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Firefighters rally public to oppose cuts

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Supporters of Starke Fire Rescue took to the streets to protest the city commission's proposed budget cut that threatens to slash the fire department in half.

Fearing a drastic reduction in their ability to respond to emergencies, the firefighters are fighting to protect their jobs. In addition to their jobs, they say the community's safety is at risk.

At the same time, City Manager Drew Mullins is working with the firefighters on a compromise that could keep all of them on board, at least temporarily.

As discussed thus far, the city's controversial budget proposal results in Starke Fire Rescue losing half of its personnel, hampering emergency response capabilities. Concerned about the potential risks this decision poses to public safety, supporters picketed on the corners of U.S. 301 and S.R. 100, raising awareness about the potential consequences of such a budget cut.

Their union, Professional



Katie Cox spoke on behalf of her fiancé, a Starke firefighter, with their daughter in her hands.

Firefighters of Starke Local 3120, also used social media to share their message and urge citizens to voice their concerns to city commission members. They called on residents to pack city hall at the Aug. 1 meeting to show a united front in support of the fire department.

If more than \$540,000 is cut from the fire department, they say six of

the 12 firefighters would lose their employment. Some of those in danger of receiving a pink slip have worked for Starke for more than 13 years.

The fact that the police and fire departments were the only departments targeted with such deep funding cuts have firefighters and the public questioning the commission's commitment to public safety.

Split votes did approve higher property taxes to share an additional \$230,000 between the police and fire departments.

Commissioners have disagreed about which of the two departments should be cut and by how much. Those defending them say the cuts are tough but necessary. Mullins has encouraged the board to think about the future and the neglected state of its infrastructure. Public safety services have been funded in part by utility bills, and those transfers have prevented the reinvestment of those funds in the city's enterprise.

Commissioners formalized their proposed millage rate, opting for the above tax increase. The vote was 3-2, with Mayor Scott Roberts and Commissioner Janice Mortimer voting again against the tax increase. Commissioner Shannon Smith said he would join them in lowering the tax rate at the first public budget hearing Sept. 7 if Mullins wasn't able find a way to fund at least three firefighters

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Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 22, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Food distribution at RJE

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex on Pine Street in Starke.

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

Rubio rep at senior center

On Friday, Aug. 4, a representative from Sen. Marco Rubio's office will be at the senior center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are having issues with any government agencies, such as, Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits, immigration, IRS, etc., a member of Sen. Rubio's staff will be available to meet with you.

Plan to attend to meet your local staff and find out the services Sen. Rubio's office offers his constituents.

Art walk features teacher and student art

The Friday, Aug. 4, Art Walk in Melrose will feature Clay Station artists and students who have been working all year on the show at Mossman Hall. The artists' reception is from 5 to 9 p.m., plus there will be live music, food trucks and other refreshments.

The Melrose Art Walk takes place on the first Friday of each month, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Back-to-School Bash supports local businesses

Small businesses from Union County and the surrounding area will hold a Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 125 SW Sixth Ave. in Lake Butler (next to Jackson Building Supply). From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., come shop the vendors and food trucks and help support local businesses.

Storms bringing rainfall, gusty winds

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Multiple thunderstorm warnings over the weekend and heavy rainfall Sunday evening resulted in flooded roadways and some power outages, but no property damage or injuries according to Bradford County Emergency Management.

The Bradford County Sheriff's Office WeatherSTEM recorded 3.03 inches of rainfall on July 30. A gauge

at the north county line recorded 3.15 inches. Other measurements in the county recorded from 0.60 inches in Brooker to 1.46 inches at the western forestry tower on State Road 100.

Gusty winds downed some trees, damaging powerlines and cutting power for some until it was restored later that night. Emergency management worked with fire rescue and public works crews from Starke and Bradford County to clear trees

blocking roadways.

Law enforcement managed traffic on U.S. 301 and Northwest State Road 16 because of flooding, which also subsided that night.

Lake levels at Sampson are rising and the flood gates were opened, beginning with the middle gates on Sunday and the side gates on Monday. According to Emergency Director Brad Witt, the emergency operations centers in monitoring water levels.

Citizen Paul Still told the county commission Tuesday that the lake is filling faster than it can be drained because of plants restricting the flow. He claimed there was around a foot and a half difference between the level of the lake and the canal flowing from the lake.

