. "It's something he didn't have to do. It's just something he's doing to be generous."

While the \$10,000 will go specifically toward transportation to away games, which was Hayden Hurst's idea, the BHS program will benefit from an additional \$5,000 that can go toward other needs, thanks to a matching program by the NFL. The Hurst family will take care of all the paperwork and requirements to receive the matching funds.

Jerry Hurst, in presenting the donation, remembered his time as



Bradford High School Head Football Coach Jamie Rodgers (far left) receives a \$10,000 donation from Jerry and Cathy Hurst on behalf of their son, Hayden, who's a tight end for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

a football player at Jacksonville's The Bolles School, which is also where Hayden played. He was part of a team in 1974 that had a losing record, with one of those losses coming against BHS by a score of 27-9.

The following season, the team had a new head coach, who went about changing the culture. Jerry Hurst said that included chartering buses for away games as well as providing such things as new travel outfits.

"We went from going 3-6-1 and getting our butts beat every Friday to 10-0 the next year and the first district championship," Jerry Hurst said, adding, "It was just by changing the attitude. Changing the culture."

Rodgers told the Hursts he had

been having conversations with the Touchdown Club's Jimmie Clark about changing the culture at BHS and wanting to have the team ride charter buses to games. They didn't know how they were going to get the funds to make that happen. Rodgers said two days later, he got the call from Jerry Hurst about Hayden's donation.

"God works in mysterious ways," Cathy Hurst said.

Hayden Hurst, a tight end who's entering his fifth season in the NFL and first with the Bengals, has proven his willingness to help others. The \$10,000 to the BHS football program was a personal donation, but he also makes donations through the Hayden Hurst Family Foundation. The

foundation supports schools and veterans in the areas of mental health.

Southside Elementary School will benefit this year from the foundation, which is providing the In Focus curriculum as part of the school's social/emotional learning program (see related story).

Hurst, a 2012 Bolles graduate, was drafted to play baseball by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He later left baseball and walked on at South Carolina University to play football. Hurst went on to earn All-SEC honors and became South Carolina's all-time leader in career receptions for a tight end. He also set school records for most receptions and receiving yards in a season by a tight end.

Hurst Family Foundation supports Southside Elementary's SEL program

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Southside Elementary School, as part of its social/emotional learning program, will incorporate the In Focus curriculum, which will be fully funded by the Hayden Hurst Family Foundation.

"I was very excited when they decided to provide this for us," said Southside Principal Cassie Melvin, adding, "It's something that all of our staff are going to be trained on, so it's not only just in our social/emotional learning class."

In Focus consists of presenting a 10-minute lesson daily. Lessons address the root causes of violence, bullying, drug use and disruptive classroom behavior.

Teachers are provided with background information for each lesson as well as a script to go off of in presenting the lesson. Many of the lessons tie into the development of reading, writing, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) skills.

"It'll be something (teachers) can use to start their day," Melvin said. "It has a Focus of the Day and Quote of the Day. There are activities laid out already for them. It's not something where my teachers have to think, 'Oh, this is one more thing I have to do.' It's really already kind of laid out for you."

"It's supposed to set the groundwork for communication with students in a positive way."

The Hayden Hurst Family Foundation provides support to schools and veterans in the area of mental health, which is important to the foundation's namesake, Hayden Hurst, who plays tight end with the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals. Hurst, a 2012 graduate of Jacksonville's The Bolles School, was drafted to play baseball by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He struggled with depression and alcohol and drug abuse. Following therapy and the support of his family, Hurst left baseball and walked on at South Carolina University to play football. He enjoyed All-SEC honors and set several school records before being drafted in the first round by the Baltimore Ravens in 2018.

Hurst's parents, Jerry and Cathy, have been Bradford County residents for approximately a decade.

Melvin first learned of the foundation when she was at Brooker Elementary School. She

received a call from Jerry Hurst, who said that in looking for area schools to support, he became aware of the school in Brooker. He told Melvin the foundation wanted to partner with the school.

"I, at first, didn't believe it," Melvin said. "I was like, 'This guy's telling me his son plays for the NFL, and I'm sitting here at Brooker Elementary.'"

Melvin said the foundation "made quite a generous monetary donation" to the school and provided things like T-shirts for the students.

Since then, Jerry Hurst has remained in contact with Melvin. She said even when the Brooker school closed and she moved to Southside, Hurst has called her to ask how things were going and if she needed anything.

That led to the discussion about implementing the In Focus curriculum, which Melvin had been interested in since her time at Brooker.

"I reached out to Mr. Jerry and said, 'Hey, are you guys still

interested in partnering with us?' He got me in touch with his wife, Cathy," Melvin said. "Long story short, they are funding In Focus for us 100 percent."

According to research conducted at Chicago's Everhart Elementary and Longmont, Colorado's Timberline K-8 — schools with a student population that's 90-percent low income — the following was experienced after one year (2016-17) of implementing In Focus — 82-percent reduction in fighting, 67-percent reduction in harassment and offensive language, 54-percent reduction in behavior referrals, 33-percent reduction in bullying and 55-percent increase in attendance.

Southside teachers and staff participated in training on Aug. 8 with In Focus author Tom McSheehy, the founder and director of Teaching Heart Institute, which is devoted to training and supporting teachers and parents in developing children's social and emotional

intelligence.

Melvin said the In Focus curriculum is going to tie into the culture she and Assistant Principal Laurén Morgan are wanting to create at the school.

"That's something we were really passionate about last year, building the culture and letting the kids know that we really love them and that we're here for them and that they have someone to talk to," Melvin said. "I think (In Focus) is going to facilitate having those hard conversations and teaching these kids what's socially accepted behavior, which is really important to us."

If you'd like to find out more about In Focus and the Hayden Hurst Family Foundation, visit teachingheartinstitute.com and haydenhurstfoundation.com.

The Baltimore Ravens took Hurst with one of their two first-round draft picks in 2018, but injuries opened the door for the tight end the Ravens drafted in the third round — Mark Andrews, who's a Pro Bowler.

In 2020, Hurst was traded to Atlanta, but his playing time decreased in 2021 after the

Falcons drafted Florida's Kyle Pitts in the first round. Hurst signed a one-year contract with the Bengals this year as a free agent and has been a standout in camp.

