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Street closing near school for sewer project

A multiphase rehabilitation project on Starke's wastewater collection system on West Washington Street will soon disrupt traffic patterns around Bradford High School on school and game days.

On Aug. 28, contractors will begin staging equipment and materials in the area. The first phase will begin sometime that week, requiring the westbound lane of Washington Street to be closed for two to three weeks.

Eastbound Washington Street will remain accessible at all times during Phase I. The school will, however, be shifting parent drop-off and pickup to Adkins Street.

The next two phases involve the full closures of Grand and MacMahon streets, but not at the same time. Each street closure will last about a week and a half, but no closures will be allowed to affect the annual Homecoming parade scheduled for Sept. 29.

The final phase, lasting another two to three weeks, will be a complete shutdown of Washington Street from Orange Street to just west of the bus loop entrance. Buses will access Washington via Grand Street.



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WORTH NOTING

Family and Friends Day at New Covenant

New Covenant Baptist Ministries cordially invites you to help celebrate its annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. A Unity Celebration will begin immediately following morning worship from 12-2 p.m. with food, games, music, giveaways and more.

The church is located at 863 E. Brownlee St. in Starke. The public is invited.

Evangelist Thompson at Bradford Baptist

Bradford Baptist Church (located on S.R. 100, 1.3 miles east of U.S. 301) welcomes evangelist Tim Thompson and his family on Sunday, Aug. 27. They will be a part of the 10 a.m. Sunday school and both 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship services.

For more information, please call Pastor Rick Jackson at 904-964-3708.

Democrats meet Aug. 28

The Bradford County Democratic Party will meet in person at the Community Room of Capital City Bank on North Temple Avenue in Starke. This is a quarterly face-to-face meeting, and all Democrats are welcome to attend. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 28. For further information, contact bradfordcodec@gmail.com, or call 904-526-2257.

Friends and Family Day at New Bethel

Everyone is invited to the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church's annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m. The church is located at 901 Keller Street in Starke. Dinner will be served immediately after service.

Bradford 4-H Awards Banquet

Bradford 4-H's annual awards banquet will take place Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

The cost is \$5 (plus a fee) if purchased on Eventbrite (tinyurl.com/4h-awards) or \$15 at the door. 4-H members and club leaders attend for free.



Keystone student injured in ATV accident

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times-Monitor General Manager

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The parents of a Lake Region 17-year-old said the teen's spine was severed in a Sunday afternoon four-wheeler accident, and he will likely never walk again.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office reported that the crash occurred on Indian Trail in the McRae area.

The youth's mother, Heather Reynolds, wrote on social media that Anthony Reynolds broke his back in the mishap, and surgeons hoped to repair the damage.

After the operation, the teen's father, Eric Reynolds, reported the heartbreaking news: "We would like to thank you for all your prayers.

Anthony has made it through surgery. Unfortunately, his spinal cord was severed. Outside of a miracle, Anthony will never walk again. We need your prayers now more than ever."

When reached by phone on Tuesday, Eric Reynolds said Anthony, a student at Keystone Heights High School, would likely remain at UF Health Shands for another week, then go to a rehab facility.

"It's a struggle," he said when asked about the family's emotional well-being.

The father added that the family will likely move from their current home because the structure is not wheelchair accessible.

Michael Hoegler is organizing an internet fundraiser for Anthony at gofundme.com/f/z448bd-anthony.

Commissioner says city should still consider consolidation

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — After another night of public comments attacking the city commission for proposed cuts to the police and fire budgets, one commissioner shared her response to all that has been said in hope that the consolidation of public safety services was still on the table.

"I don't understand where we're going with decreasing and slashing our fire department," said Shane Worten during public comments Aug. 15, noting that the city commission is supposedly hurting financially, but the board is also giving across-the-board pay raises.

"I'm not in any way claiming to be the most smartest person in this room. Not by a longshot. But even my dog can understand that something doesn't

make sense in this situation," Worten said, crediting the fire departments in Bradford and Clay with saving his church's fellowship hall when the sanctuary burned several years ago. He asked commissioners how they would feel losing a family member in a fire because there weren't enough fire personnel in the county to respond.

Other commenters took the same position and continued to take the city to task for cutting firefighter positions while remaining personnel, including themselves would get raises.

"There is a vital need for these services, and you have an obligation as elected officials to provide for the safety of this community," Deirdre Hale commented, followed by Judith Young, who said Mayor Scott Roberts and City Manager Drew Mullins had

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Solid waste assessment increases up for vote

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners are considering an increase in the solid waste special assessment for the first time in decades, and the public is being notified with a letter approved at the Aug. 17 meeting.

If approved, the increase would apply to the upcoming tax bill for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The assessment is paid throughout Bradford County with the exception of the city of Starke, which has a contact for waste collection service paid for by city customers.

A vote is anticipated at a budget meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the commission meeting room at the courthouse.

For residential waste from single and multifamily dwellings, churches, and civic organizations, the annual assessment would increase from \$75 to \$125. Other improved lots, including businesses, will continue to be charged based on the amount of waste generated. For less than 5 cubic yards, the \$150 assessment would increase to \$250, and the fees go up from there.

According to the county, the solid

waste assessment was passed in 1987, and the amount of the assessment hasn't changed in 36 years. The cost of providing the service, however, has increased.

In the letter, the county shares the proposed budget for solid waste next year — \$2.16 million. New revenue is only at \$1.16 million, leaving a deficit of more than \$1 million. Carry over funds will cover a fraction of the deficit. The budget will be balanced with money out of the county's reserves, and the same is true of all departments without adequate revenue sources, including public safety and transportation.

"If this continues without remedy, county residents are at risk of a decrease in services as more and more budget cuts are made to cover rising costs," the letter states. "The commission has reduced costs across all departments while striving to maintain the services that Bradford County residents deserve and rely on, but it is not enough."

During budget talks, commissioners have also discussed tapping other new revenue sources as well, including electric franchise fees, impact fees on new development and additional special assessments to pay for public safety.

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT CHANGES

Property Class	Description	Current Assessment	Proposed Assessment
Class I	Residential/Civic/Church	\$75	\$125
Class II	Residential Multifamily	\$75	\$125
Class III	General: any lot/parcel/property with an establishment, enterprise, or improvement with is not Class I or Class II	Based on Subclass	Based on Subclass
Class III Subclass A	Establishments or uses which generate less than five cubic yards of solid waste per week.	\$150	\$250
Class III Subclass B	Establishments or uses which generate more than five but less than ten cubic yards of solid waste per week.	\$300	\$500
Class III Subclass C	Establishments or uses which generate more than ten but less than 20 cubic yards of solid waste per week.	\$600	\$1000
Class III Subclass D	Establishments or uses which generate more than 20 but less than 30 cubic yards of solid waste per week.	\$900	\$1,500
Class III Subclass E	Establishments or uses which generate more than 30 cubic yards of solid waste per week.	\$900 plus \$300 for each ten cubic yards in excess of 30 cubic yards per week, based on output, averaged, for the preceding year to quantify output in excess of 30 cubic yards per week.	\$1,500 plus \$500 for each ten cubic yards in excess of 30 cubic yards per week, based on output, averaged, for the preceding year to quantify output in excess of 30 cubic yards per week.



Starke fails to pass ordinance on police chief charter amendment

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE – An ordinance to hold a referendum in March on the future of the Starke police chief's job failed on a 2-2 vote Aug. 15.

If approved by voters, the city charter would have been amended to remove the police chief as an elected official. Power to hire a police chief would have been placed in the hands of the city commission.

In the absence of an elected

police chief, the city commission could have contracted with Sheriff Gordon Smith for law enforcement services.

Mayor Scott Roberts and Commissioner Shannon Smith voted to pass the ordinance. Commissioners Danny Nugent

and Janice Mortimer voted against it. Commissioner Andy Redding was not present at the meeting to break the tie.

Citizen Markleyann Cash provided something rare for the public at a city meeting — vocal support for police consolidation.

She said the city was presented with a plan to save more than \$1 million a year by contracting with Sheriff Smith, but three commissioners previously voted to “pass the buck” to voters who don't know the city's utility and transportation infrastructure is in such bad shape.

“You commissioners were elected to address and correct these problems, which sometimes may not be the popular thing to do, but necessary,” she said. “A taxpayer in one of the poorest counties in the state does not need you raising taxes and water and sewer rates to fix what's been

allowed to go unattended for years and years.”

“You need to save money when you can get the public service for less,” she said.

But when it came time to vote on the ordinance to call for the referendum, there wasn't even enough support on the board to “pass the buck,” as Cash put it.

Commissioner Danny Nugent moved to reject the ordinance based on the language included stating the city commission would receive the power to hire a police chief if the chief is no longer elected by popular vote.

Commissioner Shannon Smith also asked for clarification, since the commission's intention had been to eliminate the position. The commission receiving authority to hire a chief following the vote made the referendum seem like a “power grab,” he said.

Attorney Clay Martin explained there was no need to vote to reject the ordinance. If there was no motion to approve the ordinance, it would die and there would be no referendum. As for the language, Martin explained that unless the charter specifically calls for the appointment of a police chief by popular vote — which is not the case in most small cities — then the power to hire a police chief or not automatically lies with the commission. The ballot language must be clear on the question being posted to voters, and so it explains what would happen if they voted to change the charter.

Commissioners who've expressed support for consolidating law enforcement services first wanted to deal with the police chief charter issue. The implication would be if voters removed the chief's position from the charter, they would also support consolidation.

Following some discussion on whether additional changes were needed, there was a vote to pass the ordinance on first reading. It failed on a tie vote.

It would appear the time to place a referendum on the March presidential primary ballot has run out. Martin said the supervisor of elections would need the ballot language by early September. A new ordinance would need to go through two readings to be adopted.



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Clay Electric delivers 'hard no' on franchise fee

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Seeing no way forward to negotiate an electric franchise fee to fund fire rescue services, Bradford County commissioners will move on to considering a special assessment.

While Florida Power and Light was willing to agree to add a 6% franchise fee to its bills, Clay Electric was not, citing overwhelming opposition from its members.

County commissioners saw the franchise fees a fair way to raise money for services like fire rescue because it would have been paid by customers from both utilities and could have lowered property taxes and the cost of a future special assessment for fire rescue.

The discussion followed a report from Chief Ben Carter about how busy fire rescue has been lately. As of Aug. 17, Carter said they had responded to 117 fire calls (medical response calls included) in August and 334 EMS calls. Carter said on multiple days over the past two weeks, fire rescue has been stacking calls and requesting assistance from outside agencies. This is due to the volume of calls as well as trucks breaking down and being temporarily out of service.

"It's just been crazy," Carter said, describing a screenshot he sent to the county manager showing all units, fire trucks included, in service while hospital transfers were being put on hold. HCA was experiencing the same pressure in Gainesville and could not assist.

"Once our call volume in the

county started slowing down, we were able to get to those transfers and get those out of there as well. So, crews have been working hard. They've been having some sleepless nights, and it's been a lot of long days," he said.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews shared correspondence received from Clay Electric after she and County Manager Scott Kornegay met with the cooperative. During that meeting, Clay Electric shared the results surveys showing most respondents were opposed to a franchise fee.

In the letter to the county, the utility stated, "Clay Electric has no interest in entering into an agreement with Bradford County because we have such a high level of our members opposed to it. CEC serves over 6,300 homes and businesses in Bradford County, and they are overwhelmingly opposed to us agreeing to a fee."

The county questions the sample size of the surveys versus Clay Electric's total customer base as well as the language of the survey.

"All I know is we went over there to negotiate in good faith, and we were given a hard no," Kornegay said.

"I don't accept that from them," Commissioner Carolyn Spooner said, requesting more information about the survey.

"I agree with you completely, and we're looking at not only the things you just mentioned, but some other avenues as well," the county manager said.

Andrews talked about the need for emergency services in light of her own family's need.

"When it hits home and it's you or your family, you understand the need for this," she said. "Imagine calling for help and imagine just standing and watching your house burn down. We have to find a way to fund this, and it's going to be us — all of us — that have to do it."

According to Andrews, further discussion of a special assessment is coming.

Commissioner Danny Riddick read his response into the record.

"Board, I cannot believe how hard Clay Electric is fighting us. They know how we are trying to provide good service for the citizens of our county. They know we are maxed out at 10 mills and that this is the best and fairest tax we can put in place. I know this because Clay Electric provides good service to their customers, and from time to time, not wanting to, they have to go up on their rates to keep the same service," Riddick said.

He continued, "What is confusing is that we had a franchise fee in place years ago when we really needed it. And what really blows my mind is there are people sitting on the Clay Electric board who could help us, but instead all they do is call and complain about their road being too dusty, and when are we going to do this or that, knowing we need help, and we need money to do this."

Whatever it takes, he said, the county needs to move forward with franchise fees.

Andrews said all of Riddick's points were made to Clay Electric.

"We laid our hearts on the line," she said.

Clay Electric justified its position in its letter, saying that as a member-owned, nonprofit utility, it has a statutory right to use county right of way, and a franchise fee would be asking members to pay for something that is free. The cooperative claims most of its facilities are on private property.

The letter continues, "For the past 23 years this conversation has continued through various boards and county managers. The county needs money, and Clay Electric members remain overwhelmingly opposed to the franchise fee being added to their electric bills."

"Polls conducted in 2000 and 2021 show that opposition hasn't changed."

"During all those years Clay Electric remains a good neighbor and community partner in Bradford County."

"Clay Electric is an active member of the local chamber of commerce. Our employees are actively involved in local civic clubs and community events. We have sponsored scholarships and field trips to Tallahassee and Washington, DC, for Bradford County youth for the past 50 years."

"Clay Electric's Foundation has given over \$307,375 to Bradford County nonprofits since 2017. Organizations like Communities in Schools, ARC, Kiwanis Club, Concerned Citizens Summer Camp, Lake Area Ministries."

"Clay Electric isn't a free rider as we are one of your top five largest taxpayers. Last year, we paid \$356,930.88 in property taxes to Bradford County."

Emergency management secures food assistance with new partnership

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County has signed a memorandum of understanding with Feeding Northeast Florida to help distribute food in the aftermath of a disaster.

Emergency Management Director Brad Witt and planner Michael Heeder toured the Regional Food Bank of Northeast Florida's facilities in Jacksonville recently, which help supply multiple food giveaways throughout the area.

"They do really amazing work on a lot of volunteer staff," Witt said.

The MOU calls for communication between emergency management and the food bank so it can be included in the county's emergency response plans. Witt said Feeding Northeast Florida would help set up distribution points following a disaster to distribute commodities to the community.

"This comes free of charge to the county. This is their mission, this is what they do. And so simply by making them one of our partners and communicating with them, they'll be there to help us in those events," Witt said.

He described the two facilities Feeding Northeast Florida operates out of in Jacksonville and the third that is under construction.