The information Witt shared with the commission showed the potential for additional showers and thunderstorms throughout the week.



The Slovenia mission team from Madison Street Baptist Church consisted of (l-r) Carson Wainwright, Landon Cason, McKenzie Sparks, Guy Padgett, Darlene Padgett, Katy McQueen, Kencie Wainwright, Joy Zapp, Kyle Funderburk, Caleb Zapp, John Ripplinger, John Sparks and Richard Cason. Photo courtesy of Richard Cason.

Starke church takes the gospel to Central Europe

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE — A team of 13 summer missionaries from Madison Street Baptist Church recently returned from a trip to Slovenia.

Senior Pastor Richard Cason, along with team members Carson Wainwright, Landon Cason, McKenzie Sparks, Guy Padgett, Darlene Padgett, Katy McQueen, Kencie Wainwright, Joy Zapp, Kyle Funderburk, Caleb Zapp, John Ripplinger and John Sparks recently reported to the congregation on their activities.

Cason has been taking mission teams to the country for over 10 years.

He said that after traveling to Albania and the Dominican Republic to share the gospel, he wanted to work in a country with no or a small gospel

presence.

Less than one percent of Slovenians identify as evangelical Christians.

Cason said that during his first trip to the country, the resident missionary rolled out a map of Slovenia on a table and pointed out the handful of churches throughout the country with congregations of less than a dozen believers in each town.

"There were just pockets, small pockets of a handful of believers in all these places," Cason recalled.

Suspicious of outsiders

Slovenia is located on the eastern boundary of Italy, bordering Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and the Adriatic Sea.

Its 2.1 million people speak

Slovene, and they have a high standard of living. With an area slightly smaller than New Jersey, the terrain is mountainous and forested.

Cason said the country is a European magnet for ecotourism.

"Paragliding, white-water rafting, mountain climbing, hiking," he said. "Every day, doing our (Vacation Bible School) camp, you could look up in the skies and see the parachutes of people jumping off the mountains."

Cason said the people of Slovenia are suspicious of outsiders and reluctant to accept ideas from outsiders.

He said the missionary that the group works with within the country is in a family that has had the same address in eastern Slovenia for over 100 years.

"At that same address they have been Italian citizens, German citizens,

America occupied them for a brief time for two years, I think during World War II and Slovene," he said. "And so, they have experienced a lot of border change, identity change, cultural influences."

Cason said that because of that history, the people are suspicious of any influences outside their culture.

"It's not that they're hostile towards the message of the gospel," he said. "It's that they are reluctant to receive anything that would come into their way of life that would disturb it."

"With that mindset, it takes a lot to earn relational equity with them," he said, "for them to trust you and for them to buy into anything. That's true of any of us, but it takes them even longer because of their history and experience."

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per shift. Mullins plans to meet with union representatives to continue working out the details of a compromise that would abandon 24-hour shifts for something new. There would still be two firefighters per shift he said, but the remaining 10 along with the fire chief would continue to be employed for the time being. Two of the 12 have already moved to Bradford County Fire Rescue. He estimated shifting schedules could work for about six months until four more positions open with the county. The plan still results in cutting the department in half, but no one is losing a job, he said later. As has been pointed out before, Starke and Bradford County firefighters work together, so while there may be a delayed response until everyone is on



the scene, it should never be the case that only two firefighters are managing a call. Starke citizens purchase this mutual aid through the taxes they pay the county, Mullins said. Several people spoke at the commission meeting Aug. 1, and emergency response and public safety was on their minds. That included Judith Young who said her family moved into their

dream home, a historic home in Starke, just last year, and now they are learning about cuts to fire protection. Time is of the essence in responding to a fire in an older home, she said, and a fire in one home could threaten their entire neighborhood. She said she was there to speak on behalf of all the elderly neighbors who oppose the budget cuts but cannot get out



Social media posts like these on the Starke Local 3120 Facebook page helped alert citizens about the budget cuts.

