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Big election wins for incumbents Hartley, Rhoades

Union supports library funding again

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Bradford's election Aug. 20 went to the incumbents, with Superintendent of Schools Will Hartley winning the Republican primary and Candace Osteen and Diane Andrews retaining their seats on the school board and county commission.

Hartley's win places him on the November general election ballot with Alan Bhajan, who qualified to run as nonpartisan.

Hartley won with a massive lead over fellow Republican Tracey Kendrick. More than 70% of the 3,881 votes cast went to Hartley in the countywide primary.

Osteen was facing two challengers, Dana Bell and Mitchell Gunter, and a possible runoff in November, but she won the day with nearly 59% of the 1,244 votes cast in District 4. Bell had nearly 26%, with the remainder going to Gunter.

District 5 chose to keep Andrews on the county commission with more than 56% of the voters selecting her in a tighter race against Brian Outlaw.

Bradford voters also showed overwhelming support for Senate candidates Rick Scott, the



Republican candidate, and Debbie Mucarsel-Powell in the Democratic primary. Scott received nearly 83% of the vote in Bradford, and Mucarsel-Powell received nearly 56%. Rep. Kat Cammack also won Bradford with nearly 92% of the vote.

Mucarsel-Powell won the Democratic primary overall and will run against Scott for his seat.

Cammack won the Republican nomination in the 3rd Congressional District and will run against Democrat Tom Wells, who was unopposed for than nomination.

With 58% of the vote in Union County, incumbent Kellie Hendricks Rhoades held onto the clerk of court's office, defeating fellow Republican Ryan

Perez in the countywide election.

With no clear winner in the race for Union's District 3 county commission seat, the top two — Melissa Dukes McNeal with just over 37% and Danny Tomlinson with nearly 21% — are headed for a November runoff. Shelton "Junior" Arnold received 18.64%, Martie V. Touchstone 12.83%, Chad Ali 9.26% and Ed Dwight Rainey 1.34%.

Nearly 82% voted to pass the Union County Public Library funding referendum.

Almost 80% supported Sen. Scott, 42.5% supported Mucarsel-Powell and nearly 94% voted for Rep. Cammack.

The Republican primary for state representative from District 20 went to Judson Sapp with nearly 72% of the vote in Clay County compared to Jamie Watts. Sapp won districtwide and will face Democrat Tony Connolly in November.

Clay votes also went nearly 86% for Scott and more than 67% for Mucarsel-Powell.

Clay's District 2 school board race was tight, with Robert Alvero (30.14%) and Jim Hughes (24.45%) receiving enough votes to continue to November.

The tight race for circuit judge ended with barely over the top Nancy Cleaveland with more than 51% of the votes cast.

Voter turnout was less than 27% in Bradford, more than 41.5% in Union and less than 19% in Clay.



WORTH NOTING

Lifeline food giveaway

Lifeline Ministries and Gleaners Dispatch will hold a food giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 325 N. Christian St. in Starke.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Lawtey food giveaway

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Aug. 28, at 9 a.m. at the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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.

Bradford Republicans meeting Aug. 22

The Bradford Republican Executive Committee will meet this Thursday, Aug. 22, in the Capital City Bank community room beginning at 7 p.m. The bank is located at 350 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. All registered Republicans are welcome.

You are encouraged to attend if you are interested in becoming a poll watcher for the November general election or helping to get out the vote. For more information about meetings or how to volunteer for the 2024 election cycle, contact Chairman Richard Solze at 904-964-5803.

Comcast to reach more customers with low-cost options

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Comcast is expanding the reach of high-speed internet in Bradford County thanks to the assistance of government grants.

Jen Boyett works for Comcast in government outreach and told county commissioners Aug. 15 that internet coverage is coming in the Starke, Lawtey and Hampton areas.

Federal grant dollars were offered to internet service providers willing to expand into more rural areas because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which brought attention to the digital divide as many tried to work or attend school at home.

Comcast received a Broadband Opportunity Grant to build out its infrastructure to serve more than 3,000 additional homes in Bradford County.

Boyette said the work would begin later this fall.

She also said lower-cost options

will be available for those who qualify.

"A lot of people say Comcast is too expensive, but I want to point out that that's not necessarily the case all the time," she said. "We have different levels of service, so there's hopefully something for everybody."

One option is known as Internet Essentials, a program Boyette said Comcast began offering in 2011 to bridge the digital divide.

"It's \$9.95 a month for Internet service. We've never changed that price. It's been the same for 13 years. There's no installation fee, there's no contract, none of that. But it is for income-constrained people," she said.

Signup will require the customer to show they already receive some kind of assistance for low-income households, including food or energy assistance.

Internet Essentials provides a 50 megabyte-per-second download speed and 10 Mbps uploads. There is also an option to purchase a Dell laptop with software for \$150.

For \$29.95 a month, a qualified customer could purchase Internet Essentials Plus, which is a faster option providing 100 Mbps downloads and 20 Mbps uploads. This matches the new federal definition for broadband internet.

The school district or other third-party organizations can also purchase internet access through the Internet Essentials Partner Program on behalf of those they serve at a reduced cost. The households would receive the service with the bill going to the organization.

For \$30 a month, Comcast also launched a post-Covid service called Now which is available to anyone in the service area. The customer tailors the service to their needs based on the available options. Again, no contract or connection fees are involved.

The design phase of the Bradford expansion is still ongoing, but construction is scheduled to begin later in the fall. That's 750 new households by the end of the year and

the remainder by the end of 2025.

Commissioner Diane Andrews pointed out the Brooker area's absence from the discussion, but Boyette said this was just one of multiple funding opportunities that ISPs have been bidding for to help build out their services.

"There's possibilities that we will expand further out, or another provider expand further out, so there's more opportunity coming," she said. Initial designs are based on what is easiest to get started, she said, but from their further expansion becomes possible.

"We're always looking to expand, especially now, when we have the help," she said.

Comcast has been in Starke for years, first as a cable TV provider and then internet. After years of promised upgrades, Comcast began rolling out Xfinity within the city, a package that included digital television and broadband internet in 2019.

Neighboring county ends contract with Clay trash hauler

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A month before a new contractor is scheduled to take over trash pickups in Clay County, St. John's County commissioners fired the same company.

On Tuesday, August 20, commissioners in St. Augustine voted unanimously to terminate its \$28.2 million contract with FCC Environmental Services.

The Houston, Texas-based multinational, which claims to serve over 5,000 municipalities, began trash pickup for over 100,000 St. Johns County residences on August 1. Since then, county officials said they had received around 10,000 calls about

service questions and complaints.

Commissioner Sarah Arnold told company CEO Dan Brazil that she, along with a majority of St. Johns homeowners, had lost trust in his company.

"It appears to me there was a breach of contract from Day 1," she told Brazil, adding that her pickup was delayed by several days. "And you left us during a hurricane. You have created in our community a public safety and a public health crisis."

Last week, FCC Environmental managers appeared before Clay County commissioners to address the board after news reports of the company's problems across the river began to surface.

The company's vice president

of business development, Charles Merkley, blamed the missed pickups in St. Johns County on a failure in technology.

He said that FCC uses cameras and visual technology supplied by 3rd Eye and that as FCC's service to St. John's residents began on August 1, the cameras had not been entirely installed or activated on FCC's trucks.

"We make no excuses for that," Merkley told Clay commissioners. "We should have been prepared for that, but we weren't."

The VP added that all the truck cameras are now operating on its St. Johns trucks and that it is meeting 99% of its collections there.

Commissioner Betsy Condon, representing the Lake Region, asked

Merkley for assurances that the debacle across the river would not be repeated in her area.

Merkley admitted that not all the cameras on the Clay County trucks had been activated. He added that 3rd Eye workers have been on the ground in St. Johns County to fix its cameras and technology there. He stressed that both FCC and 3rd Eye are taking an all-hands-on-deck approach to their launch in Clay on October 1.

"We will be on time," Merkley insisted. "We're very confident that some of the lessons we've learned painfully will not happen here."

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Fire rescue disputes charges by Lawtey council

Still no agreement on Lawtey fire station

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

The fire department was a heated topic at the Lawtey City Council Meeting, which was delayed a week because of Tropical Storm Debby.

There were no Bradford County Fire Rescue representatives at the August meeting due to the schedule change, but that did not inhibit discussions about the department and the pending memorandum of understanding between the city and county.

There have been delays in approving a new agreement for two years.

The county took over operations at the Lawtey Fire Department in October 2020, but the city council has yet to sign a new MOU with the county. The council members stated the meeting that was previously scheduled with Chief Ben Carter had to be canceled because they didn't have enough council members to attend the scheduled meeting.

Councilwoman Emily Hoffman said she wants members to send a list of detailed concerns so the county can respond. Clerk Lisa Harley said the fire department still hasn't provided estimated costs for specific items. Hoffman, who is the city's liaison with the fire department, said she feels like

council members are "moving the target" for the county.

"They want to have an agreement," Hoffman said. "They wrote it (a new agreement) and finally gave it to us, and we can't come up with a list with what we want changed? That's our responsibility. We need to take accountability for that. It's been months."

She stressed the importance of members putting their requests in writing to present to the county.

Councilwoman Virginia Warner has stated the small city doesn't have the same resources the county has and city's residents should not have to shoulder as much of the cost because the fire department serves all of the county from the Lawtey station. Citizens and council members stated they are concerned the department will leave Lawtey if a MOU agreement is not reached.

When reached for a response, Chief Carter said the department does not plan to leave Lawtey.

Warner said she had made a records request to receive a budget breakdown from the county and had yet to receive it. Other members in attendance responded that the county's budget is public information and available online. Police Chief Jerry Feltner read what he claimed were the salaries of the top five employees of the fire department.

The county has since responded and stated that salaries read were not the current salaries, but

proposed salaries and that they had not seen a records request from Warner.

The Bradford County Fire Rescue budget (which includes fire and emergency medical services) for the year is \$9.15 million, with \$1.76 million coming from grants. The Lawtey station provides emergency services for the county, but especially the north end of Bradford. The location of the station is convenient to U.S. 301 and allows for quick response times.

Currently the Lawtey station is staffed with a minimum of two firefighters and two EMS personnel each day. The county pays for all personnel, fuel and any accidental damages. Costs associated with maintenance and electricity are paid by the city of Lawtey. At time of publication, Lawtey had not provided a breakdown of its costs for comparison.

Response times came into question as a benefit to the station being in Lawtey. Warner said the "response times in the last six months have been terrible for the city of Lawtey." There was also an accusation of a 47-minute delay to a recent heart attack patient in Lawtey, just blocks from the station.

When contacted, Carter wanted to assure the public this was a misrepresentation of his department and the call in question. He provided a detailed timeline of events:

—Engine 50 from the Lawtey station was on scene within four minutes after the call was dispatched.

—CPR was started immediately and the patient was on a cardiac monitor within six minutes of the call.

—An ambulance did not arrive on scene for 13 minutes because the ambulance from Lawtey was on another call.

—Once stable, the patient was transported and arrived at the hospital by minute 45.

This was not the only accusation the department faced during the meeting. Feltner said the department sent seven vehicles to a shed fire, and the "tanker was over there and it was out of water." The department clarified this was not a shed fire, but a camper fire caused by an explosion. Carter stated that two departments were on scene due to the nature of the call and because there were only two personnel per truck. The fire was under control within 15 minutes of units arriving and none of the tankers ran out of water.

"When our engine began to run low on water from extinguishing the fire, we transferred water from the second engine on scene," Carter said.

The council will meet after its September meeting to address the county's MOU. The next meeting has been moved to Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6:15 p.m. because of Labor Day.

Council proposes rolling back tax rate

Harley presented millage rate options to the council. The council agreed to move forward the rolled-back rate of 2.2498 mills, which will bring in \$46,178 in property taxes.

Councilmembers will be voting to approve the rate after the required hearings have been met.

The council also voted to approve a comprehensive vulnerability assessment. This assessment will be paid for by a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and will provide recommended improvements to roads, ditches and infrastructure.

Another grant application was approved to repair road and drainage and problems on Grove Street.

Flooding and drainage

Flooding caused by Tropical Storm Debby was a topic of concern at the meeting. A citizen questioned the council why the ditches on the east side of the city are so overgrown when historically there has been a maintenance team with proper equipment to regularly maintain city property.

Harley responded by stating that she was attending a meeting

later in the week to secure a grant that would provide funds to clear city ditches and repair the small bridge on Grove Street. The bridge on Grove Street has sustained a lot of damage from multiple storms and severe flooding.

The roads and ditches within city limits were overflowing onto roadways and into homes during Debby. The fire station was taking in water as well.

In other business:

—Chief Feltner's request to purchase a fully equipped, 4WD 2023 police truck was approved at the price of \$43,899.

—city hall hours were voted to be temporarily adjusted on Wednesdays. The office will close at noon for the next month to allow the clerk to complete necessary work on budgets, grants, etc., without interruption.

—the city now has an online payment service for residents who need to pay utility bills.

—Councilwoman Amy Blom wants the city to update policies and procedures, many of which have not been updated since the late 1990s.

—the recreation department presented the structural evaluation on the Lawtey Community Center on Middleburg Road. The department needs to establish wants and costs before proceeding with a grant application to repair the building.

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Union County fire chief selected by rank-and-file

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

Union County currently has 12 firefighters, Fire Chief Mickey Foster, and one more volunteer in the intake process.

Foster has been a volunteer firefighter for 38 years. Originally from Waycross, GA., Foster graduated high school and went to work for CSX Railroad in 1974. In 1977, he began his firefighting career at the age of 20 as a volunteer with the Ware County Fire Department.

In 1982, he moved close to Atlanta with his railroad job and became a volunteer with the Pauly County, GA. Fire Department. He served as the City Fire Chief for Hiram in North Georgia during his long career. When he retired from CSX, after 41.5 years with the company, in 2015, he was a senior general foreman. He decided to settle in Union County because he had been here during his time with CSX and liked the area and people.