Cathy Hurst spoke with BHS football players about her son's journey and encouraged them to be like her son, to never give up.

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Obituaries

Anita Griffis

On Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022 at 3:21 p.m., Anita "Mema" Griffis, surrounded by her family, slipped from this earth into heaven and the arms of her Lord. She was born Sept. 29, 1943 in Rocky Sunk in Suwannee County. An almost lifelong resident of Starke, she was married to Doyce Albert Griffis for 60 years. Together they had four children; Doyce Dean Griffis, Tyffany Suezette Griffis Wishart, Polly Griffis (Richie) Smith, and Amy Beth Griffis. In addition, she had five grandchildren; Houston McClain, BriAnn Wishart (Brandon) Thomas, Daniel Wishart, Briar Smith, and Jozee Smith; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leon Bruce "Red" Alvarez and Thelma Priest Alvarez; brother, Travis Alvarez; and mother, Wanda Faye Whitfield. She is survived by her sister, Patricia Alvarez Neely. She was a registered nurse most of her adult life. Employed at both Starke and Alachua General Hospital in Gainesville, her passion for nursing was evident in the love and care of her patients and co-workers which were never just patients or co-workers, they were her family as well. This love for others carried through to others where most knew her best as Mema. She had countless "adopted" children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her love for others was only surpassed by her love for her Lord, Savior, and closest friend, Jesus Christ.

Services for will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m., with the viewing being held from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 13393 SE CR 100A, Starke. A time to meet with the family will follow in the fellowship hall.

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

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James Rupp

James (Jim) Eugene Rupp of Tallahassee, formerly of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife and three daughters on Sunday, July 31, 2022, at Margaret Dozier Hospice House in Tallahassee.

He was born on Dec. 25, 1948 in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania to John and Dorothy Rupp. He proudly served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was employed by the Department of Corrections until his retirement in 2005 after 30 years of service. He married the love of his life, Carol (Eib) Rupp, on Sept. 3, 1971. During their 50 years of marriage, they loved traveling to Georgia and North Carolina. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Dorothy Rupp; and son-in-law Walter Boatwright.

In addition to his wife, Carol, he is survived by his daughters, Diane Boatwright of Tallahassee, Sharon (Roger) Parrish of Lake Butler and Tracy (Bryan) Robinson of Tallahassee; brother John (Valerie) Rupp; sisters, Jackie Dougherty and Sandy Rupp; grandsons, Matthew and Tyler; granddaughters, Daisy (Brian) Thornton, Heather (Matt) Liston and Ashton Blanton; great-granddaughter, Taylor; great-grandsons, Shaun and Noah; stepgrandchildren, Bronson (Noriko), Bryanna (Tony), Brody (Bayli) and Brooke; stepgreat-grandchildren, Ellie and Charley.

The funeral service will be held at the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Friday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. There will be a reception following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Big Bend Hospice.

Arrangements under the care of Beggs Funeral Homes, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, 32311, 850-942-2929.

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Eugene Snipes

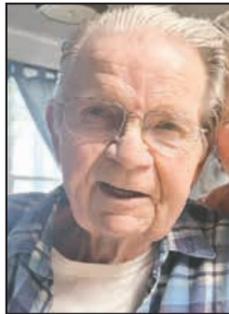
Eugene "Gene" Lonzo Snipes, 76, of Keystone Heights passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, in Orange Park. He was born Sept. 3, 1945, in Suwannee County to John S. and Ruthie L. (Purvis) Snipes. He was a retired master plumber and pipe fitter working many years at the Jacksonville Ship Yard and paper mills. He also worked in real-estate and enjoyed working in his yard. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Shelby (Bradshaw) Snipes; and a grandson, Jerrimy Sumner.

He is survived by his children, Tammy Snipes (Charles "Stewart") Browning and Kevin Snipes both of Starke, and Timmy (Tina) Hackney of Green Cove Springs. Also left behind are his sisters, Betty Ann Baxter of Atlantic Beach, Ruby (J. D.) Moore of Palatka; and a brother, John "Tommy" Snipes of Jacksonville. He was lovingly called "Papa" by Jason Hackney, Garrett Hackney, Christopher Sumner and Travis Ryan Horne; and great-grandchildren, Paislee, Xavier Sumner and Elijah Sumner.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, Aug. 11, beginning at 10 a.m. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Rick Jackson officiating. Interment will follow at Keystone Heights Cemetery.

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Vaughn Prescott

Vaughn Prescott, 85, of Kingsley Lake passed away Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022 at his residence. He was born on March 28, 1937 in Baker County to the late Lonnie and Myrtie (Griffis) Prescott and was a lifelong area resident. He was a member of the Bradford High class of 1956 and a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Starke. Prior to retirement, he was the co-owner of Lawtey Tire and Lube Service. He was a "Jack of all Trades" and enjoyed mowing grass, being outside, and just staying busy piddling.

Survivors are his wife of 66 years, Rachel (Norman) Prescott of Kingsley Lake; children, Mike (Debi) Prescott and Donna (Sammy) Sheppard all of Kingsley Lake. He was lovingly called "Papa" by his grandchildren, Alicia (Ed) Bennett, Brittany (Bryan) Morris, Alan (Stacey) Prescott and Haley Sheppard. He was called "Papa Vaughn" by his great-grandchildren, Aiden, Jordan and Briar.

The family will receive friends at First Baptist Church on Thursday, Aug. 11, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Lester Austin and Pastor Matthew Page officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Baptist Church Cemetery.