and speak for themselves. "First responders, emergency services. Those are not places that you make cuts," she said, adding that it's not good for the businesses moving to town. Randy Wyse of the International Association of Firefighters is a union representative working with the city manager, and he asked the commission to continue finding

four firefighters per shift. Based on their analysis of the city's financial condition, there is no crisis. "Seems like there is a few issues in the budget, but I think there's ways that can be overcome that wouldn't have the impact," he said. The cuts proposed would jeopardize citizens and firefighters, resulting in small

fires turning into large fires, he said. "Reducing the four-man crew to a two-man crew greatly extends how quickly you can get the job done," Wyse said, adding seconds matter. Firefighter Stuart Brandrick agreed, saying they responded to call of an infant not breathing last week followed by a call about a drug overdose. Having fewer responders on the scene makes situations less manageable, he said, adding that three per shift is the bare minimum the commission should consider. Chrissy Allen and Justin Sparks also spoke on behalf of the merchants in the community, offering their time to help the city explore additional sources of revenue to support public safety. "I think it's better to maybe pay for the service and the services taken care of. We all do want to keep the fire department and keep it at a level that it is safe for everyone," Allen said.

CHURCH

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Cason said many camp attendees' parents run ecotourism-related businesses during the summer, like shops and restaurants. So, while the children attended the group's camp during the day, the Americans visited their parents' businesses in the evenings. "We drink in their coffee shops, we eat in their restaurants, we go get gelato," he said. "That gives us face time (with the adults). We immerse ourselves in their culture."

When you live in darkness, shine Jesus's light

The group's primary activity was running a children's day camp featuring the same Vacation Bible School curriculum the church uses in its summer VBS on its Madison Street campus. However, the Slovenia version

also included an hour of English instruction, which was a draw for the Europeans. Team member John Ripplinger said the camp started at 10 a.m. with a game time that team members Guy and Darlene Padgett organized. From 11 to noon, the team would break the campers into groups for English instruction consisting of games and songs. After lunch, the campers had free time until around four, when they would end the day with the Imagination Station, which included the Vacation Bible School material. "And so, with each one of those events, there'd be a theme each day," Ripplinger said. "Like Monday would be: When you live in darkness, shine Jesus's light, and the next day is: When good things happen, shine Jesus's light. So, they had that constant reminder that Jesus is a major part of your life."

Aroma of Christ

Ripplinger added that the

resident missionary with whom the team worked with hands out business cards with a link to a YouTube video that shares the gospel. "The cards had two questions," he said. "One was: What's my purpose in life? And the other is: Who is God?" he said. "So, they would be able to go online and take a look at that and start learning about the gospel as well." Cason said the group also communicated an unspoken message by the way they related to one another and with the Slovenes. He said the laughter, the open communication, and expressions of love and compassion between the team members and the campers are atypical in Slovene culture. "The community loves us," he said. "They love when we come there because we bring the aroma of Christ, specifically our joy, our laughter, our camaraderie, and how we love all the kids."



Carson Wainwright (center) with a group of campers during the Imagination Station segment of the camp. Photo courtesy of Richard Cason.

Unemployment continues to climb

Bradford's rate up 1% over last two months

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer
STARKE — The unemployment rate in Bradford County increased by 0.5% in June, while Union's rate rose by 0.2%, and Clay County's inched up by 0.3% over the same period. Coupled with a 0.5% increase during May, Bradford County's jobless rate has increased by a percentage point over two months.

Bradford ended June with an unemployment rate of 3.2%. Union's rate was 3.1%, and Clay County's was 2.9%. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, 305 people were unemployed in Bradford during May. That number rose to 360 the following month. The three counties' unemployment increases mirrored regional trends. The rate in the Jacksonville Metropolitan Statistical Area increased from 2.7% in May to 3.0% in June. The Gainesville MSA increased from 2.8% in May to 3.2% in June.

Florida DEO said the statewide rate remained at 2.6% in June, unchanged since April. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.6% in June. Monroe County had the state's lowest unemployment rate at 1.9%, followed by Miami-Dade at 2.2% and Franklin County at 2.5%. Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate of 5.7%, followed by Highlands at 4.6%, Citrus at 4.4%, and Hardee at 4.3%. Putnam and Sumter Counties each had jobless rates of 4.1%.

Pearce reunion in Lake Butler

Descendants of John & Eliza Pearce are invited to the 75th Family Reunion at Lake Butler Community Center, 155 NW Third St., on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m. Please bring a dish; paper goods will be provided. For additional information call or text 904-626-4192.

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Bradford excited for new school year

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE – While there won't be a grand opening to begin the school year, school officials are expecting a grand year ahead.

Public school students begin Aug. 10, and everyone providing updates at Monday's school board confirmed these are busy days.