When asked his favorite memory, Foster recalls a night when he was still in Georgia, when he and his crew of volunteers helped deliver a baby. He is still in touch with the child's family, who is now grown. The young man recently invited Foster to his wedding, and Foster said he was pleased to go.

Foster has been named a Firefighter of the Year three



Mickey Foster, Fire Chief-Union County Fire Rescue.

times, once in Union County. He said what made this recognition mean so much was that his fellow firefighters selected the awardee.

This recognition by his peers has gone beyond just an award—when the volunteers were asked to select a chief for the department, they chose Foster.

"This job is bigger than me," Foster said, "but it is something I can do to help people."

Since merging with Union County Emergency Medical Services, the fire department is now under the auspices of a single agency, Union County Fire and Rescue. All volunteers are trained first responders, and Foster is a Georgia-certified EMTI. They are required to respond to all calls for service that come through dispatch, including vehicle accidents and



(R-L) Mickey Foster-Chief, Kelvin Tanner, Jim Rooney, Mark Hamlin, Buddy Broughten, Jack Eck, Rob Koch, Tristen Mills, Austin Thomas. Not pictured: Ken Owen, Laurie Ash and Lindsey Hughes.

fires, general emergency calls, and, of course, any fire-related calls, such as house fires, brush fires, and others.

"We always answer when called; we never ignore one," Foster said. "We are one big team dedicated to being there whenever citizens need us. We are here to help and assist in any way possible. We have even gotten cats out of trees."

When the winds from Hurricane Debbie blew through the area a couple of weeks ago, the fire department was there. They worked alongside workers from the Union County Road Department, the Emergency Operations Center, the Union County Sheriff's Office, and a K-9 Crew from RMC to deal with downed trees and power lines. In addition to this, they

responded to 21 calls through the 911 call center. While that was an extremely busy day, the volunteers answered 382 calls in 2023 and, so far this year, 236.

Foster has been married to their wife, Deborah, for 25 years, and the couple has three grown children. Foster said he has full support of his volunteer activities at home, with his wife who understands who he is and what

he needs to do.

"I have been so lucky in my career to have worked in so many good places," Foster said. "Union County is no exception. It's home, and all the people here are like one big family, and it is my job to see that they have the best service possible from our department."

Union County in good financial shape but could be better

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of Commissioners heard a presentation concerning the annual audit of the county's finances at its regular meeting on July 15, 2024.

Ben Clark, the representative of the firm James Moore and Company in Gainesville, presented the findings of the mandatory financial "check-up" required for all governmental entities by the state.

Clark told commissioners that the audit was completed in June. Although usually referred to as the county audit, the document has many parts—one section for each of the constitutional offices (tax collector, property appraiser,

sheriff's office, supervisor of elections) and for the central county government. There is also a component covering the county's judicial costs. Although the final figures for these various offices are reflected in the main report, each office is scrutinized separately.

Recordkeeping and oversight good

Clark's report revealed a lot of good news for the county. The auditors gave the report an unmodified opinion — meaning that they found nothing wrong with the county's record keeping, asset management, or financial practices. This breaks down into several specific areas, such as

material weaknesses (problems in management and record keeping of county funds), no findings on internal control (proper handling and record keeping of county financial records as well as oversight on cash handled and accountability). The report required by the state auditor general is clean and shows no areas of concern. The county's comprehensive financial report (a document supplied to the auditors providing them with the information they need to do their job and prepared by the office of the clerk and comptroller) will be submitted by the auditors for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government

Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

Inflation dents finances

The county is in good shape financially, but it could and has been better in recent years. This has no source in managing county funds but rather in the national economy — the price of everything has increased two to four-fold. This is seen in equipment purchases, fuel and labor costs, and other areas. The situation can be seen in the funding for the various grant projects and programs the county has been funded for.

For many of these projects, the amount of funding requested and granted one or more years ago as sufficient to complete a project is no longer enough to get a project done. This is just an extension of the situation the county is now facing in the construction project to build the Providence Fire Department.

Almost all government agencies faced the situation, which the auditors clarified has led to some decreases in fund balances (each grant is set up as a separate fund or line item) for accounting purposes). However, there are no deficient balances or misspending of restricted (grant) funds. It was noted in the report

that the county's reserve funds, which are kept on hand in case of an emergency, such as a tropical storm, are healthy and contain the funds necessary to keep the county in operation for several weeks.

The county's fiscal year ends September 30, 2024, and Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades and her staff are already working on the budget for next year

Democratic Women Meet Aug. 22

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area will meet

on Thursday, Aug. 22, two days after the primary. Tony Connolly, the Democratic candidate for FL House District 20, will speak at 7 p.m. District 20 covers southern Clay as well as all of Putnam counties.

All Democrats are welcome,

and doors open at 6:30. Meetings are held at the Melrose Center, 309 S.R. 26, Melrose, FL 32666. For further information, please contact 352-235-4161 or Info@dwc-la.org.

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Postal worker remembered

Dear Editor,
On Monday, Aug. 26, the Melrose Post Office will be renamed in honor of Pamela Jane Rock. Pam was a letter carrier who died after being attacked by dogs while delivering mail in Interlachen in 2022.

Although she had been a letter carrier for about only seven months at the time of her death, she quickly became known among her colleagues as a kindhearted woman who was passionate about serving the public.

Pam's death was an avoidable tragedy. Postal Service officials report that in 2023, over 5,800 letter carriers experienced dog bites or dog attacks.

Dog attacks and bites are 100 percent preventable when dog owners remain vigilant and properly restrain their dogs.

To ensure mail carriers' safety, dog owners must securely lock their dog in another room until a delivery exchange is done. If a dog is outside, the dog must be

leashed away from the mailbox.

When a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be interrupted, not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is interrupted, mail must be picked up at the post office. Service will not be restored until the dog is properly restrained.

With your help, we can keep our carriers, your neighbors and your dogs safe. Together, we can help make sure something like this never happens again.

The post office dedication ceremony will be at the Melrose Post Office at 859 N. State Road 21 in Melrose, FL 32666. The event is free and open to the public. We hope you'll join us to celebrate Pamela Rock and her legacy.

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Library hosts canine circus

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

Things were extra exciting at the Bradford County Library on July 15 because the circus came to town.

The Menestrelli Circus dog show was added to the summer schedule, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Duval Chevrolet. The pups were greeted by a crowd of excited children who laughed with delight watching the dog's performance, which included dancing, tricks, ladder climbing, and of course, jumping through hoops.

The dog circus was choreographed to music and the dogs followed their ringmasters, Sergey and Yanina Yazlovskie. The couple, originally from Russia and Ukraine, formally traveled Europe with their show, but came to America in 2014. Their act has been featured on Nickelodeon's Unleashed. The circus is now based out of Orlando and performs at local events and parties.

The Menestrelli Circus Dog Show has a long history in Yanina's family. She said she was born into the business. Their dogs are well loved and well trained. The dogs range in age from 3 to 13 years old. Yanina said the 3-year-old is the hardest to keep focused because of all his energy! At the end of the adorable show, attendees were allowed to pose with the fluffy performers.

The show was just one of many fun events happening at



Young Carter was thrilled to get a chance to dance with one of the fluffy stars during the Menestrelli Dog Circus Show.

the library. Find out more about or Facebook page. upcoming shows, movies, and craft days on the library's website



The children were captivated by the adorable pups performing in the Menestrelli Dog Circus at the Bradford County Library on Monday, July 15.



Sergey and Yanina have been the ring leaders of the Menestrelli Dog Circus for decades. Their pups are specially trained to climb a ladder and even go down backwards!



The well trained performers jumped through hoops to wow the crowd!



The Menestrelli Dog Circus was sure to include the audience in the show. A few children had the chance to help lead the dogs in a conga line.



Wyatt Jackson showed impressive skill as he painted at the art activity for all ages at Bradford County Public Library.

Joining library patrons of all ages for an afternoon of summer themed art inspired Cadence Davis to paint a fabulous pineapple with shades.



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Fall programs launched at KH library

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Clay County Library in Keystone Heights has closed out its summer programs and is now transitioning to the fall.

Branch Manager Mikaeli Coleman said that the library's summer programs last for several months. However, with the onset of August, activities are updated monthly.

Each of the county's five locations, Fleming Island, Green Cove Springs, Keystone Heights, Middleburg, and Orange Park, coordinate programs. However, some branches have activities that are unique to their location.

"We're usually going to slow down in the fall," she said, "but in the winter, we have some big programs."

Coleman said one popular event planned is the return of Mark Alan Magic around Christmas. She added that the magician drew a large crowd and that the library holds larger events at the beach pavilion to accommodate bigger audiences.

In Keystone Heights, August

events for children five and under included Little Explorers, which featured a beaver dam construction project. An early childhood Family Storytime event featuring "Going to School" is scheduled for Thursday, August 29 at 11 a.m. The branch also hosted a Music and Movement event for children five and under on August 14.

For older youngsters, ages 5-11, the library hosted the kid's edition of Bingo for Books on August 14, featuring nature collages.

Exploration Lab, with a STEM theme: The Sense and Taste of Popcorn, took place at the Oriole Street branch on August 14.

The sole teen event occurred on August 13 with a workshop on making pearl bead pocket chains.

Additional adult workshops in August included wood-burning art and faux sea glass votives.

The library also hosted in August Musical Bingo and a book club featuring "The Book of Lost Names," by Kristin Harmel.

Newspaper tablets now available

The county library system recently announced that patrons may soon check out a tablet at its branches to read selected digital newspapers and magazines.

"This new service will be available starting Monday, August 19," the county said in a news release. "Visitors can use the tablets to read Newsbank Newspapers, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and Libby Magazines."

The library system purchased 14 tablets through a Northeast Florida Library Information Network Innovation Grant.

"Clay County Library branches will have iPads available starting Monday (August 19), and they plan to add Android tablets soon after," the announcement states.

From part-timer to branch manager in 3 years

Coleman is a Keystone

Heights High School graduate who has progressed from a part-timer to managing the Oriole Street library in three years.

"I actually was interested in volunteering," Coleman recalled, "but they had a part-time position open, and then I just started with Miss Margaret (Whipple)."

After a year, Coleman was promoted to full-time in the Children's department and then advanced to branch manager this year.

The new manager said her favorite part of the job is working with the entire community.

When asked what she likes to read, Coleman said the question is like asking a mother who her favorite child is.

"Don't ever ask a library person what their favorite book is," she replied. "All kinds of stuff. Mostly fantasy, but just anything. We get a lot of new stuff. Sci-fi, fantasy. Sometimes, I read young adults; sometimes, I read children's books. We all do. We read a lot of easy books."

Do you always return your books on time?

"No, we're the worst,"



Branch Manager Mikaeli Coleman is a Keystone Heights High School graduate who has progressed from a part-timer to managing the Oriole Street library in three years.

Coleman admitted. "If you want to see who has fines, it's usually someone who works here or someone who works (at another branch). It's funny. We work here. You would think we'd be able to return them on time, but they're usually in our bag."

Lake Butler Elementary School welcomes new principal

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

There's a new face at Lake Butler Elementary School this year, and Michelle Fuist said she is looking forward to working at a school and in a school district that mirrors her philosophy of educating young people.

Fuist and her husband, Rich, bought a house in Columbia County that fulfilled his dream of living in an airpark. She said she started looking around in the area for a school administrative position. She said she applied on the last day of the job listing for the principal position at LBES before the ad closed and was interviewed and hired.

"I came into the interview wondering about the attitudes in this system and was delighted to find that the same attitudes, values and beliefs I have about learning and community involvement in the schools were practiced throughout the Union County schools," Fuist said.

Pilot with a passion for special education

Fuist said she has hit the



New LBES Principal Michelle Fuist

ground running and is ready for the new school year.

"Our theme for the year is 'Let's Root for Each Other' and our goal is to build a positive culture and learning environment," Fuist said. "We have new Positive Behavior Intervention Support and we are all committed to making sure that everyone is included through resiliency activities and other programs."

Fuist holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Akron in Ohio and

a Master of Arts in Education from Hampton University in Hampton, VA. She also holds certificates and endorsements in reading, educational leadership (all levels), school principal (all levels) and exceptional student education. She has completed programs as an iObservation Observer, the Aspiring Leaders Academy, has received the Emerging School of Character Award and holds a private pilot's license.

Most recently, Fuist served as an assistant principal at Oak Hill Elementary School in Orange Park and, before that, as a curriculum resource teacher at Citrus Elementary in the Orange County School System. She has worked as an instructional coach, as a principal at the Florida Aviation Academy in Kissimmee, as Director of education at the Maitland Campus of UHS, as the coordinator of pupil services in the Wooster, OH, city schools, and as a teacher in the Hampton City Schools. In her varied career she has also served as director of education at a residential behavioral hospital working with children ages 5-17 and served as a U.S. Certified swimming coach while in Wooster.

Fuist has a passion for special

education and is a product of it herself due to being diagnosed with speech articulation problems as a child, which was eventually rectified with surgery as an adult. She brings a vast array of experience to LBES and feels that she has found the right place to be.

"As an educator with unique and varied experiences, I am ready to continue on the journey," Fuist said. "Education has been my passion as I experienced it as a child, taught others how to embrace it as a learner, and lived it as a parent."

As to her philosophy of education, Fuist was quick to put it into words.

"All means all," Fuist said. "In education that means all students will succeed. Every student is a member of our community, and

we must find the tools, strategy, and means to teach them.

Contagious enthusiasm

Fuist married Rich a couple of years ago. It is a second marriage for both, and each brought three children with them. Fuist has two daughters and a son - Marissa, a biochemical engineer; Natalie - a physician's assistant in Manhattan, NY, and Collin - a marine mechanic. Rich has one daughter and two sons. Ashley - an RN, Daniel, a 100% disabled Marine, now a student at the University of Central Florida and Nick-a pilot for the U.S. Coast Guard. They share six grandchildren.