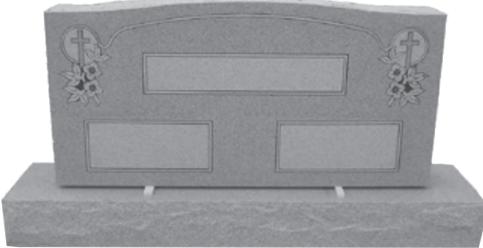
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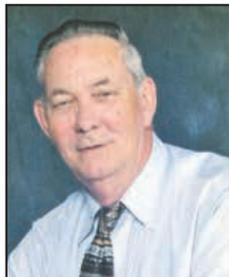
Franklin Davis Starling, 82, of Hilliard passed away on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family and friends. He was born in Green Cove Springs on Feb. 18, 1940, to the late Fleam and Nettie (Chesser) Starling. He had a strong work ethic and was employed with Adcom Wire for 46 years. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, was an avid bowler, and played softball. He grew up in his home church, Oak Grove Baptist Church, and was a current member of Trinity Baptist Church. He loved serving the Lord and worked diligently to teach his family and friends how to live for Christ. Family was extremely important to him, and he always tried to be there for them to lend a helping hand or a helpful word of guidance. He was a father figure, not only to his children, but to his nieces, nephews, and children in the neighborhood. He will be truly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Franklin Scott Starling; and siblings, Thomas Starling, Lucille Cauley, James Starling, and Robert Starling.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 63 years, Alice Sellers Starling; children, Christopher (Patricia) Starling, Gene (Tina) Starling, and Crystal (Alan) Hannah; grandchildren, Jammie (Stefanie) Starling, Tony (Danielle) Starling, Joshua Starling, Tiffany (James) Shrull, Sara (Greg) Kelley, Dustin (Samantha) Starling, Libby Hannah, and Remington Hannah; great-grandchildren, Kelsey Starling, Brianna Shrull, Cody Shrull, Gracelyn Starling, Abbygaile Shrull, Jackson Starling, Sutton Starling, and Jacob Starling; siblings, Martha (Calvin) Lee, Mark Starling, and Timothy (Toni) Starling; along with many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at West Park Baptist Church, 372 Jones Road in Jacksonville with Pastor Robert Bulmer, Pastor Bill Turner, and Pastor Paul Haney officiating. Interment will follow in Sellers Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Blackburn-Curry Funeral & Cremation, 380 N. Lowder St., Macclenny, 32063. 904-259-2806. Please share your condolences with the family online at www.blackburncurryfh.com.

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Susan Whelchel

Susan Slade Whelchel, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 after battling Alzheimer's Disease. She was born the youngest daughter on Aug. 13, 1944 to Flora and Tom Slade in Baxley, Georgia. Her siblings (predeceased) were Tom Slade, Joanne Sawyer, and Flo O'Brien. She soon moved to Starke where she graduated from Bradford County High School. She graduated from Jacksonville University with a degree in political science and did post-graduate work at Florida Atlantic University and Nova Southeastern University. While in Jacksonville, she met her husband, John Whelchel, and married in 1968.

They started their family in Sanford and ultimately relocated to Boca Raton in 1978. She was a strong believer in education. She enjoyed a 30-year teaching career, which culminated at Boca Raton High School. She was heavily involved in the Boca Raton community through non-profits and other organizations. One that was very near and dear to her heart was the Junior League of Boca Raton, where she was named Woman Volunteer of the Year in 2016. Her Junior League service and love of the community led her into Boca Raton, politics which began in 1995. She was elected to the Boca Raton City Council and served three terms, where she served as Deputy Mayor and was Vice-Chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency. She was appointed by then Gov. Jeb Bush to a two-year term on the Palm Beach County School Board, where she served with distinction and successfully enabled a renewed focus and commitment to our local schools. She was most proud of her work in helping to establish Don Estridge Middle School, a high-tech choice public school. She was elected the Mayor of Boca Raton in 2008 and was re-elected and served a second term. Being term limited, she retired from politics in 2014. One of her trademark initiatives was to create a world class community. She had a vision to bring quality education, excellent medical facilities, higher learning opportunities, adequate recreational facilities, public parks and nature centers to the city. She helped Boca achieve its goal in 2015 when it was named the 11th best city in the country. She was an active and dedicated volunteer for over 30 years. In addition to her public service, she spent thousands of hours volunteering in over 30 volunteer organizations. She put Jesus and family first. She was a longtime member and leader at Grace Community Church. She served as a deacon and elder and served on various committees within the church. Like her sisters, Joanne and Flora, she believed life was an amazing journey and participated passionately in everything that held her interest. As a child she was an amazing water skier and had a love of horses. She was a member Delta Delta Delta sorority at Jacksonville University. She was a competitive tennis player at Boca Del Mar, Boca Bath and Tennis, and Royal Palm Country Club. She loved books, learning, had a love for dogs, was a marathon bridge player, enjoyed her investment "Blush Group," and played golf to keep in line with her husband John's passion. She enjoyed entertaining and hosting numerous parties. You could always count on her to be the first and the last one on the dance floor. She was an involved and tenacious mother, loving grandmother, devoted daughter and wife. She adored her four children and 10 grandchildren and always insisted on yearly family vacations, matching PJs on Christmas Eve, and balloons at every birthday party.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, John; four children, daughter, Joanne (Tracey) Jackson, son, Jay (Melissa) Whelchel, son, Matthew (Kimmie) Whelchel, and daughter, Kristy (Nick) Hartofilis; grandchildren, Haley, Davis, Makayla, Mary, Jack, Maddie, Caroline, Vivi, Nick, Mira; 10 nieces and nephews; and an abundance of very special friends.

Visitation was held at Babione Funeral Home, 1100 N. Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, on Wednesday, Aug. 10. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 11, at Grace Community Church, 600 W. Camino Real, Boca Raton with Pastor Jason Whitener officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Alzheimer's Community Care. www.alzcare.org, or Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center. fauf.fau.edu/memory-and-wellness-center.

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Philip Worley

CPT Philip Earl Worley (USMC Ret.), 84, of Keystone Heights passed away at his home Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022. He was born Oct. 26, 1937, in Dallas, Texas to the late L. B. "Red" and Connie (Stone) Worley. In 2000, he and his wife moved to Keystone Heights from Texas. While serving in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, he earned the Bronze Star and went from an enlisted rank to a commissioned officer, retiring as Captain. He was an avid runner; and in the 1970s he would run up to 20 miles a day. He enjoyed watching western shows on the television and loved being a Marine.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Nancy (Vaughan) Worley of Keystone Heights; their three daughters, Mary Frances (Billy) Burkholder of Salt Lake City, Utah, Nancy "Leah" (David) Adams of Keystone Heights, and Connie Varie (Britt) Jackson of Starke. He was lovingly called "Papaw" by 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends in the Keystone Heights Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at Dyal Cemetery in Starke. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts can be made to Wounded Warriors (woundedwarriorproject.org).