"This is an exciting time of the year," Superintendent Will Hartley said. "A lot of work goes into summertime. We won't meet again until after we see students, and it's hard to believe that it's happened that fast."

The opening of Bradford Elementary School's new

campus has been delayed until after Thanksgiving, but as work is completed, there will be opportunities for students to visit as well as an open house. Bradford High School is introducing Cambridge classes for its top students. An afterschool program is being introduced in the elementary schools. Campuses have been spiffed up, and even Hartley has been spotted on a mower pitching in. New hires are coming on board, and collaboration and professional development are underway.

"I'm excited about what's happening in the schools," Hartley said, adding there was

"really good buzz."

"A lot of excitement and it feels like a lot of good momentum in the district," he said.

School Board Member Candace Osteen mentioned the number of agencies and churches that have been participating in giveaways of supplies for students. One she attended gifted more than 400 backpacks. She was grateful to be part of such a giving community, she said.

School Board Member Lynn Melvin, a former principal, is no stranger to the hectic weeks leading up to a new school year. She thanked staff and administrators for their hard work.

"You'll be glad when that first day comes," she said.

School Board Member Cheryl Canova reminded everyone that the Bradford County Education Foundation's Welcome Back event for teachers and staff will be 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 3.

Bradford High School has already held its freshmen orientation, and School Board Member Sheila Cummings thanked the school, saying she was surprised at the turnout.

BHS Principal Chris Coffey said more than 110 students attended, and it was a respectful group. Everyone gathered in the auditorium, where among other things, upperclassmen spoke to the freshmen about their own experiences and offered advice. They then split up for campus tours, he said.

The new assistant principal at BHS, Crystal Williams, said she and other administrators were receiving a lot of positive feedback from new hires. Among them were the new teachers at BHS, all with teaching backgrounds, who have expressed Bradford is a better than their former districts.

Open houses

The high school's open house on Monday, Aug. 7, will give students the opportunity to purchase new school merchandise and parking passes. Hours are from 4 to 6 p.m., and a schedule can be found on the Focus app. Food vendors include Heifer Stews, Limp Brizkit and Strickland's Scoop.

Bradford Middle School has planned a back-to-school event on Friday, Aug. 4, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Delicious Country Cooking, Heifer Stews and Kona Ice will be selling food, and classrooms will be open to meet teachers. A question-and-answer session with the principal and assistant principal will begin at 7 p.m.

Bradford Elementary School will hold an open house Tuesday, Aug. 8, from 4-5:30 p.m. This will be held at the Stansbury Street campus (formerly Southside Elementary). Food vendors will include Limp Brizkit, Kona Ice and Heifer Stews.

Starke Elementary School and Lawtey Elementary School will have open houses going on at the same time. Look for information booths from local groups and agencies as well as refreshments such as popcorn and snow cones.

Staggered start

Kindergarteners with last names beginning with letters A-M will begin on Aug. 10, and those beginning with letters N-Z will begin Aug. 11. All kindergarteners will attend together beginning Monday, Aug. 14.

Staggered start gives smaller groups more time to build relationships with their teachers.

Parents are only allowed to walk their kindergarten students directly to class on their first day — but they must check in with the front office first. Parents must have a photo ID to receive a pass.

These passes may be obtained in advance when attending your school's open house.

Afterschool program

Elementary student parents may also go by the front office and grab an application packet to reserve space in the afterschool club. Registration costs \$25, and weekly rates are \$55 per child (\$50 per child if from the same household).

The program will be available Monday through Friday (school days only) until 6 p.m. The program begins Aug. 14.

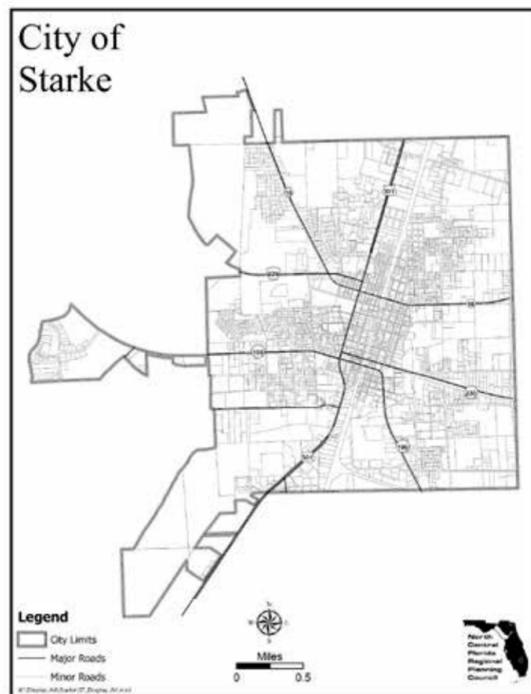


Upper classmen offered advice and provided tours of the high school campus to incoming freshmen. Photo: Bradford County School District Facebook.