Both in their fifties, they

enjoy spending their free time flying. Fuist also enjoys reading mysteries and other genres, yoga, and riding her Peloton bike. She says she is a better baker than a cook. Both consider their Faith to be very important.

Interviews the three days before the first day of school, Fuist was as excited as a new student about the start of things. Her enthusiasm is contagious and can be seen in the faces of everyone on her team. All have a part in the plan and are ready to get started - they are on a journey and know exactly where they want to go to give LBES students the best learning environment and opportunities possible.

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Union County Commissioners (l-r) Jimmy Tallman, Channing Dobbs, Willie Croft, Donna Jackson, Mac Johns and Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoads with the Purple Heart Flag gifted to Johns by a two-time awardee.

County proclaims Purple Heart Day

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a proclamation setting Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, as Purple Heart Day.

Commissioner Mac Johns brought the matter up to the board, recounting a visit with a friend and a gift he was given.

"Willie Busby was one of the first people I met when I moved to Union County," Johns said. "He wanted to give me a Purple Heart flag that had been given to him by the Lake City Chapter of the Purple Heart organization. Purple Heart Day is a nationally recognized day, and he asked me if we could fly the flag on a set

day proclaimed for the purpose. He and I discussed working toward Union becoming a Purple Heart County and creating a Purple Heart Trail."

Busby was awarded the Purple Heart medal twice during his service in Korea.

County Attorney Russ Wade read the proclamation, which provided some interesting insights into the history of the military honor.

The Purple Heart is the oldest active military award in the United States. It was established on Aug. 7, 1782, following General George Washington's victory over the British forces at the Battle of Yorktown. The Florida Legislature passed legislation unanimously establishing Aug. 7 as Florida

Purple Heart Day "to recognize recipients of our nation's oldest award to combat wounded veterans."

As of this year, there have been more than 1.8 million Purple Heart recipients in the United States since 1792, with several in Union County. The award is given to service men and women who are wounded as a direct result of their service, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice are recognized posthumously.

Johns gave the flag to the board for display on appropriate occasions and asked County Coordinator Jimmy Williams to look into acquiring appropriate flags to be displayed in the county to honor all those injured or killed in service to the country.

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Crime, heart attacks, and trash discussed at KH meeting

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook spoke at a Sheriff's Net meeting in Keystone Heights in which she reviewed the county's crime statistics.

The event, hosted by chair Debbie Beals, also featured a health expert who trained audience members on how to respond to heart attacks.

The final speaker was County Commissioner Betsy Condon who summarized the latest commission meeting.

During the July 26 gathering at the First Baptist Church of Keystone Heights, Cook provided an update on felony drug arrests, response times, violent crime, and historical property crime rates in Clay County.

Cook said that despite the county's exponential growth, crime rates have steadily declined over the past three years. The low crime rate is due



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Guest speaker Jennifer Silvey, Emergency Preparedness Manager at UF Health Jacksonville, spoke about how critical CPR is with the motto of "Staying Alive" - continual compressions- and why people of all ages should learn CPR.

in part to the prosecution rate for

felony drug arrests, which has been consistently over 85% for the past three years, contributing to a safer environment for all.

The sheriff explained that the vast majority of violent crimes are simple assault charges, adding, "You are as safe today for violent crimes as you were a decade ago."

Response times have returned to what they were 10 years ago, especially given the substantial population increases the county has experienced. A decade ago, the average response time was nine minutes, thirty-four seconds. Today it is 9:59.

She added that Clay County Commissioners are working to increase the adequate staffing her agency needs, which will further accelerate response times.

Cook said the property crime rate is one-half what it was 10 years ago. She stated that most property crimes today are shoplifting, motor vehicle theft, and fraud.

The sheriff explained that many of these cases are solved quickly with the help of technology, such as apprehending criminals using the cameras of nearby businesses.

She also said that keeping drugs out of Clay communities is a determining factor in reducing theft and violence in the neighborhoods. Cook explained that if you can catch the small crimes, the large criminals will

stay away.

The sheriff thanked the men and women in local law enforcement and her staff's hard work and dedication.

Cook briefly mentioned the new trial phase of the agency's body camera implementation, which involves testing the devices in the field. She said her goal is to ensure each deputy wears a body camera in the next few years.

Lastly, the county's chief law enforcement officer emphasized the importance of community vigilance in maintaining safety. She implored audience members to report suspicious activity immediately.

Cook added that although her agency does not respond to social media posts, community involvement is critical to keeping the crime rate low and vital to the community's safety.

CPR and AEDs

With heart attacks on the rise, having the fundamental technique of CPR could save someone before EMS arrives at the scene.

Guest speaker Jennifer Silvey, Emergency Preparedness Manager at UF Health Jacksonville, spoke about how critical CPR is with the motto of "Staying Alive" - continual compressions- and why people of all ages should learn CPR. She

then demonstrated CPR basics and how the AED defibrillator worked. She briefly spoke about child and infant CPR, too. Silvey stressed that bystanders should always call 911 for all medical emergencies.

Trash pickup, new fire stations

Clay County Commissioner Betsy Condon concluded the Sheriff's Net presentations by summarizing the county commission meeting from the previous evening.

Condon said new trash services will roll out on October 1. Everyone will receive a new 96-gallon trash bin with a radio frequency identification tag. The new trash contractor operates technologically advanced garbage trucks equipped with RFID readers.

Regular garbage trucks will follow normal routes, and special 250 Chassey trucks will pick up trash on private and dirt roads.

The new vehicles will be equipped with cameras. Condon said that with a video record of the route, the county could determine if a missed pickup was the contractor's fault or whether the resident missed the deadline for pickup.

Condon added that anyone needing assistance with the new bins should contact the county.

Curbside recycling will no longer occur, but residents may take recyclables to the environmental convenience center in Keystone Heights.

The commissioner also stated that yard and large items will continue to be collected. Large families who place garbage bags outside the bins must purchase stickers, which must be placed on additional bags for pick-up service. Each sticker costs \$4.

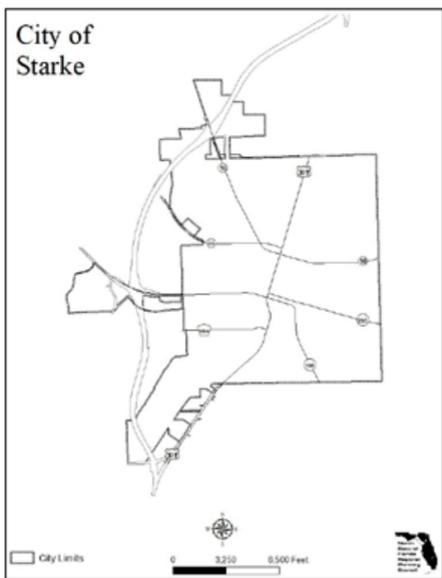
The commissioner said Clay County will build five new fire stations in the next five years and six or seven new ones in the next ten years. The sheriff's office is occupying its 29th building while commissioners work on establishing a new long-term operational facility. These changes are needed to continue meeting the market's exponential demands.

Sheriff's Net meetings are held each quarter at the end of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m., at First Baptist Church. Contact Debbie Beals at deborah.beals@gmail.com for more information.

NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text of the City of Starke Land Development Code, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, as follows:

LDC 24-02, is an application by the City Commission to amend the text of the Land Development Code by amending Section 1-12 entitled Definitions to add definitions for Above-ground Fueling Station and Electric Distribution Substation; by amending Section 4 to add electric distribution substation as a permitted use in certain zoning districts in accordance with Section 163.3208, Florida Statutes, as amended; by amending Section 4 to add above-ground fueling stations as an accessory use to electric distribution substations in certain zoning districts; by amending Division 4 entitled Miscellaneous Provisions to add Section 4-219 entitled Electric Distribution Substations to include supplementary requirements consistent with Policy A.1.28 of the Comprehensive Plan; and by amending Division 4 entitled Miscellaneous Provisions to add Section 4-220 entitled Above-ground Fueling, Gas, or Chemical Storage Tanks to include supplementary requirements for above-ground storage tanks.



The first of two public hearings will be conducted by the City Commission to consider the amendment and conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment on September 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDC 24-02, BY THE CITY COMMISSION, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 1-12 ENTITLED DEFINITIONS BY ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR ABOVE-GROUND FUELING STATION AND ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4 BY ADDING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATION AS A PERMITTED USE IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 163.3208, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING SECTION 4 BY ADDING ABOVE-GROUND FUELING STATIONS AS AN ACCESSORY USE TO ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING DIVISION 4 ENTITLED MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTION 4-219 ENTITLED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SUBSTATIONS BY ADDING SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS CONSISTENT WITH POLICY A.1.28 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING DIVISION 4 ENTITLED MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTION 4-220 ENTITLED ABOVE-GROUND FUELING, GAS, OR CHEMICAL STORAGE TANKS BY ADDING SUPPLEMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ABOVE-GROUND STORAGE TANKS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Copies of the amendment and ordinance are available for public inspection at the City Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.

Worthington Springs parking lot under construction

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Worthington Springs Community Center's parking lot expansion is temporarily on hold pending the processing of a change order.

The project, which should add around 18 new spaces to the center, is funded by a state grant.

Town Clerk Pat Harrell said several years ago, the town was awarded a \$600,000 grant to pave streets in the Worthington Springs Trailer Park.

However, when questions arose about the ownership of the streets and easement proceedings were delayed, town leaders decided to redirect the funding to a less controversial project.

Harrell added that since the parking lot expansion will only cost between \$170,000 and



The Town of Worthington Springs is expanding its community center's parking lot, which will add around 18 spaces.

\$200,000, the balance of the grant will revert to the state.

The town clerk said one part of the change order involves removing an additional tree. Another amendment involves

moving an underground gas tank that supplies fuel to the community center's generator.

Harrell said the community center is frequently used for receptions, weddings, family

reunions, and other events. She added that the facility is rented virtually all Saturdays and is often rented on both days of the weekend.

Lake Brooklyn gains 3.6 inches in July

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A St. John's River Water Management District official said the water level in Lake Brooklyn rose by three-tenths of a foot in July.

The district's water resource information bureau chief, Tim Miller, said Nassau, Duval, Bradford, and Clay counties received more than two inches of rain above their monthly

averages.

He added that the district's southern counties lagged behind those in the north, with Nassau County recording 9.71 inches of precipitation in July and Brevard County receiving only 3.84 inches.

The district's 12-month rolling average remained three-fourths of an inch below the annual average of 51.01 inches.

However, Nassau, Volusia, Clay, and Bradford counties are

more than two inches above their 12-month averages, and Alachua County is more than five inches below its 12-month average.

Miller reported that river flow levels remained in the average range throughout the district, with flows in the St. Johns River's upper basin lower than those in the lower basin, reflecting more rainfall in the northern portions of the district.

The bureau chief said aquifer levels increased in July, bringing

most aquifer readings to the normal range except for Duval, St. Johns, and Flagler counties.

"Very low conditions persist along portions of the northern coast," he said of aquifer levels, "continuing to highlight urban zones which had experienced increased irrigation pressures due to consecutive months of below normal rainfall prior to July."



The western side of the old building. Photo provided by the city of Starke, Paul Stressing and Associates.

Final Badcock building downtown will be demolished

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The remaining structure on the former Badcock Furniture property in downtown Starke will be demolished.

City commissioners approved the move Aug. 6, and were told city employees would probably be able to do most of the work.

The primary building was demolished in 2016 to create additional public parking downtown. The city acquired the property several years earlier in a development agreement with Badcock, which needed a utility extension when the business

moved south of town.

The remaining building was left and has been considered for multiple uses including public restrooms, an employee gym and record storage.

Operations Director Jimmy Crosby said the appearance of the building was enough to warrant a deeper look from an architect.

He told the commission even to serve as a warehouse would require approximately \$350,000. Instead of that investment, he and City Manager Drew Mullins recommended demolishing the structure to make way for additional parking.

“It’s just not worth saving,” Crosby said.

The timeline isn’t certain, but once it is torn down, Commissioner Larry Davis said he wants to see the parking lot properly completed.

“The overpass is done. Things look great down there, and then you drive through a third-world country road trying to get a parking spot,” he said. “So, we have to get it paved.”

Crosby said if it turns out employees cannot perform most of the work, they will bring the cost of demolition back to the commission for consideration.

Starke hopes to tap millions in federal infrastructure funding

Stormwater improvements to Alligator Creek

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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The combined efforts of city staff have helped bring more than \$40 million in assistance to fund improvements in the city, and now the city will work closely with its engineer and other local partners to secure some of the billions available to secure communities against natural disasters and climate change.

Professionals with Woodward and Curran have been working with staff and recently presented plans to apply for funding through the EPA’s Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant. The one-time program opened under the Inflation Reduction Act and has just under \$2 billion available for climate resiliency and pollution reduction.

Woodward and Curran’s Justin deMello called it an incredible opportunity for the city. According to Starke Operations Director Jimmy Crosby said this national firm recognizing the city as a place to invest a considerable amount of its time and own money in this effort is a significant moment for the city. Competition for these federal funds is high and a small number of projects will be approved. The awards can be significant, however, in the tens of millions of dollars.

Crosby said creating the application will be a heavy lift for the firm and for city staff.

“I didn’t go out looking for work, but I think it’s going to be worth it to us, if we can pull this off. I think it’s going to be substantial,” he said.

“They call it a Community Change Grant, because the idea is that this is a community that they’re going to help elevate and change.” deMello said, adding it could help turn Alligator Creek from a liability for the city to an asset by addressing stormwater threats.

A successful application will be based on collaboration between the city and other groups. Four reports must be written with a minimum of two projects implemented, one addressing climate

action and the other pollution reduction. Projects with broad community impact and benefit for the disadvantaged will be favored, as will those that avoid or mitigate displacement.

The program opened last November and some of the first projects have been awarded. The city has until Nov. 21 to submit its workup. EPA is providing free technical assistance, but Crosby said Woodward and Curran would be investing its time and money on behalf of the city as well. He said it was the commission’s willingness to bring on qualified staff that provides confidence they can take on the challenge.