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CADY JOY SPENCER, Petitioner/Wife and JUSTIN GABRIEL CHAMBERS, Respondent/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: JUSTIN GABRIEL CHAMBERS 402 Palm Boulevard Isle of Palms, South Carolina 29451. YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage with Minor Child has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Cady Joy Spencer, Petitioner/Wife, c/o Attorney Curtis "Lex" Sanders, 407 West Georgia Street, Starke, Florida 32091 on or before June 24, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clerk of the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, 945 North Temple Street, Starke, Florida 32091, before service on the Petitioner/Wife or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: July 11, 2022
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

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IN THE COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. 04-2021-DP-112
IN THE INTEREST OF:
M., D. (M) DOB: 1/9/2018
Minor child

NOTICE OF ACTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: David Matthews
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child(ren) for adoption: D.M., born on 1/9/2018. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. before the Honorable Jodi Cason, at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091, for a continued ADVISORY HEARING. *****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO.*****

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Starke, Bradford County, Florida, on this 28 day of July, 2022.
Denny Thompson
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Romana Jefferson
Deputy Clerk
Special Accommodations. Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you

are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuitt8.org.

8/4 4tchg 8/25-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

FILE NO: 2022-CP-80

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE ANN BAKER, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The formal administration of the estate of MARJORIE ANN BAKER, who died on May 1, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is: August 4, 2022

GLENN ALAN BAKER
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
9223 SE 25th Avenue,
Starke, FL 32091

Respectfully submitted,
VeRonica R. Owens,
Attorney at Law, P.A.
By: VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
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189 South Lawrence Boulevard
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
2000 Henley Road, Suite B
Middleburg, FL 32068
Telephone: (352) 473-5000
Attorneys for PETITIONERS

8/11 2tchg 8/18-BCT

Notice is hereby given:
Amy P. Ball
Last known address of:
8417 SE State Road 100
Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
Date: August 1, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 923
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 04410-A-00100
Case Number: 94-2022-TD-0002
Description of Property: Lot 1 & Lot 2, Block 1, in EASTWOOD, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 16, of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.

Name in Which Assessed: DAWN CREWS
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/2/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: July 28, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1166
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 05714-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0003

Description of Property: The East half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-Two (22), East, containing twenty acres of land more or less.

Name in Which Assessed: POLLY LEWIS
Name on last tax roll, if different: POLLY LEWIS EST

All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/2/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: July 28, 2022

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

Certificate Number: 1238
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 06060-A-04100
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0011

Description of Property: Lot 41, Block A of Cypress Beach according to plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH
A parcel of land lying between County Road S-21B (formerly State Road S-21B) and Lot 41 of Block A of Cypress Beach, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Southeasterly corner of said Lot 41 for the Point of Beginning and run Southeasterly along a Southeasterly prolongation of the Southerly boundary of said Lot 41, to the Westerly boundary of the right of way of said County Road S-21B; thence Northerly along said Westerly boundary to an intersection with a Southeasterly prolongation of the Northerly boundary of said Lot 41; thence Northwesterly along last aforesaid prolongation to the Northeasterly corner of said Lot 41; thence Southerly along the Easterly boundary of Lot 41 to the Point of Beginning. Subject to the right of way of a platted 66 foot street lying Easterly of, parallel with, and contiguous to the aforesaid Easterly Boundary of Lot 41.

Name in Which Assessed: JOHN C ODOM JR; ROBERT SHUMER; MEGHAN ODOM; SHIRLEY MARTIN ET AL

Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/2/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
DATED: August 1, 2022

8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 08/19/2022 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 08/11/2022.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 721
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 02562-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0004

Description of Property: The North Half of Lot Twenty (20) and all of Lot Twenty-one (21) in Block One (1) in Gahagan Subdivision in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the South-east Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21) Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-two (22) East. As same appears on Record in Plat Book Two(2) Page Forty-one (41) of Public Records of Bradford County Florida, in the office of the Clerk of Court.

Name in Which Assessed: HELEN PARKER; HELEN SMITH
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/2/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: August 2, 2022

8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT

PUBLIC SALE

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 clerk of the court for disposition upon court order. "No Title Guaranteed, A Buyer Fee May Apply" at 10:00 AM 9/12/22 Allen's All Around Auto Repair 2163 N Temple Ave Starke, FL 32091
2015 CHEV 2G1155SL7F9212024 \$4,117.46
2013 DODG 3C4PDCAB7DT584331 \$1,064.71

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m., August 22, 2022 at the Bradford County Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091 for the following:

Renovation of residence located at: 17878 NW 59th Loop, Starke, FL 32091

702 Alton Road, Starke, FL 32091
A mandatory walk through is a prerequisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 12, 2022 at the Community Development Office located at 925-E North Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. If you plan to submit a bid, a representative of your firm must attend the "walk through" of the unit to become familiar with the property and the scope of work to be completed.

No contractor shall visit the subject property for any reason without first making arrangements with the County and owner.

All contractors must have proof of Residential, Builder, or General Contractor's License, proof of Liability Insurance, proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (or Exemption Card), a statement of non-discrimination, and at least two references from previously completed jobs.

Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on August 22, 2022 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested persons in the Clerks meeting room. The opened bids will be read into public record and preserved in the custody of the Community Development Department.

Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline and in a sealed envelope marked, "Sealed Bid, S.H.I.P." and received by 2:30 p.m., August 22, 2022. Questions to be submitted in writing to the Community Development office at kelly_canady@bradfordcountyfl.gov or Fax (904) 966-6384 no later than 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18, 2022.

The County reserves the right to reject all bids when in its best judgment they are too high or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County that the bids be re-advertised. Pursuant to Section 255.0991, Florida Statutes, Bradford County WILL NOT offer a local preference for this project.

It is the policy of the County to promote equal opportunity to obtain adequate housing by all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, or national origin.

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Notice is hereby given:
Misty D. Everly
Last known address of:
358 E Mimosa Dr
Starke FL 32091

You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Published one time in the Bradford County Telegraph
Amanda Seyfang
Bradford County Supervisor of Elections
P. O. Box 58
945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C
Starke, FL 32091
Dated: August 2, 2022

8/11 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NUMBER: 2022-CP-000088
DIVISION: CP-A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT GORSON LAWRY, Decedent.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of ROBERT GORSON LAWRY, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Clerk, Attention: Probate, P.O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representatives and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom

a copy of this Notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 4, 2022.