"We got a tour of the building that's actually going to be cold

storage, and when I tell you that you could put a football field in what's going to be their freezer, that is no exaggeration," he said.

In other business, at the request of Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, emergency management is putting together a plan to help people relocate during the excessive heat to safer, more comfortable locations. Witt also offered to help spread the word for any organizations in the community already working on this.

Witt received the board's blessing to participate in F-ROC, a new program through the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation is a way for the state to examine local disaster policies and procedures, and assign a score that would secure a percentage of eligible recovery funds up front.

Witt said this would apply to large claims of \$1 million or more. Hurricane Irma in 2017 would have been the county's most recent example, he said. If Bradford's procedural evaluation scored a 50, and the claim was \$1 million, then the county would receive \$500,000 up front instead of spending its own money and waiting for reimbursement.

There is no financial obligation, according to Witt, and the county can be reevaluated to raise its score based on improvements made in response to the state's assessment.

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both failed to communicate back to her about this and other issues when she reached out to them.

Commissioner Janice Mortimer had plenty to say, including about the city's commitment to public safety. She tried to clarify some things about how the city got here and correct some misconceptions about the impact of the proposed consolidation of services with the county.

In May, she said, a majority of commissioners voted to reduce the police budget from \$2.2 to \$1.6 million. At the invitation of the commission, Sheriff Gordon Smith presented a consolidation plan under which he would continue to provide his services — which Starke taxpayers are already paying for.

Under a contract with the city commission, Mortimer said the sheriff would enhance those services and guarantee constant patrol inside the city limits, which would cost \$345,000.

It was after that, Police Chief Jeff Johnson returned to the commission and voluntarily cut his budget again to \$1.1 million, with which he said he could provide a basic level of service.

"I asked him specifically if this was his idea to offer this budget amendment, and he replied that it was. One can only assume that the commission's effort to get control of spending in this area was well founded since he came back and offered up more than what was requested," she said.

Mortimer then turned to the fire department, saying a majority of the commission voted for a reduction in the fire budget as well.

"Since then, in subsequent budget workshops, the discussion has been on how this would affect staffing. What has not been adequately discussed is how the county and city fire departments work as one, even if under different management structures," she said. City taxpayers financially support both the city and county fire departments, and everyone countywide benefits.

"Again, the county, at the invitation of the city commission, made a presentation in which they offered to provide a minimum of three firefighters and make the city station the county hub, and this was voted down three to

two," Mortimer said.

She continued, "Three years ago the county decided to go into the full-time firefighting business and open four fire stations. Each station was staffed with at least two full-time firefighters. Since the Starke property owners and citizens also helped pay for these additional county stations, it's hard to see how anyone can question the commitment to adequate fire protection."

"With this new commitment to countywide firefighting, in just three years, Starke citizens and property owners have gone from paying for one station with four firefighters per 24-hour shift to now helping pay for five stations and 10 to 12 firefighters per shift. The combined force is between 35 and 45 firefighters with a budget reaching around \$9 million."

"It only makes sense for us to adjust our spending when the county makes such a change and investment," she said.

The cuts aren't just about saving money, Mortimer insisted, but about investing resources in the right way.

"We provide basically three big ticket areas of service: public safety, utility and the transportation fund, which is basically paid for by gas taxes. The reason we haven't made cuts in the utility budget is because we have not adequately addressed needs in our infrastructure. For some years now. We have not maintained our water tanks, and as a result, we now have been hit with a \$400,000 bill to clean them. We have also been forced because of past years of neglect to build a new sewer plant. This would create a loan payment of \$500,000 annually. We have just seen in the past week when it rains, sewer backed up in homes, because the pump's lift station could not handle the flow. We're voting to purchase property needed to build another lift

station needed on Call Street. It will not be the last. ... We have a \$5 million collection system project pending. This, too, will be a combination grant-loan project. This is just the tip of the iceberg.

"These and other pending needs have been bought to our attention by our city engineers, and it's been said we know it's needed, but we can't afford to do that right now. But can we afford not to do it? We can't keep kicking the can down the road," Mortimer said, going on to explain where the money to address infrastructure has been going instead.

"The truth is that utility system has been funding fire and police with transfers, some of them close to a million dollars in past years. We can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results. Taking this town in a different direction is not an option. It's a necessity.

"Basically, in order to get a budget passed, we have come down to one question: Will we adjust to a combined fire program in our county, which has gone from one station with four firefighters per shift to a combined city-county firefighting program of five stations with 10 to 12 firefighters on each shift, while at the same time reducing costs to the city residents by \$500,000 or not. I would ask that we decide this issue and move on one way or the other. Everyone is equally committed to public safety. But we cannot let the cost be the only measuring stick for defining that commitment."

Countering claims that firefighters are losing their jobs, Mortimer said two have already moved to the county fire department, and the county would continue working with the city to take on the city's personnel through attrition, resulting in no one receiving a pink slip.

Mortimer wanted her

statement in the city's records to reflect her voting record and consistency in voting to reduce utility revenue transfers to the general fund to keep customers' rates as low as possible. That record included voting against a proposed increase in property taxes, which she said citizens cannot endure.

"We can provide an appropriate level of public safety without breaking the bank or the taxpayer. The offer to combine the fire departments into one efficient department that would mimic the current arrangement of a four-person engine is still on the table and available. I would seriously as commissioners consider that opportunity," she said.

Mayor Roberts said they might not be talking about this at all if the county wasn't now investing so much in its fire department. For now, the city commission has voted to fund two-firefighter shifts, which mirrors county staffing. The departments already work together on emergency

response.

Between addressing aging infrastructure and having money on hand to deal with unplanned repairs like a broken water main,

there are other priorities, he said.

Any suggestion that the city is endangering people by leaving them to burn up in fires is out of line, Roberts said.

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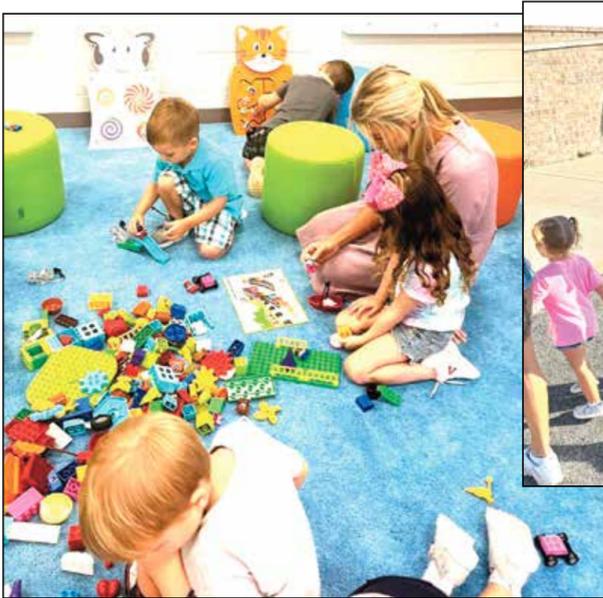
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Keystone Heights council changes course on airport

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights City Council nixed an ordinance that would have given it the power to hire the next airport manager and make the administrator accountable to the city manager. During a Monday, Aug. 21 workshop, council members Chris Thompson and Tony Brown said the proposed ordinance did not go as far as

they had hoped, adding that they wanted the airport to become a city department rather than managed by a separate board. Council member Chris Thompson said that after visiting Palatka's municipal airport, which operates as a city department, she came away with a new vision for what Keystone's facility could be. "When I went over to the Palatka airport and had a conversation with the airport manager...I found out that

there were some big businesses coming into the Palatka Airport, which was very impressive," Thompson said. "And what will bring high-paying jobs to the residents...So, I got excited about that and thought we could do that here because how many jobs in this town realistically can you work at and make a living to feed your family and own a home here? There are really very few." City Attorney Rich Komando told the pair the only way to accomplish their goal was to

amend the city's charter, which may only be changed through a vote of Keystone Heights residents. Komando added that he would stop work on the proposed ordinance and instead draft a resolution to amend the charter, which will likely go before voters in April 2024.

Largest tenant threatens to leave

Meanwhile, the largest tenant

at the airport said it might take its business elsewhere if the city council changes how the airport is governed. MHD Rockland Vice President of Flight Operations Todd Falconer said that when considering where to locate his business, he did not like how the Palatka airfield operated and chose to come to Keystone Heights instead. "That type of governing model is one of the primary reasons we didn't go to Palatka," he said.

Falconer added that before the Keystone Heights Airport came under the control of the airport board, the FAA shut the facility down because of an oversight by Keystone Heights officials. "When the council previously ran the airport, they had some problems," he said, "one resulting that the FAA shut down the airport for a while." The vice president added that if a similar event occurred in Keystone now, it would devastate his business.



Clay County Commission Chair Betsy Condon tells the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about her crusade to pave dirt roads throughout her district. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph-Times-Monitor General Manager.

Condon on a mission to pave dirt roads

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—County Commission Chair Betsy Condon reported to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club about the county's recently

completed dirt road study. The Crystal Lake resident said improving dirt roads was a top priority when she first ran for the county commission and remains a top priority now that she is chair. Condon said many residents

who live on dirt roads would like the county to pave the thoroughfares. However, others, like residents along County Road 315, Sharron Road between State Road 16 near Belmore and State Road 21 at the county fairgrounds, would like their roads to remain dirt because paving the road would convert it into a high-speed cut-through from Green Cove Springs to the Lake Region. "They don't want the road improved," Condon said, "but they want better drainage. And they have to understand at some point that (Sharron Road) will be an evacuation route because of State Road 16. There are only certain ways you can route people from Green Cove."

Must have 60 feet

Condon said that for the county to pave any road, it must have a minimum of 60 feet of right of way. "We have to be able to put in two 11-foot lanes, a six-inch lime rock base... and then an inch-and-a-half of asphalt," she said. "We also have to stabilize the shoulders and have drainage on the sides." Condon added that having single-member districts on the county commission makes it more challenging for her to get funding for dirt road paving. She noted that 71% of the dirt roads in Clay County are in her district: the Keystone Heights and Middleburg areas. "When you need three votes to pass anything on the county commission, it's doubtful you're getting much money put towards paving when it doesn't impact the other districts," she said. Condon also said that with 20% of District 4's population at or below the poverty line, her district has the lowest tax base in the county.

One road a year

"In the last two years that I've been on the commission, we've paved one road a year," Condon said. "We've had half a million dollars in the budget and paved one road per year. The first year it was a road in Commissioner Burke's district, and then last year, it was Rosemary Street (in the Middleburg area). Condon said one thing the study revealed that helps her argument with other commissioners is the high cost of grading, which she said is \$4,000 a mile.

"That's good news for those of us who live here because nobody had done the math, and I kept saying it costs more money to grade than we realize," she said.

The commissioner added that finding reliable and skilled grader operators is difficult and getting more challenging.

Condon said that two roads that score high on the county's priority list are Spring Lake Road, in the area of State Road 21 and County Road 352, and King Street, which runs north off State Road 100 near McDonald's and leads to the Lake Brooklyn Boat Ramp. When asked why the roads in High Ridge Estates did not make the list, Condon responded that those roads are private and the county has no obligation to maintain them.

"That goes back to the seventies when the developer walked away and left the subdivision incomplete," she said, "and it's a nightmare."

A huge jump

Condon said that in fiscal year 2023-2024, the county plans to pave six dirt roads, five of which are in District 4.

"That's a huge jump in the amount that I've been able to influence my fellow commissioners to agree to," she said.

Condon said the county's engineering director, Richard Smith, a 1980 Bradford High School graduate, has also helped her persuade other commissioners to follow her plan.

"He grew up in Bradford County," Condon said. "He understands our way of life, and he's trying to really help me out."

Condon added that she and County Manager Howard Wanamaker had discussed following the lead of Nassau and St. Johns counties, which floated bond issues and used the proceeds to pave all the dirt roads in their respective counties.

"Well, bonding has gotten very expensive in the last 15 months because interest rates have gone up so much," she said, "so that's kind of off the table."

Condon said another viable alternative is using millings to shore up existing dirt roads.

"A lot of roads that wouldn't necessarily make it to the paving list are going to be addressed with millings," she said.

Please complain

Condon said that one way Lake Region residents can help her in her road paving crusade is to complain about the condition of their roads.

She added that complaints about trash pickup, road conditions, and other problems make a difference and get a response from county government.

"If the Amazon driver can't get to your house because of flooding... they're going to go out and pay attention to that," Condon said of the county's public works department. She added that multiple complaints about a particular road may move that road up on the county's maintenance priority list.

Condon said the county's free smartphone app: Clay Connected, is a good way to report problems to the county.

Former Clay athletic director running for commission

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The former athletic director for Clay County Public Schools has filed to run for the Clay County Board of County Commissioners.

John Sgromolo spent two years in the Los Angeles Dodger organization as a minor league baseball player, then taught and coached in Clay County until he was promoted to athletic director for the public school district. Today he is the athletic



John Sgromolo

director for St. Johns Country Day School.

The Fleming Island resident is running for the District 1 seat, now held by Mike Cella, who will be termed out in 2024.

American Girl group in Keystone

Join the inaugural meeting of American Heritage Girls, a Christ-centered, character development all-girls' group for ages 5-17. They will meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Bible Church in Keystone Heights. The first meeting is scheduled for Aug. 24. For more details, please call 904-412-3828.

Democratic Women meet Aug. 24

The Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area's regular monthly meeting will begin with a presentation by Danielle Hawk who ran for Congressional District 3 and currently leads statewide candidate recruitment. All

Democrats are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. (speaker at 7 p.m.) at the Melrose Historic Homemakers Club, 25728 Park St. For further information, please call 352-235-4161 or email Info@dwc-la.org.

Flea market benefits vets, schools

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 230 is sponsoring a huge flea market on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 230, 20370 E. Hawthorne Road in Hawthorne. Sign up now for a 15-by-15 booth space for \$15. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served as well as lunch. For more information, please call 352-481-4483.

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Fortunately, poison ivy is only considered mildly toxic to pets, whether exposure is via skin or accidentally ingested. When the plant's sap makes contact with the skin, you may notice the following symptoms: redness, swelling, itching and / or blisters. If your dog consumes it, poison ivy can cause gastrointestinal irritation resulting in vomiting and diarrhea. Call your veterinarian if you think your dog has consumed poison ivy.

When outdoors with your furry friend, it's beneficial to carry a pair of gloves, doggie cleaning wipes, and a baggie when going to areas you know have poison ivy. If you notice your dog has come into contact with the plant's sap, you can safely clean it off with the wipe and secure the wipe away in the baggie. This protects you from exposure to the oils left on the fur. Even if you avoid the poison ivy and clean your dog with wipes, it is always best to give your dog a bath when returning from outdoor walks or play, especially if they have been in places where poison ivy grows.

A little tip to help you avoid this dreaded plant, always remember, "leaves of three, leave them be." The center leaf is larger than the two side leaves, and the edges will be either notched or smooth. I hope this helps clear up some confusion, so go out and enjoy the rest of your summer with your furry friends!