Vulnerability assessment

Woodward and Curran has also used grant funding to prepare a vulnerability assessment for the city. The report is several hundred pages long and evaluates risk to the assets in the city, both public and private, from major storms.

The report and its recommendations will be used in the city’s application for a \$1.1 billion state grant program to make communities more storm resilient against flooding and sea level rise. The report looks at the present and the future, all the way to 2070, offering planning and regulatory solutions in addition to activities like relocating and flood-proofing assets. One focus is Alligator Creek and natural stream restoration measures that will help make the waterway cutting through the city more storm resilient.

City commissioners accepted the report, which will be sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in a request for funds to implement the plan.

City updates capital improvement plan

Starke city commissioners have adopted a new five-year capital improvement plan presented by staff that calls for more than \$6 million in repair and maintenance spending on utility infrastructure.

The plan supports the goal of investing utility revenue

back into the system instead of spending on general government expenses.

The state requires local governments review their capital improvement plans regularly as they make up a portion of their comprehensive land use plans.

Capital improvements are defined in the implementing resolution as “physical assets constructed or purchased to provide, improve or replace a public facility, typically large scale, high in cost, and may require multi-year financing.”

The city relies on outside funding sources, including state and federal grants and loans, in addition to local revenue to carry out these projects.

Management has encouraged the commission to focus on its infrastructure, which typically took a back seat to paying for other services.

Through Fiscal Year 2028, the city plans to spend \$350,000 to \$450,000 on its wastewater facilities, including line and equipment replacement, lining and replacing manholes, and repair and replacement of pipes and valves.

The city also plans to spend \$519,000 on wastewater treatment, including repair and replacement of pipes and valves, pump installation and replacement, and generator upgrades.

The water distribution system will require greater investment — more than \$1.9 million over the next five years on water main and valve replacements, emergency line replacement, and equipment replacements.

The electric department plans the replacement of large and small equipment, poles and transformers with \$1.52 million. There will be similar investments in gas infrastructure with around \$340,000 set aside.

Additionally, in FY 26 and 27, more \$500,000 is included in water treatment, wastewater and gas to implement automated meter reading.

The city also anticipates state grant funding over two years totaling \$150,000 in Wainwright Park, Edwards Road Park and City Walk Park, which would include the Downtown Square area.

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

Miguel Alvarado, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 10 for DUI.

Preston Lee Chestnut, 24, of White Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 16 for probation violations.

Acacia Alivia Cruz Simpson, 26, of Belleview, was arrested by FHP troopers on August 16 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Andrew Scott Davis, 35, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 10 for an out-of-county warrant.

Brinesha La’Dora Dortly, 34, of Lake City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

Johnathan Lloyd Douglass, 33, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for withholding support, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and an out-of-county warrant.

Michael Joseph Garber, 30, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 15 for possession of obscene material, child cruelty, and public order crimes.

Troy Al Hankerson, 24, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 11 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ashlynn Leigh Hillgass, 23, of Keystone Heights, was

arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for aggravated battery and resisting an officer.

Christy Renee Jones, 47, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for a probation violation.

Aaron Robert Kaufman, 27, of Bushnell, was arrested by FHP troopers on August 16 for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug equipment.

Landon James McQuilkin, 40, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for DUI and possession of drugs.

James Cason Norman, 34, of Graham, was arrested by probation and parole on August 16 for a probation violation.

Sarah Ann Peebles, 40, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 13 for probation violations, possession of drugs, and possession of drug equipment.

Keith Warren Perkins, 29, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for lewd and lascivious behavior.

Joshua Miles Richards, 37, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for animal cruelty.

I’van Tyrese Sargeant, 26, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 16 for a probation violation.

Charles Kuria Wainiana, 45, of Miami, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 10 for DUI.

Union

Johnnie Lee Alexander, 58, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on August 18 for larceny, possession of drug equipment, and possession of drugs.

Tarreo M. Brown, 29, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on August 13 for trafficking in illegal drugs and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Anton T. Cesar, 28, a

Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on August 13 for battery.

Jillyan Amor Chisholm, 31, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 15 for a probation violation.

Nicholas R. Fox, 37, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on August 13 for aggravated battery and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Joseph Harris, 33, of Ft. White, was arrested on August 17 by Union deputies for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Ronald Howard, 57, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on August 15 for larceny.

Joshua R. Keller, 36, of Homosassa, was arrested by Union deputies on August 14 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Timothy Maxfield, 38, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on August 13 for trafficking in illegal drugs and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Kendrick Julius Perkins, 29, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on August 15 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Deborah Nicole Schaeffer, 39, of Lake Butler, was arrested on August 17 by Union deputies for trespassing.

Sylvester Warren Jr., 48, of Gainesville, was arrested by Union deputies on August 14 for trespassing.

Clay

Israel Harris Banda, 45, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on August 11 for criminal mischief with property damage.

Deangelo Ruben Perez, 27, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on August 10 for a probation violation.

Auditor says corrections recordkeeping needs improvement

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Florida’s Auditor General said in a report issued earlier this year that the state’s Department of Corrections needs to improve its recordkeeping for incidents, use of force reports, and other items.

Incident reports

In a June 2024 report, Auditor General Sherrill F. Norman said that according to Department of Corrections policy, all incident reports must be submitted to a warden within three days of an incident after review by a shift supervisor and the institution’s chief of security.

The Auditor General said her agency reviewed 101 incidents from 13 selected state correctional institutions and found that 10 reports were submitted to wardens past the three-day deadline.

For five of the tardy reports, the three-day due date fell on a weekend when wardens do not typically work.

Three incidents were filled out by correctional officers up to six days after the incident and not reviewed by the security chief up to 14 days after an incident.

“Department management indicated that one of the incident report forms had to be returned for signature by a correctional officer who was on leave,” the auditor said, “another incident report form was delayed to obtain additional reports from other witnesses, and management was unable to determine the reason for the third incident report form delay.”

One report did not reach the shift supervisor on time because it was emailed to a supervisor on leave instead of the on-duty supervisor.

Three correctional officers were involved in one incident, but only one submitted a report about it. The security chief did not review the completed report until 13 days after the incident.

The auditor also criticized the corrections department for not reconciling institution incident report logs to the individual

reports, which would have ensured that all reports were submitted and logged.

In addition, the department has no centralized depository for accumulating and analyzing incident reports statewide.

Use of force reporting

The auditor said that according to Department of Corrections policy, all staff involved in a use of force incident are required to complete a use of force incident report form that must be reviewed by the warden and sent to the department’s inspector general within 11 business days of the warden’s preliminary review.

The warden’s preliminary review should include determining whether the application or demonstration of force was lawful and procedurally appropriate.

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TRASH

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Merkley said FCC hired most Waste Management workers who picked up trash in Clay County under the current contract.

He added that for routes with dirt roads, most of which are in Condon's district, FCC will utilize smaller, four-wheel-drive trucks to pick up waste.

Mitch Dahlstrom, FCC's Florida operations director, added that FCC has successfully used the smaller trucks in Lake County.

"I think Lake County is

probably only second to Clay County in the number of non-maintained roads, as far as dirt roads," he said. "You have a lot of sugar sand areas like in the Keystone Heights area. We did some drive-bys in there to scout the routes and see what we needed, and it was very evident that we needed the four-by-four vehicles."

Condon added that 99% effectiveness is short of what residents expect from the new contractor.

"I believe our residents expect us to be at 100% on Day 1," she said.

While Merkley emphasized

the benefits of truck-mounted cameras and blamed their failure on the company's problems in St. Johns County. Commissioner Kristin Burke said some of her constituents fretted about the technology infringing on their privacy.

"We have constituents that are worried that you're going to be watching their house," she said, "that you're going to be watching their families. Can you address that?"

Merkley responded that the only purpose of the cameras was to improve customer service and safety.

AUDIT

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The Office of Inspector General is then required to report back to the warden within 14 business days on its determination of whether the use of force complied with applicable laws and department rules and procedures.

The auditor said her office examined department records for 80 use-of-force incidents from 13 selected correctional institutions and found that two were not timely reported to the Office of

the Inspector General and three were not timely submitted back to a warden from the Office of the Inspector General's Office.

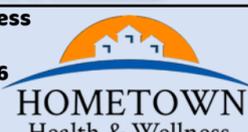
Other issues

The state auditor also found problems with the department's handling of maintenance requests, controls over access to its information technology systems, and accounting for trust fund expenditures.

Union Republicans meeting Aug. 22

The Union County Republican Party is meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. at Lake Area Title Services, 25 E. Main St. in Lake Butler. Anyone may attend. Learn more and connect at Facebook.com/UnionCountyGOP.

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NFL player makes annual donation to BHS football program

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Los Angeles Chargers tight end Hayden Hurst donated \$10,000 to the Bradford High School football program for the third straight year, with Head Coach Jamie Rodgers accepting the check from Hurst's father, Jerry, on Aug. 9.

The money goes toward paying for charter buses for the Tornados to use for road games. Rodgers said having transportation that's not dependent on school buses is a plus for his program.

"A lot of teams can't leave until 4:30 or 5 or whatever time the bus routes are over with and things like that," Rodgers

said. "We're very fortunate and blessed to not have to worry about that."

Jerry Hurst remembers his time as a football player at The Bolles School in Jacksonville. He was part of a team in 1974 that had a losing record, with one of those losses coming against Bradford 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. In an interview for a 2022 Telegraph-Times-Monitor story, Jerry Hurst said, "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." He added, "It was just by changing the attitude. Changing the culture."

Hayden Hurst referenced a Deion Sanders quote when describing how riding a charter bus can affect a team, saying, "Look good, feel good, play good."

"If you show up like that, you're ready to kick some butt," Hayden Hurst said.

Like his father, Hayden Hurst played at Bolles, but his parents, Jerry and mother, Cathy, have lived in Bradford County for more than 10 years. They have a home on Sampson Lake.

Hayden Hurst has enjoyed the time he's spent in Bradford County and likes the people



Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers (fourth from left) accepts a \$10,000 check from Jerry Hurst, the father of L.A. Chargers tight end Hayden Hurst. Also pictured are BHS players (l-r) Barron Walden, Duke Lewis, Brian Cliffin, Jaden Hankerson, Reese Wainwright and Jeremiah McKenzie.

he's met, so he was inspired to do something to help the BHS football program.

"It's just a great area with great

people," Hurst said. "It's just a

Bolles in 2012, was drafted to cool opportunity to be able to play baseball by the Pittsburgh give back."

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Hurst, who graduated from See HURST, page 11



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Deloris Baugess

Baugess- Deloris Jean "D.J." Baugess, 75, of Starke passed away Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, at Roberts Care Center Haven Hospice in Palatka. D.J. was born in Baldwin on April 24, 1949, to the late Charles and Bertie Chitty. She was a lifelong resident of Bradford County. After school, she started working at the poultry farms as an egg collector. She was a hard worker and was determined to be an entrepreneur. A few years later, she embarked on her entrepreneurial journey as the proud owner and operator of Pine Tree Inn. She managed her company for over 25 years until her retirement. In her spare time, she enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, and more recently loved bingo. It was her weekly treat to play bingo with her fellow competitors. She loved the simple pleasures in life and was grateful for the small blessings. She was loved by so many and will be greatly missed. D.J. was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Bertie Chitty; daughter, Mary Baugess; son-in-law, Jerry Westberry; sisters, Louise Knight, Dolly Wells, and Marian Wagner; brothers, Fred and David Chitty; and grandson, Tommy Baugess.

She is survived by her husband, Larry David Baugess; children, Loretta Westberry of Starke, Albert (Jackie Christine) Baugess of Lawtey, and Richard Baugess of Starke; grandchildren, Paul Allen (Erica) Holt, Joey Baugess, and Kenneth Andrew Baugess; great-grandchildren, Remington Paul Holt and Trenton Holt; close friend and caretaker David Sweat; along with many extended family members and friends.

A graveside celebration service will be held on Friday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. at Keystone Heights Cemetery with Chaplain Jim Cox officiating. The family will receive friends on Friday 30 minutes prior to the service at the cemetery.

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

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Samuel Bennett

Samuel "Sam" Bennett, 55, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts transitioned on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. A native of Starke, he attended the local schools of Bradford County and served in the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Bennett; five daughters; one son; three brothers; one sister; 13 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, in the Freewill Memorial Garden Cemetery in Starke. Interment will be under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-7905

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Barbara Brown

Barbara "Bobbie" Pearson Wike Brown, 85, of Starke, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024. Bobbie was born in Jacksonville in 1939 to Earl and Ethel Pearson. She grew up with her older sister and mentor, Joyce Pearson Peoples, and her younger sister, Joanne Pearson Bertram. She attended Andrew Jackson High School and had fond memories of her childhood. She told stories about attending drive-in movies and sock hops with friends and going on double dates with her sister, Joyce. More than anything, she loved playing sports. She was very athletic and earned her letterman jacket playing basketball and softball. Although she was an avid reader, she claimed that she was not very academic, but she always maintained good grades with the help of her older sister. Bobbie also played violin in her high school orchestra. In addition to stories about her childhood, she liked to talk about her exciting life as a wife and mother. When she was first married, she relocated with her husband, Lloyd, who was in the military, to Denver, Colorado. Later they moved back to Florida, where she and her family kept horses and participated in countless horse shows. She had many hobbies and interests. She was a terrific cook and talented seamstress. After her children were grown, she traveled the world with her husband. For decades she told stories about her adventures in the Middle East, Egypt, and Europe. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lloyd Franklin Wike, and her second husband, Lauren Carl Brown.

She is survived by her three children, Katherine Wike (Chuck) Chambliss, Debbie Wike (Keith) Walker, and Barbara Wike (John) Coleman. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Jacob (Kim) Clemons, Alex (Eric) Scamahorn, and Courtney (Matt) Magierski; and her four great-grandchildren, Shyann Clemons, Case Clemons, Malcolm Scamahorn, and Miles Scamahorn. Bobbie loved her family. She is greatly loved and will be greatly missed.