NOTICE OF AN EXTENSION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMIT MORATORIUM

The City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida proposes to extend the existing moratorium on telecommunications towers and antennas special permits within the area shown on the map below by amending Ordinance No. 2023-02.

Ordinance No. 2023-06, an ordinance by the City Commission, amending Ordinance No. 2023-02, by extending the existing moratorium on the acceptance of applications and processing of applications for telecommunications towers and antennas special permit approval and issuance of telecommunications towers and antennas special permits approval for a period of sixty (60) days from August 20, 2023 to October 18, 2023.



A public hearing will be conducted by the City Commission to consider Ordinance No. 2023-06 and enactment of Ordinance No. 2023-06 on August 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 EXTENDING THE EXISTING MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMIT APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMITS FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to Ordinance No. 2023-06.

Copies of Ordinance No. 2023-06 are available for public inspection at the City of Starke Building and Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

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

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

Hampton health fair is a big hit

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

HAMPTON – Bobby Sheppard Memorial Park in Hampton was the latest locale for a Community Health Fair.

Iana Patterson is the Human Services Program Specialist for the Bradford Department of Health. Her passion is "health equity" which means bringing quality of life services and resources to underserved communities and residents. The project of regional health hubs is an initiative of the Florida Department of Health and coordinated locally by Patterson. But it is a collaboration of sponsors and nonprofit groups that put on these local Community Health Fairs.

"The event in Hampton was organized by community partners to bring much needed and sometimes hard to reach resources and services to the residents of Hampton," she said. "The event was a big success and our first step at implementing a community resource hub in the area where residents will have local, consistent proximity to food resources, preventative health care screenings, mental health services, employment and educational resources, and community support."

"Many of our residents in Bradford County are spread out in secluded areas with limited to no access to transportation. So being able to bring services and resources to the area will give residents an opportunity for better overall health outcomes."

Visitors entering the park were greeted in the pavilion by tables covered with boxes of food to be distributed. Bradford Food Pantry Director Linda Markman organized the food giveaway. She said this is the first time she was trying the mobile option for food distribution. She was a little skeptical at first.

"Now that Iana talked me into it, I'm ready to do it again," she said.

Hampton's City Council Chairman Bill Goodge was on hand along with other volunteers to help with loading the heavy boxes of groceries into people's cars.

Markman came to Bradford County for a visit in 1979 and loved it so much she moved her family up from Miami. Wanting to use her retirement time to serve the community she loves, she volunteered at the Food Pantry, eventually becoming director. Markman said she works harder at this than she did in her 30 years as a nurse.

"I love my county. I love my people. And I love serving



Iana Patterson, Cely Wood and Debbie Williams share information about nutrition, healthy pregnancies and blood pressure. Photo: Carol Mosley.



Bradford County Fire Rescue shared safety information with the public. Photo: Merri Lee Hornick.

Bradford County," she said.

The Bradford Food Pantry is open the first four Fridays of every month at the fairgrounds. When there is a fifth Friday in a month, that day is used for deep cleaning. Markman said they get no government assistance. All food is donated by local stores and individuals.

Markman said a local family keeps them stocked with mac and cheese for the kids. She also gave kudos to Davis Trucking for their help with transportation of the goods. Even food that is not able to be used by humans is donated to local farmers and agencies for animal feed.

Local organizations lined up in booths along the side fence to offer information and handy supplies. SHINE is a program that offers free and unbiased counseling regarding Medicare coverage for seniors. They are available every Wednesday at the Bradford Senior Center. With open enrollment for Medicare beginning Oct. 15, their services are especially important for anyone wanting to be sure their choice of a Medicare plan will provide the health services they

need most.