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UNION COUNTY

UC accepts check, deals with RV parks

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

The Union County Board of Commissioners knew the amounts of the state legislature appropriations for this fiscal year, so the arrival of a check was no big surprise. Then Representative Chuck Brannan's office called their office to arrange to present it to the board personally at its next regular meeting. And he did, on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023 at the board's regular August meeting. A big check, in more ways than one.

Brannan began his presentation talking about the current thrust in the legislature towards helping small counties meet their needs. One way this has happened is through the now reinstated Recurring Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Union County which pays the county for ad valorem tax loss on prison property staff housing, in the amount of \$300,000 a year. Brannan joked that Union County had starting something by asking for this, as he had been contacted by representatives from several counties asking when they could expect the same provision. After filling the board in on other activities in the legislature, Brannan presented the check, in the sum of \$7,805,046 to the commissioners, telling them the amounts of each of four appropriations combined in it.

The programs/projects funded, at least in part, by this check include: funds for the construction of the new Union County Public Safety Complex (which will include the new jail) - \$6,935,000, equipment for fire and rescue - \$305,000, the Union County Courthouse

Restoration Development Project - \$374,996 and funds to maintain and develop Union County Recreation Department softball fields at the R.J. Phillips Park - \$190,000.

The legislature was good to Union County this year, funding several programs for the school district and a project for the City of Lake Butler. Also, following the state mandated salary increases for deputy sheriffs and correctional officers employed by sheriff's office, the legislature voted for funds to help fiscally constrained counties, like Union, pay for these increases. These are designed to be recurring funds, coming in every year. For Union County this means \$388,663 each year to raise the salaries of essential personnel. Also approved for a second year is a \$1,000 annual bonus for first responders.

Brannan said he is dedicated to doing as much as he can for Union County and expressed his opinion that it was a great place to live and raise a family.

In other discussion and action, the Union County Board of Commissioners heard comments from the public concerning the beginning of site prep activities on an RV park in Providence. The county has been working on land use regulations that would effectively prohibit this kind of development for at least the time being, with the matter having been a topic of discussion at several meetings in the recent past. One of the main issues is that these types of businesses create a drain on county resources, such as law enforcement, fire and EMS services. Residents of RV parks get all the benefits of being

a county resident but the owners of the parks, while making a profit on their businesses, do not pay ad valorem taxes in the same way as other residents. The county is seeking a fair way to deal with this and, until the matter had been dealt with has placed a moratorium on accepting applications for permitting this type of activity.

The problem in the case of the beginning of work on a site in Providence stems from the time the project was permitted and the board voted to allow a special exception to allow it. The application and special exception were granted to property owner Delbert Smith on March 18, 2019.

These approvals were given long before the discussions and recent moratorium on RV park applications and, according to County Attorney Russ Wade, this project is not subject to any of it. The discussion of the matter was begun by Commissioner Mack Johns and continued by Providence resident Emily Newsome, who spoke for about 20 Providence property owners in attendance at the meeting. She cited the records that the application was not in compliance with land development regulations when made, including an incomplete site plan. She asked the board to rescind the original approval from 2019.

Johns asked Wade if this was possible and, if not, what could be done about the situation. Johns stated that he had spoken with Smith and that he (Smith) had also been to the board office. Wade said the issue was vested rights in a project that was



Representative Chuck Brannan (center front) presented the check to the Union County Board of Commissioners and other notables. Pictured are: (back, l-r) Commissioner Willie Croft, Commissioner Jimmy Tallman, Commissioner Mack Johns, Commission Chair Ryan Perez and Commissioner Channing Dobbs; (front row, l-r) County Coordinator Jimmy Tallman, Brannan and Union County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Rhoades.

originally approved and now had begun. He said an action rescinding the original approval would leave the county open to a lawsuit, even if the action was allowed by law, which he did not think was possible. He said he would have to further research the matter, looking into such subjects as whether or not the permits had an expiration date, whether what is being done fits the plan submitted when the application was approved (he noted that the submitted site plan was not engineered to scale) and the details of exactly what was approved in 2019.

Commission Chairman Ryan Perez and County Coordinator Jimmy Williams asked Wade and their fellow board members whether it would be prudent to see what assistance and

clarification the Suwannee River Economic Council could provide the county on the matter and all agreed that it would be a good idea. As it stands there is no way to stop the development of the property within the bounds of the original approved application, but Commissioner Jimmy Tallman noted that there were a number of permits required before the project could go much further, so the county should have time to fully consider the matter.

In other business, the board heard a request for funds from Union County Tax Collector Lisa Johnson. She said that due to a number of factors, her department was \$32,500 short for the year, placing her over budget. She went on to say that this was the first time in her

career as Tax Collector that she has had to make such a request and she was very sorry for having to do so. Among the reasons for the deficit were increased work load, the need for more window help because there were certain items only she was trained to deal with and the fact that the state had not raised fees in many years (a portion of which are part of the funds used to operate the office). Motion was made by Tallman to approve the funding and the board voted unanimously to approve the measure. Union County Clerk and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades said it would cause no problem to transfer the funds from the general fund to the tax collector.

Rec department seeks to serve

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

One thing about Union County that almost everyone seems able to agree on is the community wide support of the counties young people and their education and activities. Everyone is supportive and proud of the schools. Businesses, individuals and local governments all support the schools and the students who attend them. Donations flow into the boy, cub and girl scouting programs, to the FFA and 4-H programs in the county and, in support of youth recreation in the county.

"My law enforcement experience has taught me that if you keep the kids busy they are more likely to stay out of trouble," said Mack Johns, a long-time supporter of recreation and who has served on the county recreation board, and in a variety of coaching positions for about 30 years. He is now a county commissioner and is still strong in supporting recreation for county youth.

"Kids are sitting at home in air conditioning too much. They need to get outdoors and exercise more than their thumbs. For their future well-being they need to develop a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of exercise."

Johns, as well as the other members of the commission have shown their dedication to the goal of creating recreational opportunities for the county's youth. Much of this effort has been made through the ball fields located at R. J. Phillips Park and the activities made available there. The recreation department receives annual funding through the commission's budget, as well as special funding requests for specific needs or programs. In addition, County Coordinator Jimmy Williams assists the department in locating and securing grant funds for new projects and programs.

R.J. Phillips Park has existed for a long time. It takes its name from a long-time DOC prison official and was named for him in around 1982. Now it is known,

officially, as the R.J. Phillips Recreation Complex. It offers table, seats and playground equipment in the front area off of SR-121 for the little ones. But that is just the beginning of the complex. Although it shares space in the RMS West Gate area with the county road, solid waste and animal control departments, as well as the Union County Agricultural Education Center/UF Extension Office across the road, the park of the acreage devoted to recreation is the largest use of land at the site, with about 80 acres still waiting to be used.

Currently on site are four fields suitable for baseball, softball and T-ball, forming a quad around the building housing concessions and restrooms. A new field is under construction and future plans are to build three more and a central building in a second quad configuration. The pride and joy of the complex is the new field for soccer and football. The recreation department has already held a soccer camp (over



Some of the kids, coaches and others with the check donated by Andrews Site Prep recently. Pictured are: (front row, l-r) Ty'lyn Howard, Dawson Peugh, Ramsey Casey, Ryder Odom, Elora Casey and Easton Roberts; (middle row, l-r) Porsha Odom, Joshua Davis, Breydan Peugh, Kevin Sampson, Brendan Odom, Jr. and Hayleigh Peugh; (back row, l-r) Tommy Mobley, Ross Peugh, Mac Johns, Vicky Johns, Brendan Odom, Randy Odom and Jeff Casey.

100 youth attended) and teams have been formed. Pop Warner Football has been in the county for a number of years, but now the teams will have their own practice and playing field, for the first time, and not have to use the field at Union County High School. The school district and the recreation department have an excellent working relationship, with the Lake Butler Middle School Girls' Softball team calling one of the fields home. LBMS also uses one of the ballfields for its home baseball games. The newest field will be exclusively for baseball, as the fence is too far back for softball. It is a full 300 ft. field surfaced in clay.

It is in the construction and outfitting of these fields that local businesses step up and get things done. L.C. Simmons Land Specialists has helped out a great deal with the labor involved in creating the fields, bringing their own equipment and providing the fuel. They also graded the football/soccer field. Andrews Site Prep has graded many of the fields at no cost to the Rec Department, as well as paying for the soccer goals (\$15,000), a scoreboard (\$5,000) and, recently presenting the department with a check for \$10,000. Johns said that Bart Andrews/Andrews Site Prep has been very generous to the recreation programs, being the biggest contributor in the past few years and has been the main contributor to the soccer program. Johns also cited the number of volunteers who

donate their time to work, coach and provide other services to the department. When Florida Gateway College donated the goal posts for the new football field it was volunteers who took them apart (they were too big to haul in one piece), assisted in transport and helped get reassembled and in position.

The recreation department and county commission have future plans for further expanding the facilities and programs at the park. Lighting for the fields is a big item, with the new football/soccer field in possession of the poles but still awaiting the lights. The commission recently pledged \$25,000 to light this field. The new baseball field will also require lighting, as will one of the T-ball fields. A new PA system is on hand for the existing quad, but the newly planned second quad will need one as well and it may well need to be combined with the first quads to create a system that has the capability to make announcements throughout the complex, such as the case of parents missing their children or vice versa. Other needs include finishing the new baseball and the second quad, installing bleachers for the football/soccer field and, possibly, a second soccer field. Johns said the complex does not offer basketball, but he would like to have a gymnasium on site one day to allow basketball and girls volleyball. Also, in the near future, the department hopes to dedicate the football/soccer field to the late Sheriff Jerry Whitehead.

The park has grown and has always been taken care of by the road department (mowing and other grounds work) but this has recently changed with the first time hiring of a dedicated county rec employee. Tommy Mobley has been hired for the position. He cares for the O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex, as well as the county's other parks. According to Johns, Mobley is "going great and regularly works above and beyond his job requirements."

The rec department serves youth ages 4-16 with programs for both boys and girls. T-ball is for ages 4-7 and is mainly co-ed, as is soccer for ages, softball is solely for the girls, while baseball is mainly for the boys, although girls can play while they are in the younger age groups.

"We are looking at writing a new Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant next year to get some of the funding we need to make all these things, and more, happen," Johns said. "We have come a long way, but we can still go so much farther. We are blessed to be in a community where people see the value in what happens here and are willing to donate their time as coaches and assistants and for hard labor as well. We have so many sponsors, both businesses and individuals that are so willing to give. We truly live in a wonderful community."

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Employees Brian Clemons, Richard Crews, David McKinney and Mitch Andrews in the gas plant with the landfill's director and assistant director, Perry Kent and Joel Woolsey.

First paving project earn praise

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County Public Works Director Jason Dodds said he couldn't be prouder of his road crew, which has been paving streets in excessive summer heat, pleasing both commissioners and residents.

Dodds told commissioners Aug. 17 they had just completed work on Southeast 48th Avenue, across from Walmart, and Southeast Second Avenue at the Keystone Golf and Country Club.

"Seventy-five to 80% of our staff has never paved, and I wouldn't be afraid to take them right now and put them on I-75, I-95, I-10 right next to any of the top paving crews. So I'm very proud of them. I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication," Dodds said.

"Paving in August, if that's the first time you ever learned to pave, you normally don't come back the second day," he said.

The road department provided photographs of the work on Southeast 48th. Dodds said Dale Norman is shown concentrating on keeping the machine straight,

while he and Ramsey French are on opposite sides of the screed. The screed controls the thickness and slope of the asphalt. A dump man monitors the amount of asphalt going down and communicates with the dump truck driver when and how much to dump.

"Jason, how hot is that asphalt when it hits the ground?" County Manager Scott Kornegay asked.

"When it's loaded at the plant its 330 (degrees). When it's at the screed it's 300," he said.

Dodds thanked commissioners as well and invited them to come see the paver in action.

The director said he found a vendor who is able to provide the amount of asphalt the county needs for paving projects moving forward.

With the support of the other public works department, solid waste and maintenance, Dodds said they are keeping three road graders and three mowers in operation at the same time as the paving projects.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews gave kudos on the mowing work in the Brooker area, and Commissioner Carolyn Spooner called the paving work on Southeast 48th "pristine."

Commissioner Danny Riddick pointed out this is the first time a Bradford County crew has paved a road with the county's own equipment. (Equipment was leased to construct the access road at Keystone Heights Airport, but public works was primarily responsible for the labor.)

"I just want to say, this week, I've been just so excited seeing all this done," Riddick said. "This is government working at its finest."

Riddick said the additional gas tax was passed to fund these projects, and the board's decision to purchase the paving machine, while criticized, has been justified.

"I know every one of you, especially myself, heard this over and over, 'We don't need it. Nobody can run it. It's a waste of taxpayers' money.' Now I'm wondering what they're thinking," Riddick said, adding he had full confidence in Dodds and his department.

"If you would have seen how hard these men were working this week, to learn and make the road the best they could, you'd be a believer, too," he said.

New River renewable gas named Project of the Year

The American Society of Civil Engineers Gainesville Branch has announced that the New River Renewable Natural Gas Project, a groundbreaking initiative undertaken by the New River Solid Waste Association, has been selected as the prestigious 2023 ASCE Florida Section Project of the Year.

This recognition underscores the exceptional contributions of local partners and professionals in the field, including Jones Edmunds, OPAL Fuels, TECO Peoples Gas, and the New River Solid Waste Association.

Since its establishment in 1992, the New River Solid Waste Association has strived to set new standards in waste management practices, earning it the distinction of being Florida's inaugural publicly owned, multicounty solid waste management facility. Serving the communities of Baker,

Bradford and Union counties, the association's dedication to customer service and innovative practices has won it international recognition through collaborative research projects and pilot programs conducted in partnership with the University of Florida.

Most recently, the New River Renewable Natural Gas project testifies to its commitment to innovation and sustainable practices. The project has successfully converted landfill gas into pipeline-quality natural gas, marking a first for the state of Florida. New River Regional Landfill now stands as the first landfill to connect with the Florida Gas Transmission's interstate pipeline, facilitating the injection of processed gas into the system.

New River's landfill gas undergoes treatment to adhere to pipeline-gas specifications

prior to its transmission through a six-mile high-pressure pipeline that bridges the landfill and the pipeline interconnect. This endeavor not only showcases the New River Solid Waste Association's dedication to environmental sustainability and energy recovery, but also marks a milestone in Florida's journey toward more eco-conscious practices.

The ASCE Gainesville Branch extends its hearty congratulations to the exceptional teams behind the New River Renewable Natural Gas Project. Jones Edmunds, New River Solid Waste Association, OPAL Fuels, and TECO Peoples Gas have demonstrated the power of collaboration, innovation, and determination in redefining waste management and energy conversion practices. Their commitment sets an example for the region and beyond.