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Larry Hurst Jr.

Larry "Patrick" Hurst Jr., 50, of Starke passed away Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at UF Health Shands Hospital in Gainesville. He was born Sept. 13, 1973, in Jacksonville and was of the Baptist faith. He graduated from the University of Florida with his bachelor of science in nursing in 1998. His career in the nursing field included serving as a flight nurse for Trauma One in Jacksonville, as well as supervisor and nurse manager for Putnam Community Medical Center. He also worked as a paramedic with Bradford EMS and was currently working as a traveling nurse. He served his country in the United States Army. Preceding him in death was his father, Larry Patrick Hurst.

Survivors are his wife of 30 years, Dana (Whitaker) Hurst of Starke; children, Larry Patrick "Trey" Hurst III of Starke, Hannah Haley Hurst of Starke, Andrew John Hurst of Starke, Aidan Joshua Hurst of Starke; and his mother, Willa Ann Hurst of Starke.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Butler, with memorial services beginning at 11 a.m. Pastor Jason Johns will officiate. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made directly to the family for expenses.

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

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Donald Jackson

Donald Edison Jackson, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at the North Florida Regional Medical Center. He was born on March 15, 1935, in Raiford and lived a life marked by love, strength, and dedication to family. At the age of 18, he joined the Merchant Marines, beginning a journey of service that would resonate throughout his life. He found his true calling later on. Col. Jackson retired from the Florida Department of Corrections after 33 years of dedicated service. His commitment to the agency was matched by his deep love for his family, who also continued his legacy of service. His wife, Virginia, served for 10 years as a correctional officer at Florida State Prison. Their son, Donnie Jackson Jr., followed in his father's footsteps, dedicating 32 1/2 years to the department, and retiring as assistant warden at FSP. Their daughter, Debbie, worked as a nurse, and her husband, Richard Flynn, is still a valued member of the FDC team. Col. Jackson's leadership was instrumental in shaping many of the procedures and policies the department still follows today. His integrity, courage, and relentless pursuit of excellence were not just ideals he preached—they were values he lived by every day. Known for his calm demeanor, he was the epitome of a servant leader who cared deeply for his people. A defining moment in his career was during the tragic incident involving Sgt. John S. Dennard at Union Correctional Institution, where his courage and composure prevented further violence and ensured the safety of his staff. His actions earned him the lasting respect and gratitude of those who served with him. Beyond his professional achievements, he was deeply committed to building a sense of community. He played a key role, alongside other like-minded individuals, in establishing the annual Old Timers events, which were created to strengthen the connections between current staff and retirees. Every Christmas and Thanksgiving, he made it a point to personally reach out to his FDC family, offering advice, engaging in heartfelt conversations, and showing sincere concern for their well-being. He held a deep appreciation for adventure, and his hobbies included hunting, fishing, and riding around, reminiscing about times gone by. He particularly enjoyed traveling with the "Jackson Crew," creating lasting memories with those he loved most. It cannot go without saying how very much he loved his Jackson's Building Supply buddies. Those men and their antics gave him more joy than they will ever know, and the family is truly grateful to them for loving him.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Virginia Evelyn Jackson. Together, they built a loving family that will continue to honor his legacy. He is the proud father of Debbie (Richard) Flynn, Donnie (Donna) Jackson, and Lynn (Dean) Weaver. He also leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Dawn (Tony) Rizer, Kage (Lindsey) Crews, Anthony (Kayla) Flynn, and Jeffrey Goodman. His legacy extends into the next generation with great-grandchildren, Hayden, Mason, Madison, Lake, Hanna, Kaleigh, Skylar, Kingsley, and Ashton, who brought immense joy to his life. He was preceded in death by his father, J.C. Jackson; his mother, Olene (Arvin) Douberly; and his brothers, Ronald "Buddy" Jackson and William "Bill Boy" Jackson. Each of these family members played a significant role in shaping the man he became, and he will be remembered alongside them with love and respect.

A viewing will be held on Friday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 155 N.W. First St., Lake Butler. This will be followed by a funeral service at the same location, which will commence at 11 a.m. He will be laid to rest at Swift Creek Cemetery.

Archer Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jackson family during this trying time.

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Kathy Kopelousos

Kathy Kopelousos watched her last sunset on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, peacefully on her deck overlooking the river. She succumbed to a six-year, hard-fought battle with endometrial cancer. Born in Gainesville on Nov. 2, 1962, her love for life and family was evident in everything she did. A proud Gator, she attended the University of Florida from 1980 to 1983, and her devotion to her alma mater never waned. Her Gator flag flew high during college football season, and her fall parties for the Florida-Georgia game were legendary. She later moved to Illinois, where she obtained both her bachelor of arts and master of science degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She dedicated over two decades to teaching as a math professor at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois, from 1996 until her retirement in 2018. Her passion for teaching and her students was matched only by the joy she found in her family and friends. She remained in Illinois after retirement, enjoying the amazing friendships and connections she had developed over the years in the area. Her life was rich with love and connection. She was the ultimate big sister to her five siblings and an amazing aunt to all of her nieces and nephews, always sending care packages or super cute, hand-crafted, homemade cards for special occasions—or just because. Her love for poker led her to start the cherished tradition of "family poker – no pennies on the table" at every gathering. Her local poker family was an immense support during her battle with cancer, and no matter how tough her day was, she always rallied for her weekly games. Anna Maria Island held a special place in her heart. She spent countless hours walking the beach in search of elusive shark's teeth that seemed to magically appear for only her, enjoying a burger at Duffy's Tavern, or challenging locals to poker at Decoy Ducks. These simple pleasures defined the essence of who she was—a lover of life's small joys, shared with those she cared about.

Kathy is survived by her mother, Mary Katherine Wainwright, of Sarasota; her father and stepmother, John and Ann Kopelousos, of Jacksonville; her sisters, Angela (Bill) Black, Georgia Kopelousos, and Mary Margaret (Robert) Estill; her brothers, G. John (Shannon) Kopelousos and Leslie (Ghita) Alderman; and her beloved nieces and nephews, George, John, Anna, Caroline, Ellie, and Nina. She also had a special bond with Ashtyn Britt, of whom she was very fond.

Kathy's legacy is one of love, generosity, and resilience. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date in honor of Kathy and all that knew her will be invited to attend.

As much as Kathy loved flowers and cards, we know she would be smiling down if you would simply make a donation to a cause that was near and dear to her heart. The St. Louis Peregrine Society is dedicated to improving the life of cancer patients living in the greater St. Louis area. peregrinesoc.org/donation/

Gent Funeral Home in Alton, Illinois is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

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Marvin Noegel Jr.

Retired U.S. Army Maj. Marvin Edward "Ed" Noegel Jr. passed away at his home Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024. He was born Oct. 19, 1947, and was the eldest son of Mary Ester Martin Noegel and Marvin Edward "Bo" Noegel Sr. He was born in Lake City and the family moved from Starke to Lake Butler in 1967. Ed served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, receiving several honors and accommodations, and was a career officer for over 20 years. During his training, he was stationed in Germany, where he met Rose in Camp King, near Frankfurt. They later married in Bo and Mary's home in Lake Butler in 1972. Ed graduated from Bradford County High School, Class of 1965, received a bachelor's degree from University of Florida in 1970, and an MBA from Boston University in 1979. He was a retired Army veteran, retired high school math teacher, former Florida Department of Corrections officer, and former car salesman. In his youth, he was an avid hunter and enjoyed hunting deer with his brother and father. Ed was also an avid fisherman, accomplished golfer, and huge Florida Gator fan, having played high school football with Bradford County Tornados and UF alumni. Following his retirement, he took great pleasure in grilling for his grandkids, Dylan, Brandon, and Marina and their families and watching ballgames. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting with his cousin, Gary, and visiting with Pattie and Gary and their family, fishing with his grandsons Dylan and Brandon and their father, Joe, and golfing with his grandson Dylan. Ed's daughter, Aileen, and her husband, Romas, are here from Germany, and Aileen is his personal representative. Ed was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family and friends and was also loved by many. He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Rosemarie "Rose" Kunkel Noegel; his daughter Tabatha "Tabby" Ramos; and his nephew, Jason Cummings.

He is survived by his daughter, Dr. Aileen (Romas) Iverson-Radtke; and his daughter Tabatha's three children, Ed's grandchildren, Dylan (Sarah), Marina Ramos (Nicky) Chaumet, Brandon Ramos; and their father, Ed's son-in-law, Jose "Joe" Ramos. Also, his sister, Cynthia "Cindy" Noegel; his brother, Louis "Louie" Noegel Sr.; five nephews and nieces: Louie (Amanda) Noegel Jr., Jeremy (Erica) Noegel, Christy Noegel, Becky (Steve) Shadd, and Zachary Cummings; and their children, Ed's great-nieces and nephews. Also, his cousins, Patti Bedenbaugh (Gary) Thomas, Jackie (Dan)

Harrison; many extended family cousins; and many proud Bradford County football fans. He also will be missed by his special friends, Brother Art (Janis) Peterson, Cynthia "Sis" Whitehead, and Gary Thomas. He was also grateful for his high school friends from Bradford High Class of 1965 and his community of friends at First Christian Church, where he was a member. Ed also leaves behind his friend and devoted dog, "Spud"; and many cats that he and his wife cared for over the years.

Funeral services for include a visitation with the family at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, at First Christian Church, with Pastor Shane Collins and Brother Art Peterson officiating. Followed by a luncheon in the church, he will be laid to rest in a private ceremony with immediate family in Dekle Cemetery, joining there his wife, Rose, and daughter, Tabby. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Christian Church, 155 N.W. First St., Lake Butler 32054, the Florida Veterans Foundation or the ASPCA.

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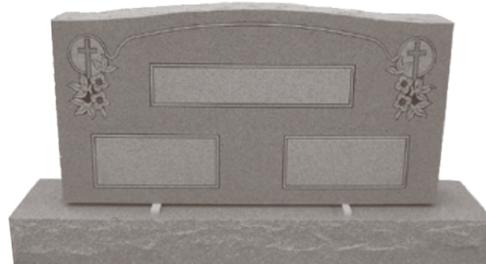
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BHS tops Columbia 19-8 in preseason

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Jy'Quez Cason returned a fumble 95-plus yards for a score as part of a defensive effort that created four turnovers in all in the Bradford High School football team's 19-8 win over visiting Columbia in a preseason kickoff classic on Aug. 16.

The Tornadoes now have a starting blueprint to work from as they prepare for the start of the regular season on Friday, Aug. 23. Bradford will travel to play Baker County in a 7 p.m. game.

In assessing the kickoff classic performance, Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said, "Some things will be better on film than we think. Some things will be worse than we thought. We'll get in, work on that and fix everything. That's what our staff's really good at and what our kids are really good at — adjustments."

Bradford, last year's Class 2S state runner-up and a Class 2A team in the Florida High School's Athletic Association's new classification system, continued its trend of making an impact on defense under Rodgers. The Tornadoes held Class 4A Columbia's varsity team scoreless and recovered fumbles at the Tigers' 4- and 16-yard lines that set up touchdowns.

Rodgers, who said such a defensive effort doesn't usually occur this early in the season, gave kudos to the team's defensive backs for being in the right places on almost every play as Columbia completed just 9 of 17 passes and was intercepted once.

"We're in the third year of our system with a lot of guys who've played a lot for us, so we should have that," Rodgers said.

The few negatives for Rodgers were that his defense didn't tackle well at times and that the offense squandered didn't fully take advantage of its first-half opportunities.

"We've got some things to clean up," Rodgers said. "We'll clean them up and get better from here."

Columbia received the opening kickoff of a game in which the first half consisted solely of

varsity players. The third quarter was a mix of varsity and younger players, while the fourth quarter was all junior varsity players.

A tackle by Jeremiah McKenzie and a pass breakup by Jordan Cason had the Tigers facing third-and-8 on their first series, but quarterback Zamarion Jones scrambled to the Bradford 41 for a 10-yard gain. Jones later had another third-down run that produced a first down at the 28. Jordan Cason broke up a pass in the end zone, while McKenzie flushed Jones out of the pocket on play that lost a yard and had the Tigers facing third-and-11. Jones connected with Antonio Days for a 7-yard gain before dumping off a pass to Kyren Caldwell that converted a fourth-down play and gained 9 yards to the Bradford 13.

Johnathan Andrews had a run to the Bradford 6 on the next play. The Tornadoes were able to hold Columbia to 2 yards on the next two plays. The Tigers went for it on fourth-and-1 and would've gotten the first down if not for a fumble, which Jy'Quez Cason scooped up and took the distance for the game's first score with 3:42 remaining in the first quarter.

It was typical of the playmaking ability Cason demonstrated last year as just a sophomore.

"That's what he does," Rodgers said. "He's a really good football player."

Cy Cubbedge kicked the extra point following Cason's score to make it a 7-0 game.

Bradford's offense didn't get on the field until the second quarter, starting a drive at midfield. New starting quarterback Zack Paul threw an accurate deep ball on the drive's third play, but his receiver couldn't come down with the catch in the end zone.

Paulk completed all of his next four pass attempts for 36 yards, hooking up with receivers Marlin Haywood, Mikey Oliver and Branden Williams as the Tornadoes drove to the Columbia 11. A couple of pass attempts and one running play netted only 2 yards for Bradford, which was

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Quarterback Zack Paulk (left) prepares to pass before pressure arrives from Columbia's Kyten Davis.

Lillie Roddey

Mrs. Lillie Mae Roddey, 82, of Starke, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, at Haven Hospice in Orange Park. She attended the local schools of Bradford County. She worked as seamstress for several years before retiring. She enjoyed taking care of her grandkids, cooking and attending to her flowers. She was also a long-time loyal member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.