Other groups included Meridian, Elder Options, Suwannee River Area Health Education Center, National Caucus and Center on Black Aging, and Center for Independent Living. The UF Health van was parked in the field and offered free health screenings. And the Funtastic Fire Brigade, coming to the old Hampton fire station as an entertainment and fire safety resource option, brought a couple of fire trucks to thrill the kids.

Patterson says this was another successful event and was attended by more than 100 people with 91 families taking home food for healthy meals. If you need help and you're not sure where to go, the Community Hub in Starke is a good place to start. They can steer you to the agency or organization that specializes in your need. The hub is operating at 721 Old Lawtey Road that is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For more information contact Iana Patterson at Iana.Patterson@flhealth.gov or call 904-964-7732, ext.1600.

Meals to be offered afterschool

In a commitment to ensure the well-being and nutrition of its students, the Bradford County School District has announced its participation in the Afterschool Meals Program, a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program.

The initiative is set to provide wholesome snacks and meals to children attending various afterschool programs across the district.

This endeavor aims to address the nutritional needs of students who may not have access to adequate meals after regular school hours, ultimately promoting their overall health and academic performance.

Under this program, eligible students attending the specified afterschool sites will have access to nourishing snacks and meals without any additional cost. The participating locations include Starke Elementary School, Bradford Elementary School, Lawtey Elementary School, Bradford Middle School, and Bradford High School.

These schools are enthusiastic about their involvement and are looking forward to making a positive impact on the lives of their students.

The Afterschool Meals Program is made possible through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in partnership with the Bradford County School District.

For more information on the Afterschool Meals Program and the participating locations, please contact the Bradford County School District.

Lake Region

The do's and don'ts of networking

Consultant talks to KH business group about getting new business

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— A consultant with the University of North Florida's Small Business Development Center spoke to a Lake Region business group about the benefits and pitfalls of networking.

Christian Evangelista appeared at the municipality's beach pavilion before the Clay Chamber's Lake Region Prosperity Council on Thursday, July 27.

Evangelista said networking is not just about connecting people. "It's about connecting people with people, people with ideas, and people with opportunities," he said.

The consultant handed out a sheet with 15 tips for better networking, which included: picking a suitable event based on your needs, arriving early and leaving late, following up on the contacts you make, and bringing your tools of the trade like business cards, a name tag and giveaways.

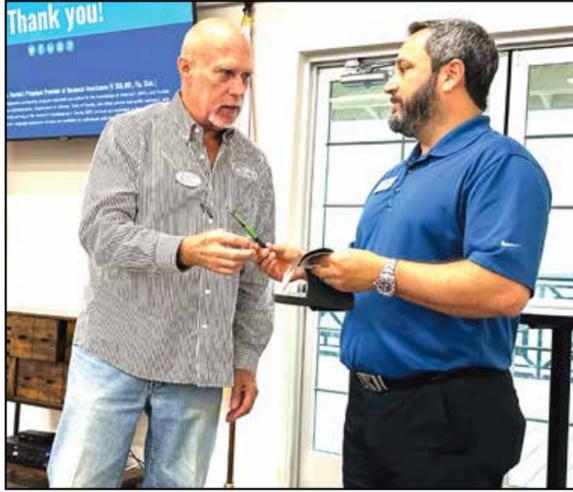
Evangelista said 95% of professionals agree that face-to-face connections are essential for successful, long-term business relationships. He added that 79% of Americans agree that networking plays a vital role in career progression, 68% of individuals prefer networking in person to virtually, and 41% of professionals would like to attend networking events more often.

"Despite the importance of networking," he said, "only 48% of people report staying connected within their network."

The wallflower, clinger and pusher

Evangelista described five types of networkers and asked audience members which type best fit them.

"The wallflower is the quiet



The event's meal sponsor, Harold Gilstrap (left), offers the speaker some promotional giveaways. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

and shy person who shows up, stays in one place the entire time, and doesn't interact with anyone new," he said.

Evangelista added that wallflowers can help themselves by taking an extrovert to networking events and having the friend introduce them to new people.

"The clinger is friendly," he said, describing the next type, "but they tend to stay in the same circle, playing catch up with their friends."

The consultant recommended that clingers set a small goal of meeting two to three new people at each event and ask their friends to make introductions.

Next was the pusher: the networker who pushes his product and makes sales pitches at every opportunity.

"Stop," Evangelista said of the repellent behavior. "Instead, relax, make friends, and build relationships."