Attorney for Personal Representative: J. Nickolas Alexander, Jr. Florida Bar Number 269522 Attorney for Beneficiary 1532 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 108 Orange Park, Florida 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-0311 Facsimile: (904) 541-4730 E-Mail: nickolas@jnalaw.com Serve: eservice@jnalaw.com Personal Representatives: LORETA L. ANTHONY 601 Douglas Drive Houma, LA 70364 ROBERT G. LAWRY, II 4807 Evenloade Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32217

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THE PUBLIC MEETING IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida will hold a meeting on August 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM at the Governor Charley E. Johns Conference Center, located at 1610 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

The public is encouraged to visit www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/meetings or to call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327 to obtain a copy of the agenda for this meeting.

8/11 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 042022DR137
Division: FAMILY

TRACI M. WICKS
Petitioner
and
LARRY B. WICKS
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)

TO: LARRY B. WICKS
1533 S. Lake Rochelle Drive
Winter Haven, FL
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage with Minor Child has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TRACI WICKS, 20154 NW 71st Ave., Starke, FL 32091 on or before September 15, 2022, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clerk of the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, 945 North Temple Street, P O Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091, before service on the Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

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Dated: July 28, 2022
DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk

8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT



We at CW Realty were honored to visit Southside Elementary School yesterday and excited for the opportunity to present the library with funds to purchase brand-new books! We would like to acknowledge and thank the following contributors: Charnelle Whittemore, Broker; Cassie Cooper, Transaction Coordinator; Dallin Crews, Realtor; Minta Bennett, Realtor; Tristen Crews, Marketer. Not Pictured: Brenda Thornton, Realtor; Carrie Crews, Realtor; Jaycea Edwards, Realtor; Lauren Allen, Realtor; Lindsey Brooks, Realtor; Lindsey Walker, Realtor/ Property Manager; Rachel Brinson, Realtor; Sheila Daugherty, Realtor; Steven Milligan, Realtor; Taryn Lewis, Broker Associate. Local lender, Jessica Langley with Movement Mortgage also contributed to this donation! We cannot wait to see new books on those shelves!

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Aug. 11, 2022

(This section includes legal ads that were inadvertently left out of the Aug. 4 issue.)

BRADFORD

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida has adjusted its schedule of meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM and the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM; effective Tuesday, September 6, 2022. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the County Manager at (904) 966-6327.
8/11 3tchg 8/25-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that DAVID J COGNATA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 368
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 01295-0-00900
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0008
Description of Property:
A parcel of land lying in the South 1/2 of Lot 38 of Woodlawn in Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument found at the intersection of the Easterly boundary of said Lot 38 with the Northerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 225 and run South 79 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds West, along said Northerly boundary, 350.45 feet to a found concrete monument for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 79 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds West, along said Northerly boundary, 152.72 feet to a set concrete monument; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 56 seconds East, 315.40 feet to an iron rod set on the Northerly boundary of the South 1/2 of said Lot 38; thence South 89 degrees 34 minutes 49 seconds East, along last said Northerly boundary, 150.00 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 00 degrees 17 minutes 56 seconds West, 286.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.04 acres.
Together with a 1997 CHAD Doublewide Mobile Home with the ID#'s GAFLV05A26416CW21 and GAFLV05B26416CW21 which is located thereon.
Name in Which Assessed: WESLEY N WHITE
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/16/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON,
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DATED: August 3, 2022
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Certificate Number: 22
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 00188-0-00600
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0007
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the S1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at an iron pipe found at the NW corner of said S1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4 and run North 86 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 166.75 feet to a found iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described, continue North 86 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, along said Northerly boundary, 111.41 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 03 degrees 33 minutes 38 seconds East, 423.61 feet to a concrete monument found on the Northerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 235, said Northerly boundary being on a curve, concave to the Southeast and having a radius of 2914.79 feet; thence Southwesterly, along said Northerly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 319.47 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 57 degrees 42 minutes 28 seconds West, to a set iron rod; thence North 03 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, along the Westerly boundary of said S1/2, a distance of 287.75 feet to a found iron rod; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds East, 166.78 feet to a found iron rod; thence North 03 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West 293.90 feet to the

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Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 00188-0-00600
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0007
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the S1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at an iron pipe found at the NW corner of said S1/2 of SE1/4 of SE1/4 and run North 86 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, 166.75 feet to a found iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described, continue North 86 degrees 45 minutes 29 seconds East, along said Northerly boundary, 111.41 feet to a found concrete monument; thence South 03 degrees 33 minutes 38 seconds East, 423.61 feet to a concrete monument found on the Northerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 235, said Northerly boundary being on a curve, concave to the Southeast and having a radius of 2914.79 feet; thence Southwesterly, along said Northerly boundary and along the arc of said curve, 319.47 feet as measured along a chord having a bearing of South 57 degrees 42 minutes 28 seconds West, to a set iron rod; thence North 03 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West, along the Westerly boundary of said S1/2, a distance of 287.75 feet to a found iron rod; thence North 87 degrees 45 minutes 28 seconds East, 166.78 feet to a found iron rod; thence North 03 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds West 293.90 feet to the

Point of Beginning.
Containing 2.18 acres, more or less.
Name in Which Assessed: GREGORY E MAYBEN; HAROLD F MAYBEN
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/16/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: August 3, 2022
8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 939
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 03808-0-00200
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0006
Description of Property: Com at SE Corner of E1/2 of N1/2 of SE1/4 of NE1/4 Section 29 Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run North 268 feet for a Point of beginning; Thence run West 100 feet, Thence run North 50 feet, Thence run East 100 feet, thence run South 50 feet to the Point of Beginning
Note: Less and except that parcel conveyed by General Warranty Deed recorded 10/06/2006 in Official Records Book 1178 Page 429 and re-recorded 10/16/2006 in Official Records Book 1179 Page 541.
Name in Which Assessed: DEWEY D WILLIAMS AND GLADYS G WILLIAMS
Name on last tax roll, if different: DEWEY D WILLIAMS (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/16/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: August 3, 2022
8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that ATCF II FLORIDA-A LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 809
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 03339-0-00400
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0001
Description of Property: The North 68.70 feet of Lot 4, Block 22 of Livingston Truby & Company's Subdivision in the City of Starke, as per plat recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 41 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: HARVEY ANDERSON
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/16/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
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Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON,
Deputy Clerk
DATED: August 3, 2022
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NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke will sell for cash to the highest bidder on storageauctions.net for location at 1630 North Temple Ave, Starke, County of Bradford, FL, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, the 24th day of August; 2022 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0B014 Toika Lynnetta Lee
0D010 Aaliyah S Charles
0I050 Sarah Holman
8/11 2tchg 8/18-BCT