Lillie is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Clarence Roddey; sons, Jeff Rusie and Winslow Roddey; daughters, Classic Cooper, Tasha Roddey and Karen Aldridge; sister, Joyce Perry. She was also blessed with 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be held Friday, Aug. 23, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Starke. Funeral services will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. at Antioch Baptist Church. The funeral cortege will assemble at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the home of Mrs. Lillie Roddey. Services will be officiated by Rev. Michael Johnson. Interment will follow at Clark Cemetery.

Professional services are entrusted to J. Hadley Funeral Home, 2030 N. Temple Ave., Starke. 352-286-5946.

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HURST

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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.

The Baltimore Ravens selected Hurst with one of their two first-round draft picks in 2018.

In two seasons in Baltimore, he played in 28 games, making four starts. He had 43 receptions for 512 yards and three touchdowns.

Hurst played for the Atlanta Falcons in the 2020 and 2021 seasons, starting 14 of the 29 games he played in. He caught 82 passes for 792 yards and nine touchdowns.

In 2022, Hurst played for the Cincinnati Bengals, starting all 13 games he played and catching 52 passes for 414 yards and two touchdowns.



Jerry Hurst (right) has his son, Hayden, on his cell phone so BHS Head Coach Jamie Rodgers can express his thanks.

Hurst then played for the Carolina Panthers for one year, finishing with 18 receptions for 184 yards and a touchdown. He appeared in nine games, starting eight.

In a brief chat via cellphone video, Hurst told Rodgers, "You can definitely count on us every year. I know (the money) goes a long way down there, and it's much appreciated down there."

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Certificate Number: 1009
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04660-0-00000
Case Number: 2024-TD-0013
Description of Property:
COMMENCING at the NE corner of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 South, Range 22 East and run South 400.2 feet for POB, thence continue South 228.8 feet, thence West 116.6 feet to East ROW line of State Highway No. 100, thence in a NWly direction along said ROW of said Highway 100, 190 feet, thence East 195 feet to POB, all of said land lying in SE corner of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, said Section, Township and Range in Bradford County, Florida.

Name in Which Assessed: DWAYNE K WINDSTEAD; TINA M WINDSTEAD

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 10/23/2024, 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 Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 7, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 15, 2024; AUGUST 22, 2024; AUGUST 29, 2024; SEPTEMBER 5, 2024.

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Certificate Number: 915
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04198-0-00000
Case Number: 2024-TD-0012
Description of Property: Beginning at the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, run thence West 405.8 feet for Point of Beginning; thence run South 670.6 feet, thence West 401.9 feet, thence North 670.6 feet, thence East 504.8 feet to Point of Beginning. Lying and being in Section 30, Township 6 South Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: CONSEVILLA GOODSON; CONSEVILLA HAMEED; ATA DOWNSHAMEED
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Certificate Number: 967
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04432-0-00000
Case Number: 2024-TD-0011
Description of Property:
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89°58' East 315 feet to a point; thence run North 0°58' West 320 feet to a point; thence run North 89°58' West 200 feet to a point; thence run North 0°58' West 100 feet to a point; run thence North 89°50' West 415 feet to point of beginning. SAVE AND EXCEPTING therefrom any portion thereof lying within the right-of-way of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Name in Which Assessed: GREGORY DURBAN
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 10/23/2024, 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 Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 7, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 15, 2024; AUGUST 22, 2024; AUGUST 29, 2024; SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

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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 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 28th day of August, 2024, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0D019 Tara Xi Ali

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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 28th day of August, 2024 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0G023 Di Jion Williams
0I021 AVH Plumbing LLC
0I046 Theresa Woody
0I052 Theresa Woody
0I058 Jack Frankling Gunter
0L036 Gwendolyn Futch

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

PROBATE DIVISION
Case No.: 04-2024-CP-96-CPAXMX
IN RE: ESTATE OF
BEATRICE H. GRIFFIN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Beatrice H. Griffin, deceased, whose date of death was June 7, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of 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.
A Personal Representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the Decedent's death by the Decedent or the Decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211.
The date of first publication of this notice is August 15th, 2024.
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
White, Griffis and Littell, PLLC
BY: Virginia E. Griffis, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 761931
3701 NW 40th Terr., Ste. 1
Gainesville, Florida 32606
Telephone: (352) 416-3468
E-Service: e-griffis@wgl-law.com

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Personal Representative: Ashton C. Norman
Personal contact information protected.
Sect. 119.071(4)(d), Fla. Stat., c/o Virginia E. Griffis, Esq., 3701 NW 40th Terr., Ste. 1 Gainesville, Florida 32606
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COMMISSION MEETING

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on September 3, 2024, at 9:30 AM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained from the Bradford County website: www.bradfordcountyfl.gov. Said meeting location is secured - no firearms or weapons are permitted.
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on September 3, 2024 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091 during which the second reading and a vote will occur for the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-19
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III; REPEALING AND REPLACING THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE POSITION OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION IN THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; CREATING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 5, ENTITLED THE GENERAL MANAGER; CREATING THE OFFICE, APPOINTMENT, DUTIES, QUALIFICATIONS, REMOVAL AND COMPENSATION OF THE SAME; UPDATING OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND HANDBOOKS; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR CODIFICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance is available for public inspection at City Hall, 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida 32091. Interested parties may appear and have an opportunity to be heard at the meeting with respect to the proposed ordinance.
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City of Hampton

NOTICE OF FAIR HOUSING
This notice will serve to advise all residents of the City of Hampton that the following actions, if based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability) are prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act):

**Refusing to sell or rent to, deal or negotiate with any person.
**Discriminating on terms or conditions for buying or renting housing.
**Discriminating by advertising that housing is available only to persons of a certain race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, handicap (disability), age, ancestry or with no animals.
**Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
**Denying or making different terms or conditions for home loans by financial institutions.
**Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.
***"Blockbusting" and "steering" are two discriminatory practices that are also prohibited by the Act. Blockbusting includes engaging in conduct which conveys the impression that a neighborhood is about to undergo certain changes and, thus, panic owners into selling their properties. Steering involves guiding an individual seeking housing toward or away from particular property for discriminatory reasons. If you would like to obtain more information about fair housing, or file a fair housing complaint, please contact the Fair Housing Coordinator listed below:
Mary Lou Hildreth, City Clerk/
Administrator
City of Hampton
P. O. Drawer 250 (5784 Navarre Avenue)
Hampton, FL 32044
Office: 352-468-1201
Fax: 352-473-1350
coh1@outlook.com
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES
8/22 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on September 18, 2024. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on September 11, 2024 and end at

2PM on September 18, 2024. The public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com.
KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837
Time: 02:00PM CST
B22, Williams, Clarence, B48, Williams, Clarence, C02, PARKER, CHICOTIS
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.
8/22 2tchg 8/29-BCT

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which 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 September 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy 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. 2024-20
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, 15240730A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY, RESIDENTIAL (MORE THAN 2 AND LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 8 UNITS PER ACRE) TO COMMERCIAL ON CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 24-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM MULTI-FAMILY, MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT (R-2A) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-3) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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**Denying that housing is available for inspection, sale or rent when it really is available.
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**Denying to anyone the use of or participation in any real estate services, multiple listing services or other facilities related to the selling and renting of housing.
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Stephanie Mann, Fair Housing Coordinator
Director of Community Development and Legal Affairs
209 North Thompson Street
Starke, FL 32091
Phone: (904) 964-5027
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES
8/22 1tchg-BCT

BID

The Town of Brooker will receive and accept sealed bids for the following complete clean-up of Town Property located at 17375 Tetstone Avenue, Brooker, Florida. Bids will be received until 1:00p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2024. The bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, around 7:00p.m. at the regular monthly council meeting. Mailing address:
P.O. Box 127, Brooker, FL 32622. Also, a drop box is located at the Town Hall office if you would like to deliver bid.

Scope of Work:
Complete clean-up of property including hauling off everything. To include removal of all trash and debris. All trees to be cut down and stumps removed except ones marked for keeping. Removal of trees in fence along property line next to Town Park. Property needs fill dirt before leveling can be completed. Any questions, please contact Steve Acree, 352-318-7464.

REQUIRED WITH BID - A copy of current insurance declaration page showing \$250,000.00 or more Liability coverage and Worker's Compensation coverage certificate or exemption certificate. BIDS NOT CONTAINING THESE REQUIRED ITEMS WILL BE REJECTED.
The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
Equal Opportunity Employer, Fair Housing, Handicap Access Jurisdiction.
8/22 3tchg 9/5-BCT

REQUEST FOR BIDS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bradford County S.H.I.P. Program will receive sealed bids until **2:30 p.m., September 6, 2024** 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: 415 N. Polk Street, Starke, FL 32091
A mandatory walk through is a prerequisite to a valid bid. All interested bidders will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 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 September 6, 2024 or as soon thereafter as possible in the presence of the Clerk or his designee, Community Development staff, and all interested persons in the County Commissioners 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., September 6, 2024.

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. August 26, 2024.
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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UNION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERTIFICATE #: 71
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2018
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 21-06-18-45-000-0410-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Parcel No. 41 of Upland Pines Plantation, Union County, Florida: The Westerly 164 feet of the following described property:

Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 18 East and run North 86 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds East along the North line of said Section, 2021.94 feet, thence run South 2 degrees 46 minutes 29 seconds East, 619.62 feet to the North right of way line a 60 foot Access Road (Sara Lane; said point being the Point of Tangent of a curve on said right of way) thence run South 3 degrees 32 minutes 36 seconds East 60 feet to the South right of way of said 60 foot Access Road; thence run South 86 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds West, along said right of way 656 feet, thence run South 3 degrees 32 minutes 36 seconds East, 575.12 feet to the North right of way of a 40 foot dedicated County Road and the Point of Beginning; thence run South 88 degrees 20 minutes 12 seconds West along said right of way 328.57 feet, thence run North 3 degrees 28 minutes 03 seconds West 294.34 feet, thence run North 86 degrees 27 minutes 24 seconds East, 328.00 feet, thence run South 3 degrees 32 minutes 36 seconds East, 305.12 feet to the Point of Beginning, being and lying in Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 18 East, Union County, Florida.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: MARY R MILLING & JAMES Z STRIPLIN
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 26th day of September, 2024.
Dated this 13th day of August, 2024.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.
8/15 4tchg 9/5-UCT

NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on Lockerfox.com, 16, 2024 at 12:00 pm on September 16, 2024. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Unit #27 Tashonia Jackson \$335.30
Unit #12 Katherine Morabito \$276.56
Unit #32 Lindsay J. Parrish \$131.60
Unit #82 Daffaney Jones \$275.82
Unit #24 Ana Wise \$161.02
Unit #41 Aaron Smith \$287.04
Unit #35 Frieda Crawford \$161.02
Unit #40 Carol Dampier \$161.02
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Aug. 22, 2024

UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2024-CP-00030 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF CYNTHIA HALAS BAGLEY Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Cynthia Halas Bagley, deceased, whose date of death was March 10, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main St. Rm 103, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons 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.

A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.221.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 22, 2024.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Stephen M. Witt

Attorney Florida Bar Number: 231916

PO Box 2064 LAKE CITY, FL 32056-2064

Telephone: (386) 755-2863

Fax: (386) 752-1732

E-Mail: stephen@attorneywitt.com

Secondary E-Mail: carey@attorneywitt.com

Personal Representative: Michael Halas

84 Gill Rd. Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324

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CONCURRENT NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: August 22, 2024

Name of Responsible Entity: City of Lake Butler

Address: 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054

Contact: Kimberly Hayes, City Manager

Telephone Number: (386) 496-3401

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lake Butler.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 10, 2024, the City of Lake Butler will submit a request to the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake

a project known as #MT118 to make the following improvements:

Activities: The City of Lake Butler, Florida has been awarded Three Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$3,519,888.00) in CDBG-MIT (Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation) funding to implement the Lake Butler Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements Project. The scope of the project is to replace and/or rehabilitate six (6) existing sanitary sewer lift stations, including installation of six (6) emergency back-up electrical generators. In addition, the grant will also replace the existing Master Lift Station with a newly constructed master lift station with a new emergency back-up electrical generator on the City-owned property located near the intersection of SE 11th Street and SE 5th Avenue, and construction of wastewater force mains serving all of the six (6) sanitary sewer lift stations and the master lift station is also included as part of the project. The initial funding request included the rehabilitation and/or replacement of the six (6) sanitary sewer lift stations and the installation of the six (6) emergency back-up generators. However, the grant award was \$1,000,000, less than the initial amount requested. The City is actively seeking the shortfall funds. Should additional funding be secured or sufficient additional #MT118 funds become available, the scope of the project will be expanded to include the remaining lift stations, force mains, and back-up generators. The proposed project activities and locations are:

The activity at Lift Station #1 (Water Works Lift Station) will be to install a new emergency electrical generator utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funds. Lift Station #1 will be replaced with a new modern lift station and will be relocated approximately 200 feet west of the current location and constructed on the City-owned property located at the NW corner of SW 6th Avenue (SR 231) and SW 5th Street utilizing funding from CDBG-NR #22DB-OP-03-73-02-N06.

The activity at Lift Station #2 (Shaw's Lift Station), utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funds, is to install a new emergency electrical generator to serve the lift station. The lift station will be rehabilitated or replaced, if #MT118 funds are available. Lift Station #2 is located on the west side of SW 4th Place between SW 12th Street and SW 13th Street and will remain in its current location.

If sufficient #MT118 funds are available, the proposed activity at Lift Station #3 (Car Wash Lift Station), the rehabilitation or replacement and relocation of Lift Station #3 will be carried out. Additionally, if sufficient funding is available, a new emergency back-up electrical generator will be installed adjacent to Lift Station #3.

Lift Station #3 is currently located at the southwest corner of SE 8th Street and SE 7th Avenue and, if funding is available, will be relocated to an easement approximately 70 feet south of the current location of the lift station on SE 7th Avenue.