Pictured at the plant ribbon cutting are Baker Commissioner James Croft in front along with (l-r) OPAL Fuels COO Anthony Falbo, Landfill Director Perry Kent, Assistant Director Joel Woolsey, Union Commissioner Channing Dobbs, Baker Commissioner Cathy Rhoden, Union Commissioner Jimmy Tallman, and Bradford Commissioners Kenny Thompson and Chris Dougherty. (Photos from ASCE Facebook page.)



Auction raises money for 4-H

The Bradford County 4-H Auction on Thursday, Sept. 21, help raise money for 4-H camps and events, community clubs and school enrichment programs. Also, 50% of the proceeds are being earmarked to send the livestock judging team to the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke. Youth tickets (5-17) are \$10. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Children under 4 attend for free. Sponsor tables for may be reserved for \$250, which includes a meal, charcuterie

board appetizer and raffle tickets.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite (tinyurl.com/4h-auction). For more information, please contact the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Ivan Dale Alexander, 19, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for failure to appear.

Kimberly Buhler Baker, 60, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 15 for a conditional release violation.

Joseph Eugene Birt, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

Montreal Akeem Blount, 32, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 16 for vehicle theft and larceny.

James Randall Carlton, 34, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for criminal mischief with property damage, resisting an officer, disorderly conduct, and failure to appear.

Wendell Lee Chastain, 39, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for battery.

Leilani Rayneisha Cheevers, 21, of Chiefland was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for kidnapping a minor, accessory after the fact.

Brendon Andrew Colson, 35, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 18 for assault.

Noah Caleb Goodin, 41, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 12 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving a vehicle not registered.

Keyon Rashid Harden, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 17 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Joseph William Harper, 42, of Florahome was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for a probation violation.

Fernando Hernandez, 44, of Brooker was arrested on August 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Christopher Trevor Holland, 33, of Macclenny was arrested on August 15 for out-of-county warrants.

Miranda Lee Marx, 38, of Palatka was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 14 for failure to appear.

Louis Joseph Mixell, 48, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 15 for fraud.

Steven Brad Powers, 36, of Riverview was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 18 for fraud.

Christopher Scott Rhoden, 30, of Starke was arrested by

Bradford deputies on August 18 for failure to appear.

Troy Travis Starling, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested by Starke police on August 16 for disorderly intoxication.

Kaylin Leigh Wright, 22, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 16 for a probation violation.

Union

Michael Jared Dilas, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Angel Renee Jenkins, 37, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 15 for failure to appear.

Russell Alvin Mason, 53, of Orlando was arrested by Union deputies on August 16 for failure to appear.

Danielle Perez, 36, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 16 for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Clay

None reported.

Hampton child abducted at gunpoint

STARKE—Bradford deputies arrested a Lake City couple after they abducted a child at gunpoint from the Hampton area and shot a firearm toward the minor's mother.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, Le'Marcus D. Rayford and his girlfriend, Leilani R. Cheevers went to the residence and demanded custody of the child, who is Rayford's biological son.

"When (the victim) did not go, Rayford grabbed him, took him to the vehicle, and placed him inside," wrote a Bradford detective. "When leaving, Cheevers performed a U-Turn on (County Road) 221 and drove past the house again. As they were passing the residence, Rayford reached out of the window with the firearm and fired a single shot toward the direction of the residence."

Sheriff's Lt. Kevin Mueller said investigators tracked Rayford and Cheevers to Columbia County. The boy was turned over to his paternal grandparents.

Judge to Dad: No more spanking

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times-Monitor
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STARKE—A Judge sentenced a 33-year-old Starke man to 24 months' probation and prohibited him from using corporal punishment after the defendant pleaded to child abuse.

Judge James M. Colaw also ordered Cedrick Lanard Pittman to attend a battery intervention class and parenting course.

According to court papers, the 33-year-old was arrested after his daughter stayed with him over a weekend in December 2022. Following the weekend visit, the child's mother took the daughter to an emergency room for severe bruising on her backside, leg and ankles. The victim told deputies

her father spanked her for posting a video on TikTok that he did not like.

Starke man beats rap for 5th time

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times-Monitor
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STARKE—The State Attorney's Office has dropped charges against a 49-year-old Starke man for felony battery, resisting an officer, and aggravated assault.

According to an arrest report, Anthony Joe Akin was accused on May 9 of punching his girlfriend, threatening to kill the woman while holding a gun, and running from police.

However, on July 25, prosecutors filed a case action report dropping the charges.

The July action marks the fifth time Akin has defeated felony charges.

On Aug. 25, 2011, he was arrested for battery and petit theft, but prosecutors later dropped those charges.

On Oct. 20, 2020, he was accused of assault and resisting an officer without violence. Prosecutors dropped the assault charge, and Akin was acquitted of resisting.

On Jan. 24, 2022, and on May 2, 2022, Akin was arrested for aggravated stalking, charges that the state later dropped.

Year in jail for stealing steaks

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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General Manager

STARKE—A judge sentenced a Starke woman to one year in jail after she pleaded to stealing rib eyes, T-bones, and other merchandise from Starke's Walmart.

Richardlyn Bobbie Jamison, 28, pleaded to felony petit theft.

According to court papers, a store loss prevention officer saw the defendant take the meat, valued at \$89.25, in addition to Bic lighters, a tank top, and earbuds valued at \$51.56 off store shelves. When confronted by the officer, the defendant abandoned the merchandise and fled in a car. Starke police located the vehicle and the defendant in the McDonald's parking lot.

New jail class helps inmates succeed during probation

Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith said his office has partnered with the Florida Department of Corrections in a program designed to help jail inmates succeed at probation.

F.A.C.E. I.T. stands for family, attitude, communication, employment, improvement and taking responsibility. Joe Winkler, FDC's assistant deputy secretary of community corrections, launched the program in 2022 to help state inmates succeed in probation.

Winkler said that each of the six components in the program's title is essential in completing supervision. He added, for example, that 75% of inmates who successfully complete probation are employed.



Chief Ben Carter said crews had the blaze knocked down within 13 minutes of the 911 call, but the detached garage and the property inside were a total loss. Photo: Bradford County Fire Rescue.

Ford Mustang, ATV destroyed by fire

STARKE—Bradford County Fire Rescue said it extinguished a garage fire north of Starke Wednesday, but not before a Ford Mustang and an ATV were lost to the flames.

Chief Ben Carter said crews had the blaze knocked down within 13 minutes of the 911 call, but the detached garage and the property inside were a total loss.

There were no injuries during

the incident, which occurred in the 4500 block of Northwest 178th Loop, North of Starke's Sleepy Hollow Motel.



The Way Free Medical Clinic's Executive Director Don Fann and Clay Electric's Steve Hollingsworth display a check for the non-profit. Photo: Clay Electric.

Faith-based groups land Clay Electric grants

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—The Clay Electric Foundation gave \$10,000 to the Salvation Army of Clay County to help send 48 campers to Camp Keystone during the summer.

The contribution was one of nine totaling \$81,100 during the foundation's July funding cycle. Five of the nine recipients are faith-based groups.

Other recipients included:

Mercy Support Services: \$10,000. Mercy Support Services serves the people of Clay County who are circumstantially in need by providing services that guide them to self-sufficiency. Mercy works collaboratively to provide "a hand up, not a hand out" to families and needy individuals. Funds from the grant will be applied to renovations to a quadruplex of apartments to be used as additional housing for the group's self-sufficiency programs.

Camp Boggy Creek: \$10,000. Camp Boggy Creek, located in Eustis, was founded in 1996 by Paul Newman and General H. Norman Schwarzkopf to allow children with serious illnesses to enjoy a camp experience in a safe, medically-sound environment. Funds from the grant will send four campers to the camp's summer sessions.

Clay County Archives: \$5,000. The archives preserve records and artifacts related to Clay County's history, ensure public access to these items, promote programs, and provide resources that increase public awareness and appreciation for Clay County. Grant funds will be applied to installing an official state historic site marker to identify the Branan Field Outlying Landing Field that served as an early training ground for the Blue Angels.

Safe to Hope: \$3,000. Safe to Hope, based in Putnam County's Satsuma, is a non-profit ministry combining law enforcement experience with education and hospitality to find biblical hope for child sexual abuse issues. Funds from the grant will be used for property improvements for future programs.

Grace Anglican Church: \$1,500. Grace Anglican Church in Middleburg participates in Soul in the City. This week-

long missional summer camp empowers junior high and high school students to work at various nonprofits in the community. Funds from the grant will pay for student scholarships and meals.

Christian Service Center of Columbia County: \$15,000. This organization serves around 10,000 Columbia County residents yearly and has operated since 1984. Assistance includes food, clothing, utility bills, gas assistance, bus tickets, emergency lodging, and prescriptions. Grant funds will be used for the group's client assistance program to help residents with utility bills and food assistance.

LEEF: \$6,600. The League of Environmental Educators in Florida is a professional organization for advancing environmental literacy and promoting stewardship. Funds from the grant will provide teacher professional development training and support student-led programs.

The Way Free Medical Clinic in Clay County: \$20,000. The Way Free Medical Clinic provides free medical services for the uninsured residents of Clay County. Funds will support the Women's Care Program by providing expanded medical care services.

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New KHHS coach looking for maximum effort in 2023

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A historic 2021 season in which the Keystone Heights High School football team won the program's first-ever playoff game was followed by a two-win season in 2022 after the graduation of so many key players.

With an eye toward turning things around, Head Coach Steve Reynolds said the main goal is for the Indians to compete week in and week out — something he saw better job of in the latter portion of last season.

"Last year, we were young and inexperienced and maybe feeling our way through things a little," said Reynolds, who's now the head coach after a stint as an assistant coach. "I saw the emergence of that dog in some of these kids late in the season. I'd really like to see that (this year). You want to see them fight to the end in every game."

The strength of this year's team is on the line of scrimmage. When you look at the offensive line, you see, according to Reynolds, "a lot of really good, hard-working kids who got stronger in the offseason and learned the plays better." The unit includes such players as seniors Jayden Goodman and Clayton Shaw, juniors Tyler Duncan and Brayden Wester, sophomore Luke Bacorn and freshman Bryce Daniels.

Reynolds said it's a good veteran group, noting that



Quarterback Baylor Ford (left) sprints away from the grasp of lineman Brayden Wester. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

even Daniels, as a freshman, is considered a veteran with the experience he gained last year.

The leaders of the line are the seniors.

"Clayton's a lead-by-example, steady Eddie work-ethic type," Reynolds said. "Jayden's more of the vocal leader, but both of them have their great qualities. Both of them have experience. They've been in tough games. They've had tough times."

Goodman has a couple of years

of starting experience under his belt, while Reynolds said Shaw got into the mix last year and has progressed greatly.

"He had a great year," Reynolds said of Shaw. "He was the most improved player on the team last year. Now, he's whole new bag. He's a leader."

The line will pave the way for last year's leading rusher — senior Cartez Daniels, who had 860 yards and seven touchdowns on 161 carries.

"I like his size," Reynolds said of the 6-2, 190-pound back. "He's got deceptive speed. People don't realize exactly how fast he is. He can get out and go. He's got good wiggle. — another underrated quality. He's physical when he needs to be, outruns you when he needs to."

The backfield will also include such players as seniors Darrion Grady and Ben Ulsch and sophomore Colton Hollingsworth. Ulsch had the highest average yards per rushing attempt last year (6.9) through four games before a season-ending injury.

Sophomore Baylor Ford will start at quarterback. He got most of the playing time at that position last year.

"He had a great summer," Reynolds said. "His fall camp's been pretty good."

Reynolds wants to see his quarterback be more comfortable this year after basically getting thrown into the fire as a freshman in 2022.

"He went from not knowing what position he was going to play to starting quarterback, which is where he was a year ago," Reynolds said. "I want him to play with more confidence. I want him to take care of the football. I want him to go into games feeling good about the look we're trying to give him. I want him to grip it and rip it sometimes."

If Ford lets it rip, he has some potentially dangerous targets in

2023 KHHS Varsity Football Schedule

Aug. 18	Ridgeview (KC)	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Eastside	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Fort White	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Bell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Interlachen	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Bradford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Crescent City (HC)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Palatka	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Pierson Taylor	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Joshua Christian (SN)	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	at P.K. Yonge	7 p.m.

KC Preseason Kickoff Classic
HC Homecoming
SN Senior Night

Grady and fellow senior Wyatt Van Zant.

"Those are two of our fastest kids," Reynolds said, "but their experience is being in the heat of games. Other than that, neither one has a whole lot of receiving experience."

Reynolds said Grady and Van Zant have great hands and have proven to be good blockers and route runners. The first play in a scrimmage during the team's Aug. 11 practice, a Van Zant block allowed Grady to turn a 6-yard play into a touchdown.

"Those guys have come a long

way," Reynolds said.

Players such as seniors Andru Siemer and Garrison Teague and sophomore Zane Leger.

Defensively, the Indians have a line that includes Goodman, senior Trey Jeffries, junior Jackson Herman and freshman Wayne Dowling. Reynolds said the group is "explosive, strong and physical." He and Assistant Coach Jakob Alvarez agreed that Herman is the leader of that unit.

"We don't necessarily have a

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KHHS boys golfers open with wins over BHS, Ridgeview

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

All of Keystone Heights High School's boys golfers — including medalist Ty Mitzel — finished in the top 10 as the Indians opened the season with a win over visiting Bradford and Ridgeview on Aug. 21.

Keystone had a team score of 158, which was 34 strokes better than Ridgeview. Bradford finished with a score of 229.

Mitzel birdied one hole and shot par on six others to finish at 37, which put him two strokes ahead of teammate Alex Addington and Ridgeview's Joseph Derosa. Addington shot par on six holes.

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Mary Breeden

Mary Inez Breeden, 87, of Melrose died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, at North Florida Hospital in Gainesville.

Survivors are her husband, Jim Breeden of Melrose; children, Charles William (Mia) Breeden of Daleville, Alabama, Terry Ruth (DeWayne) Stidham of High Springs, James Michael (Ruth) Breeden of Palm Bay and Theresa Webster (Ron Strzykalski) of Gainesville; brother, Gary (Darlene) Silas of Mico; and many extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at 1 p.m. at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with interment to follow at the church cemetery.