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Waldo. Will sell for CASH to the highest bidder on Storageauctions.net
For location at 15540 NE HWY 301, Waldo, County of Alachua, Florida; ending at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, the 24th day of August; 2022, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc.

contents of the following:
0A006 Demontda Cray
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 04-2022-CA-0302
GREGORY B. JACKSON, CLARENCE WILLIAMS, and MONISHA PERKINS
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE ESTATE OF GLORIA MACK, deceased, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST GLORIA MACK, deceased,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the filing of a Complaint against you to quiet title to the following property in Bradford County, Florida:
That certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida, being known as part of Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument at the Southwest corner of Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run North 1°25'28" seconds east for 398.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°48'50" East for 1,318.32 feet; thence North 0°11'38" East for 132.64 feet; thence South 89°48'44" West for 1,315.26 feet, thence South 1°25'28" West for 132.68 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 4.010 acres, more or less.
Bradford County Parcel Identification Number: 02299-0-00600
You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on M. Aaron Dukes, the Plaintiffs' attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 328, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, on or before the 12th day of September, 2022, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiffs' attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
DATED this 5th day of August, 2022.
Denny Thompson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Lisa Brannon
Deputy Clerk
Published in: The Bradford County Telegraph, August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1, 2022
Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. 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. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org
8/11 4tchg 9/1-BCT

NOTICE OF WORKSHOPS
The City of Lawtey will be conducting Budget Workshops on August 18th and 25th, 2022 at 6p.m. at Lawtey City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, FL. 32058. All interested parties are invited to attend.
8/11 11tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 08/26/2022 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.
1FAHP3HN2A W223323 2010 FORD
1FMCU49H57KB91541 2007 FORD
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 08/11/2022.
8/11 11tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
301 Legacy Auto LLC gives notice that on 08/25/2022 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 13168 US HWY 301 South, 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.
4T1BE46K77U188668 2007 TOYOTA
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 08/11/2022.
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IN THE COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. 04-2021-DP-149

IN THE INTEREST OF:
G., M. (M) DOB: 12/25/2021
Minor child

NOTICE OF ACTION

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:
JACQUARA GEORGE
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: M.G. born on 12/25/2021. A copy of the Petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 9:40 a.m., before the Honorable Jodi Cason at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091, for a CONTINUED ADVISORY HEARING. *****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS CONTINUED ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO.*****
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Starke, Bradford County, Florida, on this 29th day of July, 2022.
Denny Thompson
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: R. Jefferson
Deputy Clerk
Special Accommodations. Under the American with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION hereby issued out of the Circuit Court, Clay County, Florida, Case No. 07-CA-1572 on 1st day of August, 2022 in the matter of a Personal Property Levy, I Gordon Smith, As Sheriff of Bradford County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, and interest of the defendant(s) Michael Shults to wit:
2008 Harley Davidson FLHTCUI - VIN- 1HD1FC4128Y658597
And on Friday September 16, 2022 at 11:00 AM., (at Miracle Tow, 620 N Thompson St, Starke, FL 32091) or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to payment of cost and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above-described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone: (904) 966-6380
Gordon Smith
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By: Glenn Ward Jr.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2021CP0143
IN RE: ESTATE OF CLINTON MOORE, JR.
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of CLINTON MOORE, JR., whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-6868, file number 05-2021-CP-0143 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S

DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is August 11, 2022.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Virgil William Wright, III, Esquire
CAMERON, HODGES, COLEMAN, LaPOINTE & WRIGHT, P.A.
Florida Bar Number 993141
1820 SE 18th Avenue, Suite 1
Ocala, Florida 34473
(352) 351-1119 (cs)
Personal Representative:
Clint Moore, Sr.
19701 NW 45th Avenue
Starke, FL 32091
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I HEREBY CERTIFY this 2 day of August that this Notice is being published as above-noted.
CAMERON, HODGES, COLEMAN, LaPOINTE & WRIGHT, P.A.
VIRGIL W. WRIGHT, III, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 993141
1820 SE 18th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471
Phone (352) 351-1119 (cs)
Fax (352) 351-0151
Designated Electronic Mail:
Servicevww@cameronhodge3.com
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, who's title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on August 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR DATES ON WHICH ELECTED OFFICIALS SHALL ASSUME OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR WHEN A TERM OF OFFICE SHALL TERMINATE; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
8/11 1tchg-BCT

UNION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 22000022CAAXMX
SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN HENRY WHITEHEAD, JR. CHELSEA WHITEHEAD, JACK HENRY WHITEHEAD, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER/HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN TAMMY WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY R. WHITEHAD AKA TAMMY RENEE WHITEHEAD; PRESLEY WHITEHEAD, A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER/HIS NATURAL GUARDIAN TAMMY WHITEHEAD AKA TAMMY R. WHITEHAD AKA TAMMY RENEE WHITEHEAD, GERALD M. WHITEHEAD, III, MADELYN B. WHITEHEAD, CARTER E. WHITEHEAD, EVA GRACE WHITEHEAD, et al.
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: CHELSEA WHITEHEAD, and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHELSEA WHITEHEAD, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed hereon.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 35 AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 17 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID WEST 1/2 OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, A DISTANCE OF 465.65 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY MAINTAINED PAVED ROAD (NE 100TH TRAIL) (WHITEHEAD ROAD) (RIGHT OF WAY IS PRESCRIPTIVE WIDTH NOT KNOWN) AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 364.53 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 140.57 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 09 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 523.94 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: CHELSEA



Zoey Marshall

Lake Butler's Marshall earns medal at AAU Junior Olympics

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Lake Butler's Zoey Marshall earned a medal at the AAU Junior Olympics, placing eighth in the 400m dash at the July 30-Aug. 6 event, which was held at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Marshall, a Lake Butler Elementary School student, competed in the 9-year-old-girls division in three events.