If sufficient #MT118 funding is available, the activity at Lift Station #4 (Cal's Lift Station) to be carried out is the rehabilitation or replacement and relocation of Lift Station #4, including the installation of a new emergency back-up electrical generator. Lift Station #4 is currently located at the northwest corner of SE 4th Street and SE 6th Avenue and, if sufficient funding is available, the Lift Station #4 will be relocated to a city-owned property approximately 200 feet north of its current location on SE 6th Avenue.

The activity to be carried out at Lift Station #5 (Pudden Lift Station), is to rehabilitate or replace and relocate Lift Station #5, and to install a new emergency electrical generator at Lift Station #5 utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funds. Lift Station #5 is currently located on the northeast corner of SW 8th Place and SW 1st Way and will be relocated approximately 400 feet east of its current location to the northwest corner parcel of city-owned property located at SW 7th Avenue and SW

1st Way using CDBG-MIT #MT118 funds. The activity to be carried out at Lift Station #6 (Jetts Lift Station) is to install an emergency electrical generator at Lift Station #6 utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funds. Lift Station #6 is currently located on the west side of NW 7th Avenue between W Main Street (Hwy 100) and NW 3rd Street and will be replaced, if funds are available, utilizing funding from CDBG-NR Grant #22DB-OP-03-73-02-N06. The relocation of Lift Station #6 is included as Unmet Need #1 in the CDBG-NR application. If funding is available, the existing lift station #6 will be replaced with a new modern lift station and relocated to a fenced-in island within Union County Housing Authority Property. CDBG-NR #22DB-OP-03-73-02-N06 funds will be utilized for the relocation and replacement of Lift Station #6 if sufficient funds are available; otherwise, #MT118 funds will be utilized to fund the replacement of Lift Station #6. The new Lift Station #6 location will be approximately 80 feet southwest of the current location of Lift Station #6.

The activity to be carried out at the Master Lift Station will be to relocate and replace the existing Master Lift Station with a new Master Lift Station. The existing Master Lift Station is currently located along SE 11th Street and will be relocated, utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funding, approximately 100 feet east, on the same parcel of City-owned property. The existing emergency electrical generator serving the Master Lift Station will be replaced, utilizing CDBG-MIT #MT118 funding, with a new emergency electrical generator which will be placed adjacent to the new Master Lift Station location. The construction, renovation or relocation of several existing sanitary sewer force main segments which will convey wastewater from the six (6) lift stations referenced herein as well as the Master Lift Station to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. The sanitary sewer collection system is designed so that wastewater from all of the lift stations flow through the Master Lift Station and is then pumped to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

None of the activities in Service Areas will be carried out within a floodplain or wetland.

The sources and uses of funds for the projects are as follows:

Activity: 3J Sewage Line Replacement/ Lift Stations

CDBG Amount: \$2,636,577.00

Local Match: \$ 0.00

Total: \$2,636,577.00

Activity: 03J Engineering

CDBG Amount: \$ 622,000.00

Local Match: \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 622,000.00

Activity: 21A Administration

CDBG Amount: \$ 261,303.00

Local Match: \$ 0.00

Total: \$ 261,303.00

Total CDBG: \$3,519,888.00

Total Local Match: \$ 0.00

Total Amount Needed: \$3,519,888.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lake Butler has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, and may be examined or copied from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Kimberly Hayes, City Manager, City of Lake Butler, 200 SW 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida 32054. Comments may also be submitted via email at khayes@cityoflakebutler.com. All comments must be received by September 9, 2024. Comments will be considered prior to the City of Lake Butler requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Lake Butler certifies to FloridaCommerce and HUD that

Melissa Hendrix, in her capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. FloridaCommerce's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lake Butler to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

FloridaCommerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lake Butler certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lake Butler; (b) the City of Lake Butler has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Commerce, Office of Long-Term Resiliency at 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. Potential objectors should contact the City of Lake Butler to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Melissa Hendrix, Mayor Environmental Certifying Official City of Lake Butler, Florida

200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler FL 32054

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LAKE REGION

PUBLIC HEARING

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, to hear comments, if any, regarding the second reading of Ordinances: 2024-608 - Florida Retirement System. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (352)473-4807 at least (3) days prior to the meeting. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

ORDINANCE No. 2024-608

ORDINANCE RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP INTO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The City of Keystone Heights, Florida, in lawful session and in regular order of business properly presented, finds that: WHEREAS, the policy and purposes of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida, to extend to the General Employees of said City of Keystone Heights not excluded by law, the benefits of the Florida Retirement System, on the basis of applicable State laws and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations, authorizing and directing the Chairman (or other chief executive officer) to execute agreements thereto with the Department of Management Services, for coverage of said General Employees; providing for withholding from salaries and wages of the General Employees of the City of Keystone Heights so covered to be made and paid over as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said City of Keystone Heights shall appropriate and pay over employer's contributions and assessments as provided by applicable State laws or regulations; providing that said City of Keystone Heights shall keep records and make reports as required by applicable State laws or regulations.

City of Keystone Heights 555 S Lawrence Blvd Keystone Heights, FL 32656 Charlie VanZant, City Manager 8/22 21chg 8/29-LRM

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The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 S Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, to hear comments, if any, regarding the second reading of Ordinances: 2024-606 - Rezoning, and 2024-607 - Land Use Change. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (352)473-4807 at least (3) days prior to the meeting. All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.

ORDINANCE 2024-606

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY ZONING MAP BY AMENDING APPROXIMATELY 1.054 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE L. RESTEA, FROM

RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG); PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS FOR RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordinance 2024-607

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, MAKING A SMALLSCALE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY RECLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 1.054 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY, OWNED BY GEORGE L. RESTEA, FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (RSF) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; PROVIDING FINDINGS BY THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING DIRECTION FOR RECORDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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AUTOS, BUSES, PEDESTRIANS: SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

from Bradford County Sheriff's Office



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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

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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.

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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

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Indians win, Tigers tie in preseason kickoff classics

Keystone builds 23-6 lead in 23-20 win over Ridgeview

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Keystone Heights employed three consecutive onside kicks in the first quarter, recorded a safety for a 23-6 halftime lead and then held on to beat Ridgeview 23-20 in the teams' preseason matchup in Orange Park on Aug. 16.

Running back Zane Leger and quarterback Baylor Ford provided most of the offensive firepower for the visiting Indians, who open the regular season on the road against Interlachen on Friday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Leger rushed for 101 yards on 14 carries and scored a touchdown.

Ford tossed one touchdown pass to Jackson Parmeter and scrambled into the end zone for a second score, completing five passes for 56 yards.

Keystone Coach Steve Reynolds described his team's play as less than perfect.

"We got some questionable



Quarterback Baylor Ford (right) holds off a Ridgeview pass rusher.

calls that I didn't like," he added. "But you know what? Sometimes things don't happen the way you want. You have to learn how to step up and deal with the adversity, and I felt like they've done that all night tonight together. It wasn't perfect, and I didn't expect it to be, but it's what I want to see from a comradery and a group effort standpoint."

The Indians started the game

with a successful onside kick in which the visitors recovered the ball on the Panther 42. Keystone then completed a seven-play drive, with Leger hitting rushes of 9, 13, 5 and 8 yards. The junior who started at linebacker last year and saw action at tight end finished the drive with a 7-yard run.

Reynolds said Leger played fullback in junior high and wanted an opportunity to get

4th-quarter TD allows Union to finish in a 14-14 tie with Baker

BY CECE THOMAS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

The Union County Tigers hosted the Baker County Wildcats in a kickoff classic on Aug. 16, with the game ending in a 14-14 tie.

Union trailed 14-7 before tying the score in the fourth quarter with junior varsity player Elijah Llanes' touchdown run and Carter Whitehead's PAT.

Head Coach Andrew Thomas said the game "started off with just some assignment issues the first couple of series on defense" and added that the "execution on offense was a lot of missed assignments."

"It's a preseason game, and we are going to have mistakes," he said. "It was a good test for us, and we will get better from it as we get ready to start the regular season."

Union and Baker have been competing against each other in the preseason game for the last four years. The games always prove to be good competition for both teams, showing their strengths and areas they need to work on.



Carter Whitehead (left) celebrates with lineman Maddox Wheeler. Whitehead kicked the extra point that tied the game and finished 2-for-2 on PATs. Photo by CeCe Thomas.

Union, which travels to play Yulee in the regular-season opener on Friday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m., is coming off an 8-4 season, with the Tigers going all the way to the regional finals (third round

of the playoffs). This is Head Coach Andrew Thomas's fifth year.

Baker finished the 2023 football season with an 8-4 record as well. The Wildcats also made it deep into the playoffs.

The Tigers' captains for the preseason game were Gavin Jenkins, Jesse Chaikin, Trenton Klein, and Garrett Jackson, while the Wildcats' captain was Phillip

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UC volleyball team opens season with loss to Devils

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's volleyball team traveled to Williston to open the season, losing 3-2 (25-23, 19-25, 25-19, 15-25, 18-16) on Aug. 19.

Jailyn Simmons had 10 kills, four blocks and nine service aces, while Layla Barber had nine kills and nine aces. Morgan Smith, like Simmons, had four blocks and added seven kills.

Bella Johns led the Tigers in digs with 20, while Kamryn Southerland had 17 to go along with 18 assists.

Bayley Staier had 13 digs, while Indi Knox and Abigail Williams each had 10. Williams also added 10 assists.

The Tigers played Bradford this past Tuesday and will travel to play Oak Hall on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 27, Union travels to play Lafayette at 6:30 p.m.

JV matches will precede each varsity match at 5:30 p.m.

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Bradford schools exploring AI as resource for teachers

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Artificial intelligence is a part of our world.

Should it be a part of education?

How can it be a part of education?

Christina Cornwell, the coordinator of professional development for the Bradford County School District, believes the answer to the first question is, "Yes."

Answering the second question is a work in progress, with the work having started this school year as the Bradford district, with the financial help of the Bradford County Education Foundation, purchased the SchoolAI program.

Some may have a kneejerk reaction to hearing about the use of AI in schools, fearing that it will take the place of teachers and/or that students will use it to do their work for them.

That, of course, is certainly not the intent. Cornwell said AI can be a tool to assist teachers and save them time. She added that since AI is a part of our world, students should be taught about how to use it ethically and not as a way of doing everything for them.

"Education doesn't necessarily always want to be in the forefront of these things," Cornwell said, adding, "But we can't wait and see with AI. It's here. What are we going to do with it? How are we going to use it responsibly?"

Cornwell said it'll benefit students to learn about AI, noting that through research, she learned that approximately 70 percent of businesses are using AI in some way.

"If we don't teach our kids about it, and we're sending them

into a world that's using artificial intelligence, then we're not setting them up for success."

AI as a helpful tool

Cornwell said AI programs can basically act as idea generators for teachers. As an example, she said AI can be used to help a teacher prepare an IEP (individualized educational plan) for a student. Input something like, "Student has difficulty taking notes," and a teacher can be presented with scenarios of possible steps to help that student improve in note taking.

The teacher ultimately creates the IEP — not the AI program.

"Now, that teacher doesn't have to come up with all of that by themselves," Cornwell said. "They have a brainstorming partner who is there next to them 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

Cornwell also used an example of how a teacher can use AI to focus on a certain area, like writing. She said a teacher can enter a rubric, or set of guidelines, into the AI program. Any notes teachers have presented to the students prior to the assignment can be included, as can PowerPoint presentations the teachers may have used.

Students, as they're working on their assignments, can receive feedback from the AI program, which reminds them of the criteria the teacher has established.

"The AI can say, 'Refer back to page 3 of your notes to add more about this.' The more detail the teacher puts in there, the more detail the kids get," Cornwell said.

Such detail ensures that students turn in what's expected of them.



Christina Cornwell, the Bradford County School District's coordinator of professional development, presented at the Leadership for Professional Learning Symposium in Santiago, Chile. She spoke about artificial intelligence in education.

"The kids are in this iterative process of going back and rewriting and rewriting until they get a complete answer, whereas before, they may have submitted something that was incomplete," Cornwell said.

It's as if a teacher is able to devote one-on-one time to each student as they work on an assignment — something teachers simply don't have the time to do.

"Now, (every student) is getting that support, and it is teacher support because the teacher told the computer what support to give," Cornwell said. "The teacher is still part of that (process)."

Considering teacher retention leads to a deeper look at AI

The impetus for looking at how AI can be used began with considering how to keep teachers in the classroom.

Cornwell is working toward

her doctorate. When considering what she was going to research, she decided to explore teacher retention.

"It's a big problem. It's worldwide," Cornwell said. "What can we do here in small Bradford County to keep our teachers in our classrooms?"

Cornwell said teachers don't leave the job at the door when they go home, noting that they spend hours of time planning and grading. The question that occurred to her was, "Can artificial intelligence help with any of that?"

She dove into the world of AI to learn more. Cornwell attended conferences and participated in online learning forums.

The University of Florida Laster Learning Center put out a call for proposals for the Leadership for Professional Learning Symposium hosted by Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso in July in Santiago, Chile. Seeing it as an opportunity to possibly learn more about AI and education, Cornwell submitted a proposal on using AI for teachers and students. It was

accepted.

She experienced different reactions to AI's use in education while at the symposium. Cornwell described some educators as "gung-ho" about the prospect, while others were completely against its use.

Cornwell said it was beneficial to hear the varying perspectives, especially those of people against AI.

"When somebody pushes back (against the idea of AI use), how can I bring them back into the conversation without alienating them or disqualifying their beliefs? Because their beliefs are real, and they need to be heard and acknowledged," Cornwell said. "Yet we can't leave our kids without AI because then we're really doing them a disservice. We think about the ethical use of AI, but I think it's unethical not to teach our kids how to use AI because they're going to be expected to use AI in the workforce."

Cornwell also did a presentation on AI closer to home as part of a Northeast Florida Educational Consortium event that was attended by more than 100 people.

"We talked about how districts initiate AI," Cornwell said. "You have to have a map. IT has to be involved. What are your guidelines for use for your teachers? What are your guidelines for use for your students?"