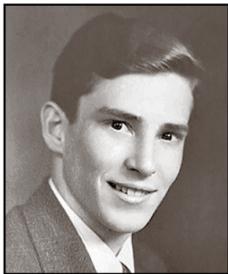
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Norman Burnett

Norman A. Burnett passed away Friday, July 14, 2023, in Richmond, Virginia. He was born on Sept. 21, 1922, in the village of Green River in Guilford, Vermont. He was the seventh of 11 children born to Wilbur Lovell Burnett of Savoy, Massachusetts and Lena Dell Kenney of Hawley, Massachusetts. The family later moved to a farm in Charlemont, Massachusetts. Having studied agriculture and paying his own tuition, he graduated from Arms Academy in Shelburne Falls in 1941. Soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1942, he volunteered for the Navy and was enlisted for nearly seven years, serving as a flight engineer and worked up the ranks from Apprentice Seaman to Chief Petty Officer. Without mechanical failure or incident, he safely accumulated over 2,000 flight hours, providing convoy escort for submarines and he held stations in locations such as Brazil, China and Japan. He worked on the Martin JRM Mars, one of the largest allied flying ships with a wingspan of 200 feet and a hull approximately 120 feet long. On Aug. 15, 1945, the last day of his training for the Japan invasion, America dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and his tour to Japan was canceled. Earlier that year, while on leave in May, he met Phyllis Jane Unwin through his eldest sister, Dee. He courted her through letters, and while on leave later, they married on Jan. 21, 1947, in Grafton, Vermont. Jane joined him while he finished out his last tour of duty in Alameda, California. By November of 1947, he was honorably discharged, and they began their life together in Grafton, Vermont. They had three children and sadly suffered the loss of their fourth child, who was stillborn. After living with his family for the first few years of marriage, they bought 127 acres in Charlemont, Massachusetts and together renovated their home, originally built in the 1800s. They later lived in Portland, Connecticut and Haddam, Connecticut, and Keystone Heights. He worked his way up the ranks, beginning as a machinist at Kendall Mills Textile Plant and retiring from the Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Power Plant as operations supervisor. He enjoyed a steady rotation of new cars, flying a plane he shared with his brother, spending time with his wife and grandchildren camping, holiday gatherings, reading the daily newspaper and National Geographic, and his 5 o'clock scotch on the rocks. He was a man of few words and ever the diplomat. He had a sharp wit, good sense of humor and easygoing spirit. He didn't sweat the small stuff and as you were leaving, he'd remind you, "Keep the faith." If he appreciated something you did for him, he'd spritely say, "You're alright, kid" or "thanks, babe."

He is survived by his sister, Helen Peterson; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda (Mark) Epstein and Mary (John) Burke; his granddaughters and their husbands, Sandra Fazzino (Alessandro Ribola), Sara (Tim) Bereika, Joelle Epstein (Matthew Nobbs), and Rachel Epstein (Jon Kaplan); and great-grandchildren, Alton Joseph (AJ), Alanna, and Sylvie; his son, John Burnett; his first wife, Phyllis Jane Burnett of 52 years; and his second wife of nine years, Helen Jackson; siblings, Lillian, Doris, Arnold, Phillip, William, Elsie, Julia, Arlene and Francis predeceased him.

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Robert Burton

James "Bond" Burton, 52, of Starke died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2023 after a long battle with cancer. He and his great-niece, Savannah Padelford, had a special bond.

Survivors are two sons, Dakota Burton of Tallahassee and Alex Burton of Tennessee; sisters, Jeanie Burton and Cathy Burton both of Starke; along with many extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at 21467 NE 13th Ave., Lawtey, 32058.

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Sylvia Gibbs

Sylvia Amelia Gibbs, 81, of Lake Butler, died peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Lake City. She was born on Feb. 9, 1942, in Greenville, South Carolina to Clyde Dickerson and Gladys Rebecca Kidd O'Berry. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her son, Terrance Wesley Gibbs.

Survivors are her children, Danita Crews of Lake Butler, Timothy Wayne Gibbs of Lake Butler, and Ted Winston Gibbs of Douglas, Georgia; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is entrusted with her final memorialization by cremation.



Kirk Griffis

Kirk B. Griffis, 64, of Bradford County passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 3, 1959, in Macclenny to his loving parents, John R. Griffis Sr. and Joyce Richardson Griffis. He was raised in Sanderson and graduated from Baker County High School in 1977. Shortly after that, he started his longtime career as a correctional officer at New River Correctional Institution and later served at Lawtey Correctional as a sergeant. After 26 years of dedicated service with the Department of Corrections, he retired and began his employment with Bradford County Waste Management. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his family, carpentry, home remodeling and traveling, as well as frequent trips to Home Depot and local restaurants. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was preceded in death by his father; and brother, Ivan Dewayne Griffis.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce Griffis of Sanderson; children, Dustin (Ami) Griffis of Starke and Rachel (William) Smith of Jacksonville; brothers, Gary Griffis of Lake City, Ricky Griffis of Jacksonville, and Monty Griffis of Newberry; and grandchildren, Cheyanne Smith, Peyton Griffis, Rhyann Shuford, Bentley Griffis and Taylor Griffis.

A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, Aug. 18, at Community Full Gospel Church in Glen St. Mary with Pastor Tommy Richardson officiating. Interment followed at South Prong Cemetery.

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

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Joel Kirby

Joel E. Kirby, 68, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Gainesville on Oct. 31, 1954, to his father, James Roswell "Buddy" Kirby, and his mother, Dora Earlene Benton Kirby-Rogers. Among many other attributes, he was a strong, determined, hard-working man who loved his family. In his younger adult life, he loved roping and rodeoing with his father. He was an avid hunter who loved to be in the woods, whether it was running dogs, sitting in the stand or coon hunting with his friends at night. He also enjoyed fishing, whether he was able to catch anything or not. And he had a love for music and singing karaoke. He believed in working hard for what you want and taking pride in what you have, and he shared and taught his children to do the same. Joel was a dedicated man who did everything he could to provide everything possible for his family. He worked with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office before he moved his career to the Florida Department of Corrections where he retired. Then he became the owner and operator of Custom Cuts Lawn and Landscape. This is when he met and married his wife, Richelle L. Kirby. After he decided to take life a little easier, he decided to move into the trucking industry, where he started with Stephens Transport. He then worked for some time with Pritchett Trucking before he had a health issue that resulted in his complete retirement. He will always be loved and remembered by those he loved and knew closely. He was preceded in death by his father, James Roswell "Buddy" Kirby; and his mother, Dora Earlene Benton Kirby-Rogers.

He is survived by his wife, Richelle Kirby; his sister, Carol Kirby (Rob) Newborn-Reynolds; his son, Chad (Kaycee) Kirby; daughter, Michelle N. (David) Nettles; and stepdaughter, Courtney (Joe) Edwards; his five grandchildren, Dillion, Emily, Levi, Mackenzie, Blayke, and Emmett. He is also survived by one nephew, two nieces, and their children. Joel had the opportunity to adopt another daughter by chance to help care for him in his later years, Candace P. Joseph (Jason Holton). He will be forever loved and greatly missed by all who loved him, along with many he crossed paths with or worked with in his life. He will be missed tremendously, but everyone who knew Joel is looking forward to seeing him again soon.

A service to celebrate his life will be held Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, also at the funeral home. He will be laid to rest immediately after the funeral service at Antioch Cemetery in La Crosse. Services will be officiated by Pastor Terry Elixson.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

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Richard Loveless

Richard A. Loveless, 80, of Starke passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at Haven Hospice ET York Care Center in Gainesville. He was born Oct. 15, 1942, in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Alfred (Clyde) and Helen (McElwain) Loveless. After graduating high school, he served in the Army during Vietnam. He retired as a parts manager from Datsun/Nissan Motor Corp. He was a member of the Elks in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The love of his life, wife Rosetta L. Loveless of 55 years, preceded him in death; along with his brother, Paul Loveless.

Survivors are his loving children, Richard (Dawn) Loveless of Starke, Kevin (Danielle) Loveless of Hackensack, New Jersey, and John (Judy) Loveless of Yulee. Also left are his grandchildren, who called him "Grandpa," Brittany, Raven, Eric, Madison, and Conner; great-grandchildren, Robert and Nathan; siblings, Ginny Staab of Maywood, New Jersey, and Charlie (Wanda) Loveless of Scottsdale, Arizona. He also leaves behind his two pets, Wolfie and Tank.

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Fay Martin

Fay Jeannette Martin, 86, of Kingsland, Georgia, a devoted servant of God, passed away peacefully Friday morning, Aug. 18, 2023, with family and friends by her side. She was born on Dec. 29, 1936, in Auburndale to the late Lewis Morgan Gay and Iona Granger Gay. Shortly after, the family moved back to the farm in Providence. Fay, always a leader, was in FHA in ninth and 12th grades, was Class Treasurer in 11th and 12th, Library Club 11th, Junior and Senior Play and was on the Annual Staff. After graduating from Union County High School in 1954, she moved to Jacksonville and began her banking/accounting career, working in many capacities as she moved with her loving husband, John Warden Martin, as he followed his career with Chrysler Corporation. While living in Jacksonville, she worked in banking and mortgages; Washington, DC where she worked in government; and Tallahassee, where she was proud to serve at Gov. Reuben Askew's inauguration reception at the Governor's Mansion and attended the Governor's Ball in 1971. Finally, she returned to Jacksonville and began employment with Stockton, Whatley, Davin and Company (SWD) on April 10, 1972, and attained assistant vice president with them on Jan. 8, 1986. SWD merged with Bank of Boston Jan. 1, 1988, where she retired on July 1, 1992, with over 20 years of service. She faithfully served her church throughout her life, with long periods of service at Arlington Christian Church in Jacksonville, First Christian Church in Ocala, and Kingsland First Methodist Church. She sang in the church choir when she was younger, held various offices and almost continuously served as a Sunday school class leader. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, John Warden Martin; her stepdaughter, Judy Williams; sisters, Velma Lowe, Frances Boyd, Lois Brown, Ethel Ogburn, Offie Lee Gay, and Katherine Gay Patterson; and her brothers, Ray Gay, Drew (Brittain) Gay, and James Coker.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Included are those who have maintained a mother/child relationship with her, Ella and Tom Turner, Sharon and Jonathan Kraus, Rheta and Fred Dubberly; a lifelong friend, Nolan Dobbs; and a large extended family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Kingsland First Methodist Church. Burial services were held at Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, 32043. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kingsland First Methodist Church, 120 E. William Ave., Kingsland, GA 31548, or at www.kingslandfmc.org/giving "In Memory of Fay Martin." Donations in her memory will go towards the Sanctuary Project.

Arrangements were under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, 32043.904-284-7720 Family and friends may share their condolences at: www.RHRFH.com.

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Rev. James McLeod

Rev. James (J.R.) McLeod of Raiford, a devoted servant of God and beloved family man, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, Aug. 15, 2023, at the age of 85 in Gainesville. Born on Feb. 14, 1938, he spent his formative years in Lake Butler. A Baptist minister for 35 years, his life was marked by his unwavering faith and dedication to his calling. He led congregations in Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Greenville, as well as in the Raleigh, North Carolina area. In 2004, he retired from his pastoral duties and returned to his roots in Raiford. During his retirement, he found joy in working alongside his brother at the family barber shop in Lake Butler. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cyril and Dorrie Crawford McLeod; his brother, Elliot McLeod; and his sister-in-law, Carolyn McLeod.

His memory will forever be cherished by his loving wife, Hilda Conner McLeod; his sons, Jeff of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Randy of Jacksonville. He is also survived by three grandsons, Riley McLeod, Ross (Kristen) McLeod, and Marc (Teagan) McLeod; along with three granddaughters, Zandy (Zach) McLeod Hicks, Nikki McLeod, and Andrea (Eric) McLeod Lester; and his great-granddaughter, Zayla Hicks, completes his family circle.

A service to celebrate the remarkable life of Rev. McLeod took place on Saturday, Aug. 19, at First Baptist Church in Raiford. Family, friends, and all those touched by his life gathered to honor his memory. Burial followed at Elzey Chapel Cemetery, Worthington Springs. Visitation was held Friday, Aug. 18, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Haven Hospice in honor of his lifelong dedication in service to others and spreading God's love.

Rest in eternal peace, dear Rev. James R. McLeod. Your light will forever guide us through the journey of life.

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Joseph Phillips

Joseph "Jojo" Edward Phillips died at his brother's home Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023. He was born Aug. 7, 1971, in Fernandina Beach to the late Donald and Patsy (Parnell) Phillips.

Survivors are siblings, Donna of Newberry, Wisconsin, Donald (Judy) Phillips, Jessica Phillips, Michael Phillips (Angela Phillips-Cox) all of Keystone Heights, and Laura (Dale) Waxman of Ocala; and many extended family members.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 26, at 12 p.m. at Gadara Baptist Church.

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JoAnn Rowe

JoAnn Smith Rowe was born in Jacksonville on Feb. 17, 1937, to William Hogan and Eoline Weaver Smith. She lived in Sampson City as a child and later moved to Starke. She graduated from Bradford High with many cherished friends who remained close through the years. JoAnn put on a spectacular half-time show during Tornado football games as head majorette. The high-stepping beauty was recognized statewide for her twirling talents. She also graduated, with honors, from the University of Florida. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Starke. She was very involved in the community; United Methodist Women's group, Starke Woman's Club and Bradford Fair Association. She proudly served as Superintendent of Bradford Schools, to name a few. She always stepped up to help with community needs and those living in it. She was preceded in death by her husband of 43 years, the "love of her life," Jimmy Rowe; granddaughter, Kayla NaCole; brothers, Dick, Hogan Jr., Austin, Lewis, Harold, sisters Doshia and Mural.



She will be reunited one day with her large, loving family which includes her daughter, Monica Jo Clements; son, Tom (Mischell) Rowe; and brother, Tombo (Linda) Smith, all of Starke, sister-in-law, Marian (Craig) Sellers, of Melrose; grandchildren, Kristin, Lacey (Brian), Lauren, Greg (Brandi), Chase (Carrie), Brandon (Stephanie) and Jordan (Jenna); great-grandchildren, Austin, Logan, Conner, Trevor, Lucas, Colson, Branton, Maicee, Maverick, Jencie, Madysin, Jordan, Gage, Abigail; and many beloved nieces and nephews. JoAnn fought a courageous four-year battle with cancer; she never wavered and seldom complained. Her goal in life was to live each day standing in her faith and convictions so that those who knew her could see her strength came from knowing God's plan was in motion. From grands to great-grands, family, and friends, she always made each one feel they were loved the best and her favorite! Her last days on earth were spent in the arms of her beautiful, loving family. Every day, a steady stream in and out of her room whispering sweet words of love in her ear and lots of kisses.

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Sampson City Church of God at 11 a.m. with Rev. Gene Bass officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts can be made to the Bradford County Education Foundation, Haven Hospice, or to the charity of your choice.

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John Seibert

John E. Seibert, 72, of Keystone Heights died at his home Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, following an extended illness. He served in the United States Navy and worked for the United States Postal Service for 25 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Ann (D'Abate) Seibert; two sons, Roger Seibert and Keith Seibert; stepchildren, Alejandro Alvarez and Alessa Alvarez; along with siblings, Bernadette Michaels and Marilyn Eagan; five grandchildren; and numerous extended family members and friends.

There are no scheduled services at this time.