In the 400m, Marshall ran 1:07 in the preliminaries, placing her sixth out of 86. That put her in the finals, where she ran a time of 1:11 to make her way onto the medal podium.

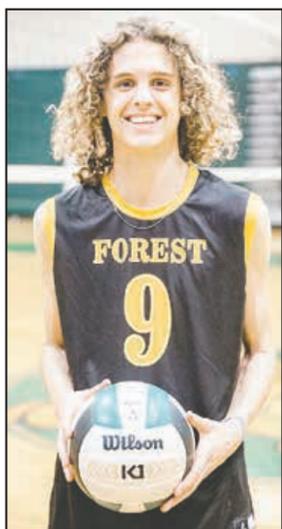
Marshall also ran the 200m, finishing with a time of 30.50 in the preliminaries. That didn't advance her to the semifinals, but she had the 25th best time out of 107 runners.

The long jump consisted of Marshall and 70 other participants. She jumped a distance of 9-4.75.

Marshall did more than just bring home a medal. She is now known as a 2022 AAU Track and Field All-American. That puts her and her hometown of Lake Butler on the Wall of Fame.

This marked Marshall's fourth year of AAU competition. She competes with Athletics Academy Elite and is coached by Travis Sheppard.

Marshall earned her way to the AAU Junior Olympics by competing in district and national qualifiers.



Luke Lewandowski

Lewandowski is again an AAU Academic All-American

Luke Lewandowski of Keystone Heights is an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Academic All-American volleyball player for the fourth year in a row.

Lewandowski's weighted GPA of 4.6 (unweighted 3.7) and his

play on both a club team and a high school team earned him the distinction this year.

Since no high school in the

area offers boys volleyball, Lewandowski played for Ocala Forest. He was also a member of the Ocean Bay Waves club team.

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workers," he said. "There was always stuff that my mom and dad had me do. They felt like when you got bored, that's when you got into trouble. I never had an opportunity to get bored."

After graduating from high school, Page attended Union University, a private Southern Baptist school in his hometown. From there, he went to Nashville to attend law school.

"I tell the joke all the time — and it's true — that ever since I saw my first episode of 'Matlock,' I wanted to be a lawyer," Page said. "I wanted to be a criminal defense attorney."

While in law school, Page, who was attending Brentwood Baptist Church, went on a mission trip to Hong Kong. It was his first-ever trip outside of the U.S. In fact, most of Page's life up to that point had been spent in Tennessee. Before making the 19-hour trip to Hong Kong, Page had been on a plane once. That was to take a trip to Disney World.

That alone would make such a trip impactful. In the end, the trip proved to be life changing.

"The spirit just wrecked me," Page said. "I had never seen such poverty. I had never seen a need like that."

Page was led to pray, asking God how He wanted to use him. He knew he could reach a lot of people as an attorney, but was that really the role he was meant to occupy?

"The more I began to pray and work with a mentor, the Lord made it clear that ministry was where I was supposed to be," Page said. "I dropped out of law school and surrendered to full-time ministry."

Page said it was the hardest decision he had to make.

He admitted that he didn't immediately accept what he believed God was telling him to do.

"It was met with resistance and push back," Page said. "I wrestled with the Lord a long time, but then just determined I would be blatantly disobedient if I did not surrender to full-time ministry."

"Many people ask me, 'Well, couldn't you have just stayed in law school and finished? You were so close.' Probably, but if I had done that, I would never be where I am today."

Tennessee to Florida

His path into the ministry began with receiving some education through a residency type program at Brentwood Baptist. He then enrolled at an extension center of Louisville, Kentucky's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

"After I got most of my basics out of the way, I transferred to Liberty (University) and graduated from there," Page said.

Page served as children's minister for six years at Brentwood Baptist's main church. He was then part of the effort to launch a satellite church in metro Nashville, working there as a minister for seven years.

"In 2019, I went on sabbatical," Page said. "The Lord really began to reveal to me — 'There's something more for you.' I felt the calling to be a senior pastor or lead pastor."

Page said he heard from some other churches and had one door of opportunity open to him, but it wasn't the right opportunity. He visited First Baptist and Starke last winter and preached at the church in March. He received a 97-percent affirmation to become the church's new pastor.

Making practices for the Waves was a challenge as they were held in Orlando.

Lewandowski, the son of Dan

and Dena Lewandowski, will be attending Pepperdine University, where he will also be part of the volleyball program.

"That rarely ever happens in a Baptist church. That was encouraging to me," Page said.

His first service as official pastor was Easter.

Page said one of his favorite books of the Bible is Amos.

"He was just a sheep herder who God called to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel and share the news," Page said. "I can identify with that guy. I am just a common man, an ordinary guy who got his call to work for the kingdom."

One of Page's favorite Bible verses is Isaiah 40:31. The King James Version reads: "But they that wait upon the LORD will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

"What I love about that passage is we have to be utterly and totally dependent on God for everything — strength, sustenance, life," Page said.

Becoming part of the community

As a new pastor, Page, of course, wants to be involved in the community he's working and living in. He wants his family to become immersed in the community.

It doesn't stop there, though. He wants First Baptist Church of Starke to be a good neighbor — to identify needs and help meet them.

"I've told our community leaders — however they need us, we're available," Page said, adding, "You let us know what you need from us. We're here to walk with you and partner with you."

Page believes reaching out to community members and being active in the community are ways of eventually bringing people to church. He said it's not like in the past when people simply

showed up every time the church doors were open. He found that out during his ministerial experiences in Tennessee.

"Being born and raised in a very traditional Southern Baptist church, I was used to doing ministry one certain way," Page said. "Open up the doors, invite people to come, provide events, and that would be it."

"I learned in Nashville that's not how you get people to church. You have to build a relationship with them. You do life with them. At some point, when there's a crisis, they'll reach out. That opened the door for me to share the gospel and invite them to church."

Starke may be quite different from Nashville, but Page said the philosophy is the same.

"I don't think we really live in a culture where people are just going to come to church for the sake of coming to church, especially my generation," Page said. "I'm Gen X. Some people label me as a Millennial."