"All that kind of needs to be laid out before you implement it."

The Bradford district held three voluntary training sessions for teachers this summer to talk about AI. Cornwell said 60 of the district's approximately 210 teachers participated.

"If the feedback that I got from

those 60 teachers was that this is evil, this is awful, we don't want it, well, then I would've put the brakes on it," Cornwell said.

That wasn't the case, though.

"The overwhelming response was that it is a timesaver and that (teachers) felt it was like having a personal mentor that they could go to anytime of the day, no matter what."

"That's what impressed me. That's what told me we needed to follow up on it."

Cornwell said AI is being used by some teachers and some students in schools all over, whether administrators and leaders want to believe it or not, so it makes sense to accept it and create a district-approved plan for its use.

To Cornwell's knowledge, the only schools in the area that are devising such plans are Gainesville's P.K. Yonge and St. Augustine's Florida School for the Deaf and Blind.

"Bradford is kind of leading the way in artificial intelligence in northeast Florida because we're choosing to educate our teachers and our students and make it part of the learning process," Cornwell said. "Not a whole lot of districts are doing that yet."

Cornwell expressed her thanks to the district's information-technology department for its support and to district-level leadership for "allowing us to run with this."

It's a part of adapting to the times, which schools have had to do with the advances made in technology.

"We had to pivot when the internet came, and we need to pivot now, now that artificial intelligence is here," Cornwell said.

Trip to Chile creates connections for BC Schools' Cornwell

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Christina Cornwell may have felt like a small fish in a big pond, but in reality, everyone in the pond was swimming toward the same goal — how to best educate children.

Cornwell, who is the coordinator of professional development for the Bradford County School District, had the opportunity to visit Santiago, Chile, in July as part of a symposium hosted by Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso. She wrote a proposal on artificial-intelligence use for teachers and students that was accepted.

"I was surrounded by experts," Cornwell said. "I was probably the least-credentialed individual who was there, but what I got from it was people are willing to talk about all the great things they are doing, but they also are hungry for an opportunity to collaborate, to find solutions for problems they are experiencing and understanding that we're not alone in these quests for information."

It was a good reminder that issues a school district is facing are the same issues that a lot of districts are facing, whether they're in the U.S. or elsewhere.

The symposium offered educators from throughout



Christina Cornwell visits the Bellavista Neighborhood in Santiago, Chile.

the world the chance to meet each other and share contact information so that they can work together on addressing their common issues.

"That was really the whole purpose of that symposium — to make those connections, so that we don't feel alone," Cornwell said. "We know that other people are trying to solve these problems, too."

For example, Cornwell said she

now has the contact information from someone who is an AI department head at a university in New York. She said she's already reached out to her to learn more about the professional learning that university is providing for its incoming teachers.

The symposium offered more than the chance to discuss issues and form connections. Cornwell, of course, took opportunities for sightseeing, but she and other

symposium attendees got to visit schools in Chile. She said it was a reminder of how fortunate U.S. educators are.

"We often talk about what we don't have — lack of resources and all that kind of stuff," Cornwell said. "It humbled me to see just how lucky we really are."

For example, Cornwell visited schools that had no heating systems, noting that it is now winter in Chile.

Yet the one deficiency those schools aren't facing is the use of technology. Cornwell said each student had a computer in front of them.

"That stood out to me — that they're providing the same quality of education because they have the technology that they need," Cornwell said. "They may not have some other things, but they have that."

One hurdle Chile is facing is making up ground due to school closures that occurred before the covid pandemic.

"They closed down their schools prior to covid because of civil unrest," Cornwell said. "It was too dangerous for kids to go to school. Then, they had covid, which closed down the schools."

"We talk about learning loss here in the United States (because of covid). They had double that learning loss because their schools were closed before



Christina Cornwell had the chance to explore the mountains between Argentina and Chile.

covid."

Cornwell said Chilean educators have been seeking help from educators from throughout the world, much like those who attended the symposium.

"They're doing wonderful things, and they're doing it by reaching out to other countries and using their teachers," Cornwell said.

Cornwell met some teachers from Gainesville's P.K. Yonge at the symposium. That was beneficial because that school is basically a year ahead of Bradford schools in implementing the use of AI, Cornwell said.

She also had the chance to meet Jason Dean Arnold of the University of Florida's College of Education, who encouraged Cornwell to stay in touch with him so that he can help support the Bradford district in its implementation of AI.

Cornwell said Arnold also views it as an opportunity for UF to produce graduates who are ready to teach in an AI world.

"He wants to know how the implementation is going here so he knows how to better prepare his students of education who are coming out," Cornwell said.

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also flagged for illegal procedure. On fourth-and-13 from the 14-yard line, Paulk was sacked for a 9-yard loss.

Rodgers said his team should've used the ground game to pound the ball into the end zone "like we've done 100 times" in the last two years. However, he also said the offensive game plan was to focus more on the drop-back passing game. Not counting quarterback sacks, the Tornados attempted only 5 runs in the first half, while Paulk (who played only the first half) completed 5 of 9 passes for 35 yards.

"I thought he did a good job," Rodgers said of Paulk, a Columbia transfer who was playing in a Bradford uniform for just the second time after also playing in the spring. "I thought he handled himself well. He was under pressure a couple of times. He protected the ball. He didn't give them the ball, didn't throw

any interceptions. That's big."

Columbia drove inside Bradford's 40-yard line twice in the second quarter, but Jy'Quez Cason ended one drive with an interception, while Jordan Cason stopped the other with a pass breakup on fourth down.

Bradford drove inside the red zone to start the second half, with running back Iyen Addison ripping off a 26-yard run on the Tornados' first play. Addison carried the ball six times in all on the drive, gaining 48 yards and finishing as the game's leading rusher with 52 yards on nine carries.

A 13-yard run by Brian Cliffin put the Tornados at the Columbia 19, but a holding penalty, after an incomplete pass, backed Bradford up to the 24. A receiver in the end zone dropped a pass thrown by Cubbedge, while another incompletion had the Tornados facing fourth-and-15. Bradford turned the ball over on downs after going for it and gaining 6 yards on a pass from Cubbedge to Tyndale

Mullins.

The Tigers fumbled on their first play of the half, with the Tornados' Nate Raymond recovering and advancing the ball to the 4-yard line. Addison eventually punched the ball in from 3 yards out with 3:35 to play in the third quarter, putting Bradford up 13-0. The PAT was blocked.

Columbia ran just two plays on its next drive, with the second play a shotgun snap that sailed over the quarterback's head. Bradford's Barron Walden recovered, setting the Tornados up at the Tigers' 16-yard line.

An 8-yard run by Jarell Harris moved the Tornados inside the 10-yard line. Bradford eventually scored on a 6-yard touchdown run by Caiden Carn. The two-point play failed, but the Tornados led 19-0 at the 10:50 mark of the fourth quarter.

Columbia had a 17-yard run that moved its past midfield on the following series before then scoring a touchdown on a catch-and-run that covered 44 yards. A

completed pass on the two-point conversion made the score 19-8 with 6:21 remaining.

Bradford's Curtis Gonzalez

had a 35-yard run on the game's final drive and finished as the second-leading rusher with 38 yards on four carries.

Bradford, after gaining just 42 yards of offense in the first half, finished with 178 yards, while Columbia had 173.

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Jackson. The Wildcats won the toss and elected to receive the ball in the first half.

Baker gained a first down at its 38-yard line, but Union's C.J. Ivey pushed back, making the Wildcats lose yardage before quarterback Hudson Register hit Hudson Hodges on a bubble screen for short yardage. On third-and-long, Register handed the ball off to Chase Phillips on a jet sweep as he gained 30 yards from Baker's 39 to Union's 31-yard line. After a facemask penalty on the Tigers, the Wildcats' offense ran several hard, inside runs and got a hard-fought touchdown with 7:53 left in the first quarter. Baker's PAT was good, making the score 7-0.

Union started the next drive at its own 25-yard line. A flag was received by the Wildcats for being offside. On a third-down play, quarterback Trenton Klein hands the ball off to Ashton Newsom, with a big gain resulting in a first down for the Tigers at Baker's 31-yard line. The Tigers received a 15-yard flag for a facemask, but Klein, on third down, completed a tough pass to Alec McClellon that gained 22 yards. The Tigers were inside the 10 and had an opportunity to score, but mistakes led to a fourth-down fumble. The Wildcats took over on their own 13-yard line.

Baker started out the second quarter with a flag. Later, the Tigers received a Wildcats punt at their own 35-yard line.

Between the teams, flags were thrown every which way,

but Klein evaluated Baker's defense and got the Tigers into Baker territory. On third down, Jenkins ran a jet sweep and was a yard short of making a first down. Klein ran a quarterback power to move the chains. On the next two plays, Klein, on keepers, obtained another Tigers first down at the 20. After an incomplete pass to Jenkins on a third-down play, Klein was pressured and sacked on fourth down, with Baker taking over.

The third quarter began with Bryan Tyson at quarterback for the Tigers and running back Drew Simmons gaining a first down at the 44-yard line. Bo Thomas, on a counter carry, made a tough run for a first down. Wyatt Elixson picked up 2 yards on a trap. The Tigers received a 10-yard penalty for holding. Simmons was close to picking up a first down on a third-down play before a tackle by the Wildcats' Kason Crews led to fourth down.

The Wildcats' offense, which benefitted from a holding penalty against the Tigers, faced a third-down play on which it made no gain. Baker's quarterback completed a pass to Kenais Williams, but he was tackled by defensive back Chaikin short of the first down, with the Tigers' offense taking over.

On the second play of the following series, Simmons scored on a long run with 1:24 left in the third quarter. Whitehead's extra point made it a 7-7 tie.

It was the start of a 2-for-2 night on extra points for Whitehead.

"I mean, I was pretty nervous at the start... My legs were shaking a little bit, but I did it in the end," Whitehead said.

Baker's quarterback swept up the middle, making a first down at the 30-yard line. He later fumbled the ball, but quickly recovered for a loss as the third quarter came to an end.

The fourth quarter started with a bang, with the Tigers' Elixson sacking the Wildcats' quarterback.

Union took over on offense, but a fumble on a run gave the ball back to Baker at midfield.

After several good runs, the Wildcats scored another touchdown. The extra point was good, bringing the score to 14-7 in favor of Baker.

Union's junior varsity players entered the game, with quarterback Colt Thomas handing off to Llanes, resulting in a first down. Kiptyn Shuler had a carry up the middle. Thomas then tossed the ball to Llanes, who made a great cut-back run to give the Tigers another touchdown. Whitehead kicked the extra point tying up the score at 14-14.

Baker took over offensively. The Tigers got a tackle by Shuler and later called a timeout after an offside flag.

Both sides had incomplete passes as the game wound down, with Union's Akireon Boykin intercepting a pass to end the game with a 14-14 tie.

The Tigers finished with 303 yards of offense, with 274 yards rushing on 43 attempts and 29 yards passing on two completions out of nine attempts.

If you're unable to make it to the regular-season opener at Yulee, you can listen to the call on WUCR-LP (107.9 FM) or via streaming at tigerstreamradiofl.com.

BCEF hosts Leave a Legacy on Aug. 29

The Bradford County Education Foundation will host its annual Leave a Legacy event on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. at Starke's Madison Street Baptist Church.

This year's honorees are Lisa Prevatt and Paula Register.

Tickets, which are \$30, include dinner and can be purchased from any BCEF board member or via

the "Bradford County Education Foundation" Facebook page.

Natalie Whytsell, last year's Bradford County School District Teacher of the Year, will provide musical entertainment.

The Dessert Dash, which serves as an additional fundraiser for BCEF, returns for its second year. Guests will pool their monies as they try to make their

table among the highest bidders for the chance to "dash" for their preferred dessert.

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The proceeds from tickets and Dessert Dash bids go to support BCEF, an all-volunteer organization created in 1990. BCEF raised \$11,000 last year for Bradford public schools.

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back into the backfield.

"We gave him a shot in the spring, and man, look at him go," the coach said. "He gets after it. He's a big, strong load."

The coach described his other backfield workhorse — Colton Hollingsworth — as his changeup pitch.

"Everybody knows he's got speed, and he's tough as nails," Reynolds said of Hollingsworth. "We're excited about that combination (of him and Leger)."

After Keystone's initial score, Ridgeview struck back with a 47-yard touchdown run by Christian Felder. However, the Panthers failed to convert the point after touchdown and trailed 7-6 with 8:04 left in the first quarter.

Keystone got the ball back on its own 40 after Ridgeview's kickoff sailed out of bounds.

Ford then completed a 13-yard

strike to Tallon Campbell and an 11-yard touchdown toss to Parmeter, highlighting a 60-yard, seven-play drive. Tyler Sapp punched through his second extra point for the night, giving the Indians a 14-6 lead with 4:18 left in the first quarter.

The Indians then employed a sky kick, which a Ridgeview player caught and then dropped at the Panther 30. Keystone recovered the ball, but could not capitalize on the turnover, giving up possession with its own fumble.

With under four minutes remaining in the half, the Indians took advantage of a short Ridgeview punt, getting possession on the Panther 40.

After a 3-yard run by Leger, Ford scrambled for a 37-yard touchdown. Sapp tacked on the PAT, and the Indians extended their lead to 21-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, a

Panther player, apparently shaken by the Indians' previously successful inside kicks, called for a fair catch on his 8-yard line with no one around him. On the next play, an errant snap forced Ridgeview quarterback Jack Buchholtz to fall on the ball in his end zone, giving the Indians a two-point safety and a 23-6 lead at the half.

Ridgeview mounted two successful scoring drives in the fourth quarter, failing on one two-point conversion and succeeding on the second, resulting in a final Indian victory of 23-20.

Reynolds said he was pleased with how personnel groupings created mismatches and formations gave his players leverage advantages.

"And at the same time," he added, "we're getting kids off the field so they can rest and play defense, too. Roster management is something I'm pumped about."



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