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

Percy Sullivan III

Percy E. "Rusty" Sullivan III, 56, of Theresa passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at home with his family praying at his side. He was born July 19, 1967, in Palatka to Percy E. and Lynda (Strickland) Sullivan Jr. and graduated from Bradford High School in 1985. He served eight years in the National Guard and retired from Alachua County School Board as a locksmith. He loved protecting the residents of Bradford and surrounding counties by serving as an emergency medical technician and volunteering countless and sleepless hours as a fireman with Theresa Fire Department, where he also held position as chief for many years. His sense of humor would have you laughing and always putting a smile on your face. He was also known for his passion of being outdoors, working on the farm or deer hunting, and made sure his daughter, Gracie, gained the same passion as he had. There are many words that can describe him, but awesome and dedicated are the two that best describe his role as being a dad, husband, son, and friend. His father, Percy E. Sullivan Jr. preceded him in death.



Survivors are the love of his life, Julie (Geiger) Sullivan; and their daughter, Gracie Sullivan (Austin Sanchez); along with his mother, Lynda (Strickland) Sullivan, all of Theresa; aunt, Ilene Fulgham of Palatka; and cousins, Marshall, Michael, and Denver Fulgham. Also left behind are his father and mother-in-law, Wayne "Coach" and Frankie Geiger of Keystone Heights; brother-in-law, Matt (Carrie) Geiger of Gainesville; and their children, Megan Keith and Conner Geiger; along with numerous extended family members and friends who will miss him terribly.

The family received friends Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Sampson City Church of God. A Celebration of Life followed with Mr. Johnny Frampton officiating. Interment was Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Susan Tetstone

Susan "Sue" Bell Tetstone passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, at Haven Hospice in Lake City. She was born on Sept. 19, 1953, in Akron, Ohio. She was a kindhearted, easy-going, warm and compassionate soul who drew people to her. She led a fulfilling career, dedicating 10 years of service to General Electric. Later on, she spent many years working at Crawford Meat Market before retiring from the meat department at Walmart. She had a special fondness for children and wholeheartedly enjoyed their company. Her nurturing nature extended beyond people to include all aspects of her life. She found joy in decorating her living space, creating a welcoming environment for herself and others. In her free time, she also reveled in tending to her yard; planting and cultivating her flowers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Alice Repp; brother, James Repp; and sister, Margie McGee.



She is survived by her beloved husband of 33 years, Kenny Tetstone of Lake Butler; her sister, Charlotte Painter of Michigan, and a host of extended family and friends.

On Thursday, Aug. 17, friends and family gathered to honor her memory at Sardis Baptist Church. Visitation preceded the funeral service. The interment followed at Dyal Cemetery. Services were officiated by Pastor Paul O'Steen.

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Anthony Tweed Jr.

Anthony Claude Tweed Jr., known to his family and friends as a gentle giant with a heart of gold, has sadly left this world. Born on April 7, 1974, in Manhattan, New York, he unexpectedly passed away at his home in Lake Butler on Monday, Aug. 7, 2023. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Christina Simones Tweed; and a proud father to his son, Anthony Claude Tweed III. Through dedication and hard work, he had an illustrious career as a software engineer. His passion for computers and coding was unrivaled. His expertise allowed him to leave an indelible mark on the projects he worked on throughout his career. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to others and thoroughly enjoyed tutoring and encouraging others to enhance their education. He was a man full of kindness and compassion. He had an inherent ability to make everyone feel valued and important. His warm smile would light up any room he entered, brightening the lives of those around him. He was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Claude Tweed Sr.



He leaves behind his wife, Christina Tweed; and son, Anthony Claude Tweed III, both of Lake Butler; his mother, Lolo Tweed of Atlanta, Georgia; brother, Daryl Tweed of New York; sister, Annette Powell of Kentucky; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

To honor his memory, a funeral service was held on Aug. 19. The service took place at the Body of Christ Assembly Church of God in Christ, 615 S.W. Third St., Lake Butler.

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PAID OBITUARY

INDIANS

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vocal leader, but Jackson Herman gets after it every rep," Alvarez said. "He leads by example."

Reynolds added, "He doesn't get tired. He doesn't slow down." At linebacker, the Indians are waiting for Ulsch to return and be a contributor. Despite the number of games he missed last year, he is the second-leading returning tackler.

Leger, Teague and Kyle Perkins (who started last year as a freshman) are looking to make an impact at linebacker as well.

"There are a lot of kids," Reynolds said. "We're just trying to figure out the best combination."

The secondary boasts a pair of seniors in Grady and Van Zant. Grady was the team leader in interceptions last year with three, while Van Zant led the team with 39 tackles.

Add Hollingsworth to the mix, and Reynolds likes what he's got.

"Those kids are smart and physical and fast," Reynolds said, adding, "They make us right. They make sure we're lined up properly. They make sure that we're in the right checks, calls and coverages. They're vital."

Siemer, junior Tallon Campbell and sophomore Jackson Parmeter will be in the mix as well in the defensive backfield.

Looking at special teams, Reynolds said senior Connor Guy has the potential to be an All-State punter, while at placekicker, he's got two options in sophomore Tyler Sapp and freshman Ryder Thomas. In the spring jamboree, Sapp made both of his extra-point attempts, while Thomas made his one attempt.

"They've been to camps all over the country — some of the most premier kicking camps," Reynolds said of Sapp and Thomas. "They're really put in some work. You can see it panning out for them."

The season begins with a preseason kickoff classic at home against Ridgeview on Friday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Keystone's bye week occurs during week one of the season, so the Indians won't return to the field until Friday, Sept. 1, when they host Eastside at 7:30 p.m.

Reynolds has a familiar feeling as the first kickoff nears, and his players prepare to do something other than line up against each other in practice.

"It's the same thing that excites you about every season you go



Tyler Duncan (left) and Jackson Herman are two experienced linemen.

into — the possibilities and the potential, but I think we've got a lot more work to do. We could use two more weeks of training camp, but we've come a long way."

GOLF

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The Indians' Nick Binet and Connor Guy placed fourth and fifth, respectively, with scores of 40 and 42. Each shot par on four holes, with Binet also recording one birdie.

Bradford's Charles Zink finished with a sixth-place score of 43, shooting par on five holes.

Keystone's Jacob Beach had a birdie and shot par on two holes to place seventh with a score of 44. Teammate Hunter Sheppard, who shot par on three holes, had a ninth-place score of 48.

The Tornados' Robert Halsey had a 12th-place score of 58. Four of his teammates finished 14th-17th: Kaylee Devore (63), Avery Burgin (65), Jeffrey Brugh (66) and Jaylen Hampton (69).

Keystone entered the match off the preseason, 18-hole Suwannee Dog Days Invitational on Aug. 18 in Lake City, placing fourth with a team score of 335. Florida High topped the five-team field with a score of 304, followed by Suwannee (318) and Columbia (332).

Lafayette finished at 419 to place behind Keystone.

Guy had two birdies and shot par on 11 holes to finish with a fifth-place score of 77, while Binet shot par on eight holes to place ninth with a score of 82.

Addington was 14th with a score of 86. He had a birdie and shot par on nine holes.

Mitzel and Beach were 19th and 20th, respectively, with scores of 90 and 92. Mitzel had a birdie and shot par on six holes, while Beach shot par on three holes.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Aug. 24, 2023

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BRADFORD

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 04-2022-GA-000133
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF KAIA SAGE ROLLINS, WARD.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: MONIQUE ALVARADO
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you, and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Nancy Stiles Fischer, c/o VeRonica R. Owens, Esq., whose address is 189 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656, on or before 30 days from the 1st day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.**

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

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DENNY THOMPSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Tasher Allen
Deputy Clerk
Dated: July 25, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that FIG 20, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 759
Year of Issuance: 2021
Parcel Number: 04329-0-00400
Case Number: 2023-TD-0014
Description of Property: Lot #4 of Block 16, in Lincoln City, Starke, Bradford County, Florida and the East half (E 1/2) of Lot #1 of Block 16, all being in Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 22 East.
Name in Which Assessed: MARY A WILLIAMS

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 10/11/2023, 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: July 31, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 3, 2023; AUGUST 10, 2023; AUGUST 17, 2023; AUGUST 24, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that FIG 20, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 469
Year of Issuance: 2021
Parcel Number: 02203-0-00203
Case Number: 2023-TD-0013
Description of Property: The South 1/3 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida LESS AND EXCEPT 456 feet thereof.
Together with the Mobile Home situated thereupon.
Name in Which Assessed: SEAN L STARLING

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 09/20/2023, 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 I Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: July 31, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 3, 2023; AUGUST 10, 2023; AUGUST 17, 2023; AUGUST 24, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-047
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORIS LEE SANDBERG, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DORIS LEE SANDBERG deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 631 W Lafayette Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-wit:
Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 37, 38, 39 and 40 of Block 3, in Dowling's Addition to Towa of Starke, in Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East.
Parcel Number: 03837-C-2500
The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is August 3, 2023.
Marcella D. Thomas
Personal Representative
CHARLES DANIEL SIKES
817 W. MacMahon Street
Starke, Florida 32091
Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com
(904) 964-2020
Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 04-2023-DR-0098
Division:

LAURA-RENE'E MCDOWALL
Petitioner
and
ROBERT J. MCDOWALL
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS
TO: ROBERT J. MCDOWALL
{Respondent's last known address}
442 Blanding Blvd.
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for PETITION FOR DIVORCE has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to LAURA-RENE'E MCDOWALL whose address is 21233 NW 97TH PLACE, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054 on or before 9/14/2023, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 945 N TEMPLE AVENUE/P. O. DRAWER C, STARKE, FL 32091 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

{If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located. 2 6S 20 Lot 4 of RIVER OAK PLA S/D. MISC MAP BK PG 18- (19375 NW 135TH Pl., Lake Butler, FL 32054)

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

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
DATED: 8/4/2023
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE

Call for Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualification to provide Engineering, Design, Permitting, Construction Phase Services and Other Related Services for Solid Waste Management for the New River Solid Waste Association (NRSWA), located 2.5 miles north of Raiford, Florida on State Road 121 in Union County, Florida. The selection process for obtaining the above stated professional engineering services shall be governed by Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, known as the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). Interested parties should contact Lydia Greene, Office Manager, at

New River Regional Landfill at 386-431-1000, lgreene@nrswa.org, or by mail to NRSWA, P.O. Box 647, Raiford, FL 32083 to request a copy of the Request for Qualifications, RFQ #23-01. The DEADLINE for submittal in response to this RFQ is Monday, September 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on 8/25/23 10:00 am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items:
125 Belonging to P. Brewer
137 Belonging to P. Brewer
134 Belonging to D. Strickland
144 Belonging to D. Strickland
130 Belonging to D. Kersey

8/17 2tchg 8/24-BCT

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

CASE #: 04-2023-CA-000114
ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC.,
Plaintiff

vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST LAQUASHA CARROLL, A/K/A LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; MARY ANN BLOCKER A/K/A MARY ANN JENKINS A/K/A MARY ANN BLOCKER JENKINS, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; HARRY LEE BLOCKER, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; PATRICIA MCGREGOR, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; ROOSEVELT CARROLL, JR., AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; ERIC VON CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; NATALIE RENEE THOMAS, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; TAKEIRRA CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; LATEISHA CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; RAKIA CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; ANDREW TIMMONS, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED; ALEECE CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; CHELSIE CURTIS, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED; KHYRIN HOLMES, AS AN HEIR OF LAQUASHA CARROLL, DECEASED;

DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: TAKEIRRA CARROLL, AS AN HEIR OF KATIE LEE CARROLL, DECEASED
Last Known Address: 3205 N. 18th St., Tampa, FL 33605
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida: A PORTION OF THE WEST 462 FEET OF THE EAST 858 FEET, OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4, SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT, AND RUN THENCE WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY, 100 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT, 435.6 FEET; RUN THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, 100 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE AFORESAID EAST BOUNDARY, 435.6 FEET TO P.O.B. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A 1995 FLEE MOBILE HOME, SERIAL # GAFLR39A01995VH, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED AND AFFIXED TO THE REAL PROPERTY. PARCEL ID NUMBER: 04954-0-00100
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 4493 SE 101st ST., HAMPTON, FL 32044
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, within 30 days after the first publication on or before 9/14/2023, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint or amended petition. This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 14th day of August, 2023.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: L. Brannen
Deputy Clerk

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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 13, 2023 and end at 10AM on September 20, 2023. 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) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST A24, Williamson, Jessica, B56, Jones, Jennifer, A19, Crapp, Shaunte, A23, Crapp, Shaunte, B13, Sofield, Ashley 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)-314-7121.

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SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Starke Commission will hold a Special Commission Meeting on September 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 209 North Thompson Street in Starke in the Commission Room. Public participation is encouraged.

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Starke Florida will hold a City Commission Meeting on September 5, 2023 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:

CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-07
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 78, "PERSONNEL," ARTICLE IV, "CITY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS," DIVISION 4 "GENERAL EMPLOYEES" RETIREMENT SYSTEM"; AMENDING SECTION 78-247(a) AND SECTION 78-247(b) TO CLARIFY THAT THE ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ARE RETURNED INCLUDE THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE EMPLOYEE AND THE 5% CONTRIBUTION PAID BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 78-248(e); AMENDING SECTION 78-247(d) TO PROVIDE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES WHO LEAVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE CITY WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS OF SERVICE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ELECT TO HAVE THEIR MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS RETURNED TO THEM, AND THAT SAID RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS INCLUDE THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE MEMBER BUT DO NOT INCLUDE THE 5% CONTRIBUTION PAID BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 78-248(e); PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will have a board meeting on September 5, 2023 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Probate Division

Case No.: 04-2023-CP-0062

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID SHIPP, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JAMES DAVID SHIPP, deceased, whose date of death was April 4, 2023 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 04-2023-CP-0062; the address of which is P. O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturing, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH

IS BARRED.
THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: August 24, 2023. -
Attorney for Personal Representative: MARK E. PARSONS
3125 U.S. 1 South, Suite A
St. Augustine, FL 32086
(904) 826-3445
Fla. Bar No. 0705860
JAMES C. SHIPP
1641 Marybeth Dr.
Middleburg, FL 32068
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 09/08/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
2A4R5D12AR198594 2010 CHRY 3N1CB51D16L481638 2006 NISSA
This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 08/24/2023.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 659
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02487-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-20
Description of Property: Commencing at Northwest corner of land owned by Elmira King on East side of Railway and run East at right angles to Railway to East line of Section 21, thence North on said Section line to Center Street in Temple's Sub-Division, thence West on Street to Railway, thence South along Railway to beginning in East Half of Northeast Quarter, Except such lots or pieces as have been heretofore been deeded Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: DENTON II LLC
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 10/18/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Lisa Brannon, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

8/24 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 1197
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 05555-B-00400
Case Number: 2023-TD-0018
Description of Property: Parcel 4, Block "B"
The West 75.77 feet of Lot 4 and the East 33.74 feet of Lot 5 there of, Block "B" a Re-Plat of Part of Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake.
The Replat is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 20 of the Public records of Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: NGA NGUYEN
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 10/18/2023, 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 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 607
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02297-0-00500
Case Number: 2023-TD-0017
Description of Property: Part of the west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E, Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the southeast corner of west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E and run north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 459.69 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence south 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet, thence north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet; thence south 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1 acre.
Name in Which Assessed: JOE LOUIS HENDERSON; PETSEY OLA BEARD
Name on last tax roll, if different: PETSEY O BEARD (DEC) % ANDREW HARRIS (NEPHEW)
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 the 10/18/2023, 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.
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Certificate Number: 729
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02723-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0019
Description of Property: N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot in NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 being 237', N. & S. by 100', E. & W.
Sec. 22, Twp. 6 S., R-22
Name in Which Assessed: LEROY THOMAS & MARIE THOMAS
Name on last tax roll, if different: MARIE THOMAS (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
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Certificate Number: 172
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 00821-A-01900
Case Number, 04-2023-TD-0015
Description of Property: Lot Nineteen (19) of Sampson Lake Shores, Unit One, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 26 of the public records of Bradford

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Jeremiah McKenzie (left) hangs on in an attempt to bring down Chiefland quarterback Jon Adams. Chason Clark (background, left) is also pictured. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Tornadoes defeat Chiefland 28-6 in weather-shortened game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School scored on four straight possessions, two of which involved short fields following turnovers, as the Tornadoes defeated host Chiefland 28-6 in one half of play in an Aug. 17 preseason kickoff classic.