"Yes, you invite them, but's going to take you being in the trenches, getting messy and doing life with them long before they walk in the doors, because you have to really earn the right to be heard and to share the gospel."

First Baptist handed out free bottles of water at the city of Starke's July 3 Splash Bash and hosted a school-supply backpack giveaway on Aug. 6.

Page said he wants the church to have a "serving Saturday" every eight weeks. What that would entail is aiding local businesses or organizations. Church members might weed flower beds or do some painting, for example.

"I think by going into the community and building relationships and not asking for anything in return will help build back up the local church," Page said.

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 Donnette "Nikki" Beard has been treating clients with massage therapy for over a quarter century in the Lake Region.

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We asked Nikki some of the most common questions about this effective treatment.

How did you decide to get into massage?

My chiropractor told me I should go into the profession in 1995. That's when I decided to look into training and started massage school in 1996, so I've been doing massage since then.

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I also love to pass that knowledge on to my clients so that they will be informed about their health. I think that is one thing that differentiates my practice.

What do you like about massage?

Helping people. I love the help that it provides my clientele. I also love the education that comes with the profession.

What kind of changes have you seen in massage therapy over the past 26 years?

One of the biggest changes is that we are being recognized by the wider medical field now. Massage therapists practice in hospitals and other areas of the traditional medical field.

What are some of the

misconceptions people have about massage?

Many people think massage is a luxury. They think it's a feel-good thing and do not realize massage is a key treatment for injury recovery. They don't appreciate its medicinal properties. I get many clients that come to me through physician referrals. Some even come with a physician's prescription.

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How does massage help with stress relief?

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What are the most common frequencies clients book appointments with you?

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BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

(Editor's Note: Thanks to John D. Mann, Operations and Management Manager and Amie Oody, Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Bradford and Union Counties for his assistance in gathering the information for this article.)

The Florida Department of Health in Bradford and Union counties is responsible for protecting the public health and safety of these counties by providing public health services to residents and visitors. The department's mission is to protect, promote and improve the health of all of the people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

New River Community Health (NRCH) is a collaborative

Community Health Center in partnership with the Bradford and Union County Health Departments. Its commitment is to provide and enhance access to comprehensive primary care and to implement programs that will significantly reduce the health disparities in Union and Bradford counties.

This public entity model was funded by HRSA as a federally qualified health center in 2012 at the Union County Health Department (CHD) and officially opened on Oct. 1, 2012. The scope of the Health Center was expanded to include the Bradford CHD in Oct. 2013 and now serves as the primary medical home for the underinsured and uninsured residents of both Bradford and Union counties.

New River Community Health provides a wide range of services and can facilitate patient's access to many more. Some of the services that residents have access to through the collaboration of the two departments and onsite patients

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The Bradford and Union County Health Departments provide many services that enrich and improved the lives of the residents of both counties, in many cases the only medical care routinely available to many residents. Both departments, working together, make Bradford and Union counties better, safer places to live and raise families.

Oody said that as an administrator for the health departments her goal is to continue the excellent work that has already been done in Bradford and Union Counties by focusing on healthy lifestyles and behaviors, public safety and maternal and child health.

"These goals are accomplished through staff that are empowered and trained to do their jobs to the best of their ability with professionalism and dedication to improving the health of both Bradford and Union communities," Oody said. "I believe that establishing partnerships and community commitments are key to improving the health status of residents and we work closely in both counties with the Boards of County Commissioners, local health advisory boards and outside organizations that are vested in advancing health care issues in the community."

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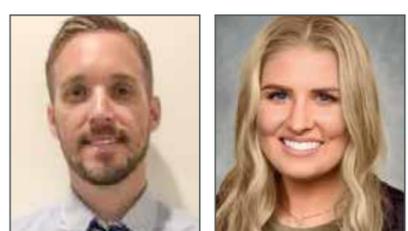
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Korean War veteran Amos DeSue receives gift

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Starke resident Amos DeSue received a gift from a veterans organization, commemorating four years of service in the Marines, which included being a Korean War participant.

DeSue, 90, was presented with a framed display of his unit patches by Bruce Williams, a resident of The Villages who owns Starke's Bradford Village Apartments. The display was a gift provided by the Band of Brothers of The Villages, a group of veterans that performs a lot of charity work.

Williams was responsible for getting DeSue involved in the Honor Flight Network four years ago. Honor Flight Network transports veterans to Washington, D.C., so they can visit the memorials that are specific to the wars they were a

part of.

Having done that, Williams said he was curious in learning more about DeSue's service, which he doesn't like to talk about. In the process of that, Williams gave DeSue's basic service information to Jim Hill, a neighbor of Williams' who started the Band of Brothers of The Villages.

Williams said he wasn't expecting Hill to create the framed display of Marine patches, but he was more than happy to accept it and present it to DeSue, which he did on July 29.

"He's earned it," Williams said of DeSue. "He was a loyal Marine."

DeSue joined the Marines in 1952. In January 1953, as a private first class, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Main Force

Pacific. He was later assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Provisional Marine Air-Ground Task Force in Pearl Harbor.

In 1954, DeSue, having attained the rank of lance corporal, was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay in Hawaii. He was then assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in California in 1955.

DeSue was honorably discharged as a corporal in October 1957.

The Marine veteran, who was born Oct. 31, 1931, was never one to make much fuss over his service. In fact, he never wanted to talk about his experience in Korea. As part of an interview for a March 29, 2018, Telegraph-Times-Monitor story, he deflected a question about that time of his life, saying, "Oh, Lord, no. Let's

not mention Korea."

He added that he always preferred to look ahead as opposed to looking back.

"I try to forget, you know, and live for the future," DeSue said. "I try to figure out tomorrow and the next day."

When DeSue talked about being a part of Honor Flight for that same Telegraph-Times-Monitor story, he said he was looking forward to the trip. However, he didn't believe he had done anything that warranted him being honored in any way.

"I figured it was my duty," DeSue said of his time in the service. "That should be all our duty, to serve the country."

DeSue's Honor Flight trip occurred in April 2018. He was one of 42 World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans who made the trip to D.C.

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Amos DeSue (right), a Korean War veteran, is presented with a framed display of his Marine unit patches by Bruce Williams. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

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