The second half wasn't played due to weather.

"We were able to execute what we wanted to do, but we made a ton of mistakes," Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "We've got a lot of stuff to clean up, but I think we've got a chance to be pretty good."

Bradford's, which hosts Baker County on Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m., had the first

possession of the game at its own 30. Quarterback Dae'Jon Shanks was able to get the Indians to jump offsides on the first play before throwing two straight incompletions. Shanks was then able to hook up with Elijah Kellum for a 20-yard gain. A penalty against the Indians tacked on another 15 yards, putting Bradford at the Chiefland 30. The next play was a 28-yard reception by Chalil Cummings, which set up Willie Pollard's 2-yard touchdown run, putting the Tornadoes ahead 6-0. The PAT was no good.

The drive consisted of four straight passes, which prompted Rodgers to say, "We might not have done that in one half (of any game) last year." He added, "We

wanted to get some stuff on film for other people to work on."

Bradford's defense made its mark immediately, with Devon McBride stripping Chiefland running back Osten Jones of the ball to give the Tornadoes' offense possession at the Indians' 30-yard line.

The Tornadoes were able to overcome a holding penalty on a 28-yard Cummings reception on third-and-22. Bradford lost yardage on two consecutive plays before Shanks hit Chason Clark for a 15-yard touchdown. Shanks' run on the two-point conversion put the Tornadoes up 14-0.

It was then time for the

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Indians defeat Ridgeview 27-26

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Running back Cartez Daniels and wide receiver Andru Siemer combined for 89 yards and two touchdowns to help Keystone Heights High School defeat visiting Ridgeview 27-26 in an Aug. 18 preseason kickoff classic.

The Indians led 20-18 when the varsity players exited the field after one series in the third quarter. The younger players were able to add a score and then pick up three first downs on Keystone's final drive to run out the clock and preserve the win.

"We've got to improve on a couple of things here and there, but I love our kids," Head Coach Steve Reynolds said. "I love the way they compete. They battle. They bounce back. They don't let things pull them down."

Keystone, which opens the varsity regular season at home against Eastside on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m., had to demonstrate its resiliency at the start. Ridgeview received the opening kickoff and scored on its first play from scrimmage, with Rayhn Hutchinson breaking loose for a 58-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion run attempt failed, with the Indians' Garrison Teague making a tackle to keep the score at 6-0.

The Indians' offense answered with an 11-play, 75-yard scoring drive. Quarterback Baylor Ford completed passes that resulted in two first downs — a 10-yarder to Wyatt Van Zant and an 11-yarder to Teague. Teague's reception put Keystone at the Ridgeview 47. Two Daniels runs and an incomplete pass later, the Indians



Andru Siemer hauls in a Baylor Ford pass, resulting in a 29-yard touchdown. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

went for it on fourth-and-3, with Ford scrambling for a 7-yard gain and a first down at the 33.

A pass-interference penalty resulted in another first down before Teague (two receptions for 27 yards) caught a 16-yard pass to set up first-and-goal at the 8. Daniels, who rushed for 52 yards on 13 carries, scored on a run from there with 6:09 to play in the first quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point for a 7-6 lead.

Keystone's defense forced the Panthers to go three-and-out on their next series. A catch-interference penalty on the punt gave the Indians a first down at the Ridgeview 35.

A holding penalty wiped out a long run by Daniels, but the Indians cashed in on the drive anyway, with Siemer, who was running wide open down the

middle of the field, hauling in a Ford pass for a 29-yard touchdown. After Sapp's PAT, Keystone led 14-6 with 3:18 to play in the first quarter.

"Andru can be a playmaker," Reynolds said of Siemer, a senior baseball and basketball player who's playing football for the first time. "I've had him in my pocket a little bit. I didn't want the whole world to know about him just yet."

The Panthers' Steven Woods returned the ensuing kickoff 46 yards to the Keystone 40. Ridgeview picked up a first down on a 21-yard pass play, but its offense failed to advance any farther. On a third-and-15 play, Jackson Herman sacked quarterback Travon Malone. The Panthers went for it on fourth

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Tigers come up short in 28-20 preseason loss to Baker County

BY ANTONIO HENDERSON
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's varsity football team trailed 14-6 at the half, but the Tigers' younger players matched host Baker County's point total in the second half in an Aug. 18 preseason classic that ended with a 28-20 final in favor of the Wildcats.

The Tigers, who open the regular season by hosting Interlachen on Friday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 p.m., started the game with their offense on the field. Baker's defense came up with a three-and-out, with a big tackle for lose by defensive tackle Phillip Jackson.

Union's defense stood up and held the Wildcats to a three-and-out as well. On the next drive, the Tigers had what would've been a huge pass play with a wide-open receiver, but they couldn't capitalize as the pass was incomplete. The Tigers got to a fourth-and-3 play and went for it, but the wide receiver fell short of the first down.

Another three-and-out forced by the defense put the Tigers' offense back out on the field, but a fumble was picked up by



Trenton Klein (on the ground) and Johnte Nichols (standing, left) bring down Baker County quarterback Davion Dean. Union's Ibn Williams is also pictured. Photos by 1stWayShots.

the Wildcats and taken back for a touchdown. With the PAT, the Tigers went down 7-0 with 9:55 to play in the second quarter, but they didn't give up.

A big pass play of 53 yards from junior quarterback Trenton Klein to junior wide receiver Ibn

Williams got the Tigers rolling. They came back with a strong run game, controlling the clock with seniors Thomas Williams and Dayquan Diston and getting the ball to the 7-yard line with 2:29 to go before halftime. Williams punched the ball in for

a touchdown, giving the Tigers momentum and only leaving them trailing by one point. They decided to go for the two, but the conversion attempt failed with two minutes until halftime.

The Tigers' defense started off the next drive by bringing the pressure, with Klein and senior Johnte Nichols taking down Wildcats quarterback Davion Dean. On the very next play, Dean found his wide receiver downfield for a touchdown as the Tigers had a miscommunication in the secondary. That brought the score (after the PAT) to 14-6 with the 44 seconds on the clock before halftime.

Union came out in the second half with the younger guys, getting some big plays from freshman quarterback Bryan Tyson and freshman running back Drew Simmons adding 14 points, but the Tigers ended up with a 28-20 loss.

Head Coach Andrew Thomas said he felt like his team didn't play bad and that he was really proud of the way the defense played.

Since it was a kickoff classic, the score didn't matter, but Thomas said he'll take the score if it makes the Tigers better going



Ibn Williams (left) makes a catch for the Tigers.

into their next game.

"We need a little chip on our shoulders," Thomas said.

Upcoming opponent Interlachen is a larger school that isn't part of the Florida High School Athletic Association in football. Rather, the Rams play in the Sunshine State Athletic Association and were the state

champions of the Atlantic League last season. Interlachen's 16-0 win over Paxon in the title game capped a 10-0 season.

The Tigers last played the Rams in 2020, winning 49-14.

Union's JV team hosts Trinity Catholic on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m.

Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Aug. 24, 2023

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 609
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02299-0-00400
Case Number: 2023-TD-0021
Description of Property: That certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida, being known as part of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument at the Southwest corner of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run North 1°25'28" East for 663.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°48'38" East for 1,312.20 feet; thence North 0°11'38" East for 132.64 feet; thence South 89°48'32" West for

1,309.14 feet; thence South 1°25'28" West for 132.68 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.991 acres. Name in Which Assessed: TYSON GAD
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/08/2023, 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.
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SUNANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on August 14, 2023:
City of Starke, 209 N Thompson St, Starke, FL 32091-3312 has submitted Water Use Permit application #216650-3, to renew a public supply use. This project is located in Sections 28 and 32, Township 6S, Range 22E, in Bradford County.
Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.
No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED: The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed increase to the yearly Solid Waste Assessment for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year during the budget meeting on September 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave,

Starke, FL 32091.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on September 5th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida.
SE 23-03, an application by Christine W. McClung, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5 "Ag-2" Agricultural-2, Section 4.5.5 Ag-2 # 20 Recreational Activities, Racetrack, requiring a minimum of Five (5) acres to be located at the property being described as follows:
p/o the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, and being Bradford County Parcel Number 00494-0-00300.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal.
Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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NOTICE OF SALE
The City of Lawtey will be accepting bids for a 2002 12' utility trailer, two 2007 Hustler Zero Turn lawn mowers and 3 used line trimmers, as is. This is a package deal with a minimum bid of \$1,500. Please drop of bids at

Lawtey City Hall 2793 Lake St. or P.O. Drawer G, Lawtey, Florida 32058 by 4p.m. on Friday, September 1, 2023. Anyone wishing to view the items may do so at the City Hall from 8am until 4 pm Monday through Friday.
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LAWTEY
Notice is hereby given that proposed Ordinance 2023-02 whose title appears below, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of Lawtey, Florida. The first reading will be held on September 5th, 2023 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter at City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, Florida. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, Lawtey, Florida. All interested parties are invited to attend.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWTEY, FLORIDA IMPLEMENTING AN AUTOMATED SGS PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED INFRACTIONS; ADOPTING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR USE OF TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR A LOCAL HEARING OFFICER; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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Trente Jenkins (far left) sacks Chiefland quarterback Jon Adams, ultimately forcing a fumble that Bradford recovered. Devon McBride (far right) is also pictured.

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Bradford defense to shine again as Trente Jenkins sacked quarterback Jon Adams, causing a fumble, which was recovered by Barren Walden at the Chiefland 30.

“Great effort flying to the ball,” Rodgers said. “That creates turnovers. Turnovers give you a short field to score. That’s good stuff.”

Shanks and Pollard had runs of 6 and 9 yards, respectively, before Shanks got loose for a 12-yard gain to the 3-yard line. That set Pollard up for his second touchdown run. Dayton Roberts kicked the extra point to make it 21-0 in the first quarter.

Chiefland’s offense was able to pick up two first downs on the ensuing drives, the second of which was a 10-yard run by

Adams to the Bradford 40. The Tornados’ Damarion Hankerson stopped Jones for no gain on a run play, but Adams completed a 7-yard pass to set up third-and-3. Adams carried the ball two straight times, gaining only 2 yards and resulting in a turnover on downs at the Bradford 31.

The Tornados put together a six-play drive to go up 28-0 in the second quarter. Pollard had four carries for 63 yards, with a 44-yard run setting Bradford up with a first down at the Chiefland 13. Shanks then dropped back to pass and scrambled around in the backfield before seeing Torin Brazell standing all by himself in the end zone. The 15-yard touchdown pass was followed by Roberts’ second extra point of the night.

It capped a 5-of-8 performance for Shanks, who threw for 104 yards.

Pollard wrapped up his night with 76 rushing yards on nine

carries.

The Tornados were unable to preserve the shutout, with Chiefland scoring on a 70-yard drive that began with Adams’ 33-yard run. Adams, who rushed for 71 yards on 12 carries, followed that with a 12-yard run for another first down. Cummings broke up a pass on a third-down play, but a roughing-the-passer penalty gave the Indians first-and-goal at the 10. Adams ran for a 6-yard gain, but was then dropped for a 5-yard loss on second down. He scored on a 9-yard run on third down. Chiefland’s two-point play was unsuccessful due to a fumbled snap.

“We didn’t want to give up that score, but it is what it is,” Rodgers said. “It was off a broken play — a botched handoff in the backfield.”

In looking at things that didn’t go well, Rodgers chalked a lot of it up to younger players getting their opportunities — opportunities that they’ll hopefully learn from.

“When you start sprinkling in young kids, and they give up big plays, they need to see that on film,” Rodgers said. “They need to understand they’re not there yet. That’s the way you build a program. You get backups in, they make mistakes, you build off them in practice, and they get better.”

Chiefland finished with 99 yards and five first downs, while Bradford gained 191 yards and had nine first downs.

Upcoming opponent Baker County went 9-4 last year, with two of its losses coming against Bradford. The Tornados defeated the Wildcats 21-0 during the regular season and then 28-17 in the Region 2-2S championship game.

Bradford’s junior varsity team opens the season at Baker County on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m.

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down, with Malone being stuffed for no gain.

Ridgeview’s next possession began on the Keystone 42. Two consecutive pass plays resulted in a first down at the 24. Hutchinson then had a 12-yard run for a first down at the 12-yard line. Siemer broke up a pass in the end zone on second-and-10, but Hutchinson took a pitch for an 11-yard gain to the 1. Hutchinson then scored from there at the 6:59 mark of the second quarter. The two-point conversion failed, leaving the Panthers trailing 14-12.

The Panthers weren’t the beneficiary of good field position the next time they had the ball, beginning a drive at their own 16. Teague and Jayden Goodman both had tackles to hold Ridgeview to minimal gains on run plays as the Panthers eventually set up to punt on fourth-and-8. The Panthers’ punter was somehow able to get a kick off despite a bad snap, but it didn’t travel far, giving the Keystone offense possession at the Ridgeview 16 with 1:52 remaining until halftime.

Daniels, who was carrying the majority of the load with two running backs out with injuries, was out of the game with cramping issues. Brody Stephens, a freshman, stepped in and picked up 4 yards on first down. A reception by Siemer, who finished with three catches for 37 yards, set up fourth-and-2 at the 8. Ford, who completed 6 of 13 passes for 74 yards, picked up the first down on a 5-yard run. Stephens then took a handoff into the end zone for a 3-yard score with 15 seconds on the clock, making it a 20-12 game. Sapp’s PAT was blocked after a bad snap.

Each team’s varsity players played one series in the second half. After Keystone went three-and-out, the Panthers cashed in on a four-play, 52-yard drive.



Wyatt Van Zant (far left) and Darrion Grady (far right) bring down Ridgeview’s Micah Burdetsky-Smith on a pass play.

Christian Felder, despite tight coverage, was able to catch a deep pass for a 45-yard touchdown, pulling the Panthers to within 20-18. Siemer intercepted the pass on the two-point conversion attempt.

Keystone’s younger/junior varsity players had a three-and-out on their first offensive series, but were set up with good field position for their second when Ridgeview went for it on fourth-and-1 from its own 34-yard line. Layton Wright forced the turnover on downs on a tackle for a 4-yard loss.

Destin Harnage ripped off a 10-yard run on the ensuing first down to move the Indians to the 20-yard line. Keystone later converted a third-and-14 play when quarterback Jackson Parmeter completed a 22-yard pass to Bryce Hollingsworth. That set up Parmeter’s 2-yard touchdown run with 2:02 to play in the third quarter. Ryder Thomas kicked the extra point for a 27-18 lead.

Ridgeview answered with an 11-play, 75-yard scoring drive. The Panthers had first down-

producing runs of 20 and 10 yards, while a 16-yard pass resulted in another first down at the Keystone 25. Ridgeview decreased its deficit when Quincy Hall scored on a 24-yard run about midway through the final quarter, which was played with a running clock. Jordon Mesa had a successful run on the two-point play to make the score 27-26.

Keystone’s ensuing drive didn’t get off to a promising start as Stephens was tackled for a 1-yard loss, but Harnage came back with an 11-yard gain on the next play for a first down. A 6-yard run by Stephens later set up third-and-5, which was converted on Harnage’s 10-yard run. On the next play, Stephens gained 8 yards. Parmeter then took two kneel downs to run out the clock.

Harnage, a sophomore, finished with 62 yards on 14 carries, while Stephens had 52 yards on 10 carries.

“I was impressed with how our younger guys ended up moving the ball,” Reynolds said, adding, “We saw two really good young running backs tonight.”

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Cammack helps Starke Altrusa honor 3 members

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Altrusa International of Starke, with help from Rep. Kat Cammack, honored three of its members for their service during a brief ceremony on Aug. 10 at the Downtown Grill.

Martha Epps, Beverly Hardy and Dimple Overstreet were presented with commemorative plaques and flowers. Club member Carole DeCelle, who organized the event, said, "Today, we're here to honor three women who have been an integral part of Altrusa."

The event began with DeCelle presenting a history of Altrusa International, which was founded in Nashville in 1917, before sharing the accomplishments of the day's honorees.

Cammack said she felt "woefully inadequate" listening to all that Epps, Hardy and Overstreet had done.

"Listening to the list of accomplishments — that's pretty incredible and very humbling," Cammack said, adding, "It truly is such an American trait — service before self. Really, that's the whole meaning of what you all do here with this club. It is incredible to see so many women come together to do so much and do much good. Thank you for setting an example for so many."

Hardy was the first honoree. She joined Altrusa of Starke in 1994 and served many roles before eventually becoming club president. She went on to serve in various roles at the District Three level, culminating in becoming governor.

Altrusa International had announced that districts weren't required to have special projects, but Hardy, as a district governor, instituted Project: SOS (Support our Soldiers). All the clubs in the district, which is composed of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, participated in Project: SOS, which resulted in sending food, books and supplies to soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Hardy was elected as Altrusa International president after her time as a district-level governor. She made the creation of more ASTRA (Ability, Service, Training, Responsibility, Achievement) clubs internationally a top priority, while also continuing Project: SOS along with the Days for Girls project.

"Beverly is a woman who exemplifies integrity and acts as an advocate for issues relating to women," DeCelle said. "For these reasons, and for her actions in Altrusa leadership, she was chosen as a Woman of Distinction by Santa Fe College."

In presenting plaques to the recipients, Cammack read what was written on each. Hardy's plaque read: "As a result of your visionary guidance and exceptional dedication as Altrusa Club of Starke president, District Three governor and Altrusa International president, communities worldwide have benefitted from your efforts. Thank you for your mentorship, experience and commitment to Altrusa. We are a better organization because of you."

Epps, who served the community as a nurse for 41 years and was the director of Patient Services at the local hospital for 16 years, joined Altrusa of Starke when it was created in 1991. She served in a number of roles before becoming club president in 2004. Epps has served on the foundations of both the Starke club and (for the past 12 years) District Three.

"Amazingly, she has used her leadership and expertise by mentoring new members along the way," DeCelle said. "Martha is a true leader who has served our community well by her dedication, devotion and heart."

Besides Altrusa, Epps is active in her church and has devoted time and money to Shriners Children's and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Epps' plaque read: "For your commitment to Altrusa



Martha Epps (far right) receives a plaque of appreciation for her service to Altrusa and her community. She is pictured with fellow Starke Altrusan Carole DeCelle (far left) and Rep. Kat Cammack. Photos by Cliff Smelley.



Rep. Kat Cammack (left) and Dimple Overstreet share a laugh before Cammack presents Overstreet with a plaque of appreciation.



Beverly Hardy (far left) receives a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in her honor from Rep. Kat Cammack (far right). Starke Altrusan Carole DeCelle is also pictured.



Beverly Hardy (left) gives Carole DeCelle a hug in appreciation of her efforts regarding the flag and the U.S. Capitol.

as a charter club member who continually strives to make our club better by your involvement in Starke's club and foundation as well as Altrusa's district foundation. We offer our greatest appreciation. You are part of the backbone of Altrusa, and we are grateful to you."

Overstreet joined Altrusa of Starke in 2005. She served in various roles before becoming president and was recently elected as District Three governor. She has also been an Altrusa foundation board member.

Besides Altrusa, Overstreet, who was once named a Santa Fe College Woman of Distinction, spent many years as a local businesswoman, giving back to her community by supporting schools with time and money. Her support of schools includes being a part of the Bradford County Education Foundation, for which she currently serves as treasurer.

"Dimple Overstreet is a leader, mentor and example of what being an Altrusan is all about,"

DeCelle said. "She is caring, giving and devoted to all of us in Altrusa, and we are proud to call her one of our own."

Overstreet's plaque read: "In appreciation for your outstanding commitment and dedication to service in our community as a leader in Altrusa, highlighted by your election to Altrusa International District Three governor. Thank you for devotion. You make Starke proud."

After the honorees received their plaques and flowers, Cammack announced she had another presentation. She said DeCelle had reached out about having a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol in Hardy's honor. Cammack presented Hardy with that flag.

Cammack then told Hardy she had one more item for her.

"I wanted to personally thank you for everything you have done and personally present you with one of my challenge coins from Washington, D.C.," Cammack said.



Keystone Heights High School's three-time state-title boys weightlifting team received its 2023 championship rings during halftime of the Indians' Aug. 18 preseason football classic against Ridgeview. Pictured are: (kneeling, l-r) Assistant Coach Doug Johnson, Head Coach Lantz Lowery, Reid Begue, Trey Jeffries, Landon Hovsepian, Bo Overton, Wyatt Van Zant, Colton Hollingsworth, Jed Tisdale, (standing, l-r) Assistant Coach Jakob Alvarez, Assistant Coach Steve Reynolds, Tyler Anthony-Rozier, Jayden Goodman, Brayden Wester, Dakota Roper, Bryar Schenck, Bryson Wester, Sam Ulsch, Tyler Duncan, Declan Shine, Jackson Herman, Davin Adams and Principal Laurie Burke. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

State-champ Indians receive their rings



Cheered on by Bryar Schenck and Landon Hovsepian in the background (l-r), Head Coach Lantz Lowery receives his ring from Principal Laurie Burke.



Trey Jeffries, the 219-pound traditional champ, checks out his ring.



Wyatt Van Zant (left) and Declan Shine admire their rings.



Bo Overton, who was the 169-pound traditional and Olympic champion, receives his ring from KHHS Principal Laurie Burke.

UCHS boys golf team opens with loss to Taylor County

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School opened the golf season with a home match on Aug. 22 in Lake City, losing by 69 strokes to Taylor County.

The Tigers, with a team score

of 252, were led by Eli Elixson and Tucker Williams, who each

shot a 60 to finish in a tie for seventh. Elixson made par on one hole.

Patrick Maxwell and Jordan Seay placed ninth and 10th, respectively, with scores of 64

and 68. Seay shot par on one hole.

Gavin Kuhn shot an 11th-place score of 70.

The Tigers had one compete in the girls match against Taylor. Katelyn Seay placed fifth with a score of 71.

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Tornadoes sweep Indians to open volleyball season

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Ajjyah Jackson's sixth block led to the match-winning point as the Class 3A Bradford High School volleyball team opened its season with a 3-0 (25-22, 25-18, 25-21) win over Class 4A Keystone Heights on Aug. 21 in Keystone.

It was a successful debut for new Head Coach Chelsey LeMire, who happens to be a KHHS alumnus. It was also Bradford's first season-opening win since 2014.

Holding a 13-10 lead in the first set, the Indians scored four straight points with Marissa Dowell serving. Dowell had one ace during that span, but the rest of the points came off errors.

It was then the Tornadoes' turn to go on a run. They scored five straight with Reagan Harris serving. Harris had an ace, while Jackson had a block to help



Bradford's Ar'Nayshia Griffin (left) spikes the ball as Keystone's Abbie Roach prepares for a block attempt. Keystone's Marissa Dowell is also pictured. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Bradford pull to within 17-16. Another Jackson block and a tip by Kencie Wainwright for a point helped Bradford take a 21-20 lead during a span in which the Tornadoes scored four straight points with Ar'Nayshia Griffin serving.

The Tornadoes hung onto the lead and closed out the first-set win off a Keystone error. Keystone scored the first four points of the second set with Taylor Marquart serving. Two kills by Kiersten Shaw and an ace by Abbie Roach helped the Indians build a 15-7 lead.

With Griffin serving, Bradford scored 15 points to go up 23-15. Most of the points came off errors, though Griffin had an ace to go along with a kill each by Jackson and Wainwright.

Harli Mosley's kill provided the Tornadoes with the set-winning point. The Tornadoes led most of the way in the third set after scoring three straight points with Rylie Blankenship serving to go up 7-5.

Keystone kept close, though. A Shaw kill and a Mya Jennings ace made it an 18-15 game in favor of Bradford. Griffin and Harris had one and two kills, respectively, to help the Tornadoes increase that lead to 22-16.

It was 23-19 when the Indians got two aces from Shaw to make it a two-point game, but a kill by Griffin forced side-out.

With Griffin serving for match point, Jackson had one block before getting the chance for another, which gave Bradford the win.

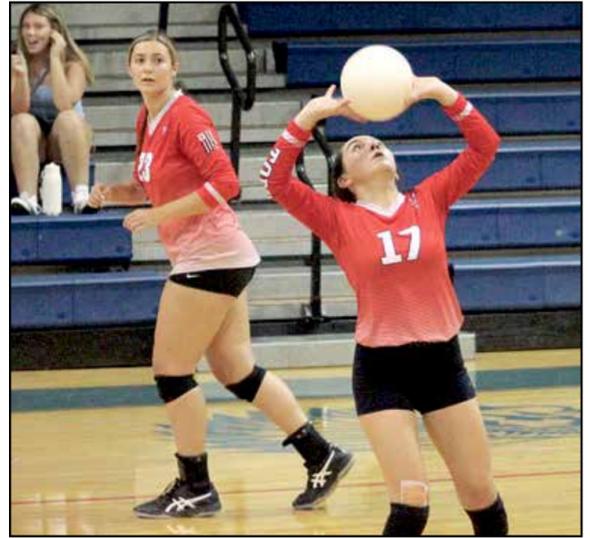
Griffin and Jackson finished with six and four kills, respectively, while Raelynn Moore had 15 assists. Blankenship led the team in digs with 10, while Wainwright had eight.

The Indians got seven kills and five digs from Shaw, while Marquart had nine assists.

Bradford hosts Micanopy Academy on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 5:30 p.m. and will travel to play Union County on Monday,



Keystone's Emma Stanley (center) and Mya Jennings (far right) go up for a block against Bradford's Kencie Wainwright.



Bradford's Harli Mosley (left) anticipates a possible attack opportunity, set up by Raelynn Moore.

Aug. 28, at 7 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, and Crescent City on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Both are 7 p.m. matches that are at home versus Toco Creek follow JV matches at 6 p.m.



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1. Can you tell me why you love your job?

I love my job as an Air Transportation Logistics Specialist in the Florida Air National Guard because it has afforded me the opportunity to learn many new skills, push myself mentally and physically, travel, meet many kinds of people who are now stationed around the world, and even allowed me to take on an instrumental role in instructing my fellow Airmen as a TCCC instructor for my unit. The comradery of the 202d RED HORSE is unparalleled; there is always someone helpful willing to lend a hand or give advice when needed. Our supervisors strive toward the goal of attaining every advancement available to their airmen. Leadership feels it important to ensure everyone gets not only the required training, but additional trainings the airmen desire as well.

2. Can you tell me what benefits from the Florida Air National Guard have helped you the most?

The National Park Pass, as well as EDD, Education Dollars for Duty, are the programs I have utilized most since joining the Florida Air National Guard. The ability to employ EDD funds, which cover the full cost of tuition and fees for any public college in the state of Florida, gave me the opportunity to complete my Office Specialist Certificate as well as currently enroll in an AS Accounting program. Next fall semester I plan on transferring to a FL university complete a bachelor's degree, where EDD will continue to cover tuition and fees. While on TDY in Montana, we were allotted some time over the weekend and a group of us were able to visit Yellowstone National Park. It was breathtakingly beautiful, truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, which I would not have had if it weren't for joining the Florida Air National Guard.

3. Can you talk about some of the new skills you have learned in the Florida Air National Guard that have helped you in the civilian work force?

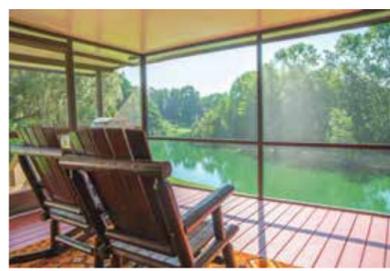
Working in the Florida Air National Guard, I have developed numerous skills in the areas of inventory tracking, cargo palletization, C-17 load configurations, and even k-span construction. However, by far the most beneficial capability that has been of service to me in the civilian work force has to be the leadership skills I have gained. I would say I was somewhat effective as a leader before joining, but the Guard has given me a fresh perspective and my mentors in the unit have been remarkable in demonstrating better ways to lead my fellow Airmen.



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