At the other end of the spectrum is the listener. They don't talk about themselves but excel at listening to others.

"It's nice to listen to others," the speaker said, "but relationships require give and take. Prepare to participate in the conversation."

Last is the jester: the life of the party.

"This person warms up a room and always has a crowd around them," Evangelista said, adding that jesters can be more effective networkers if they also engage in smaller, intimate conversations to make a lasting impression.

Evangelista emphasized that body language and voice tone are just as critical as the words spoken when meeting new people.

"What is your hidden language saying?" he asked audience members. "Your hidden language definitely can say a lot about you, and you might not even know if you're doing it. You may just be thinking: 'Oh, this is just how I am; this is just how I happen to be.' But body language is a big thing."

Elevator pitch

The consultant also discussed creating an elevator pitch: a brief business description that can be told within the time of an elevator ride.

He said the pitch should contain an introduction, a business summary, and a call to action.

"Hi, my name's Christian Evangelista. It's nice to meet you," he told the audience. "I'm a business consultant at UNF's



(Left) Small Business Development Center Consultant Christian Evangelista sets up his presentation with Clay Chamber Vice President Katherine Wills and President Jon Cantrell. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

Small Business Development Center. The SBDC provides small business owners with no-cost information, guidance, and consulting. I'd love an opportunity to conduct a consulting session to show you how we can benefit you and your small business. Would you mind if I set up a quick meeting to talk about opportunities you may have?"

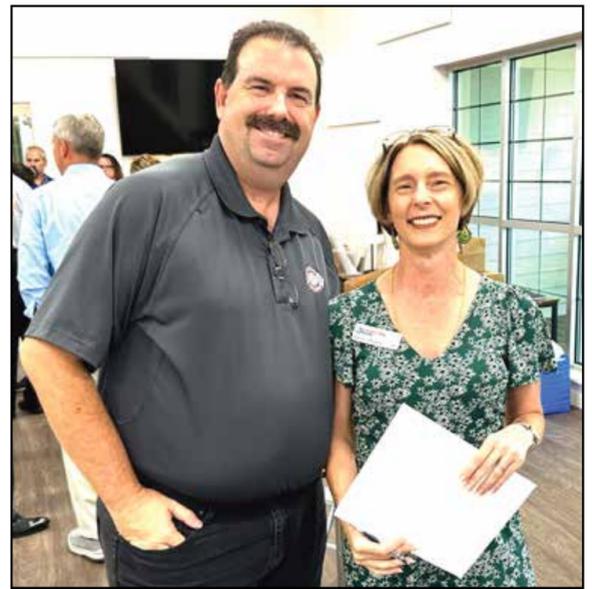
"Now, it doesn't always have to be like that," the consultant added. "But your elevator pitch should be memorable."

Evangelista said he has a friend who works for Loan Depot and tells new acquaintances not to confuse his company with Home Depot.

"But we do have the tools to help you get your residential loan done," he said, quoting his friend. "Everybody remembers it."

He also described the elevator pitch of a job coach who tells new acquaintances: "I'm a fireman. I prevent people from getting fired."

"So, he says that," Evangelista added, "and people laugh, and



Host Michael Heeder, pictured with Patricia Evans, welcomed the crowd to the event. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph Staff Writer.

they remember him, and then with him." they end up wanting to work

Health care professional takes the helm of KH Rotary

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Heather Davis was sworn in as the new president of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club during an induction ceremony in June.

Davis is a Lake Region native who attended both Keystone Heights elementary and high schools.

She graduated from nursing school in 2005 and started her healthcare career at Aza Health's Family Medical and Dental Center in Hawthorne.

"I wanted to work there to give back to the company that cared for me and my family locally," she said. "It was a humbling experience to help patients and families that couldn't afford to get care anywhere else."

After an eight-year tenure in Hawthorne, Davis next moved to Haven Hospice, where she spent seven years.

"This was another amazing journey that allowed me to help patients and families get through the toughest time of their lives," she said. "I would always get approached by people saying they

didn't know how I could work in hospice, but the truth is when you experience helping people during this extremely vulnerable time, it's a blessing to guide them through the transition."

Davis now works as a clinical liaison for Legacy Home Health Care in Keystone Heights.

Last year the company, founded by Lake Region residents Chris and Betsy Murphy, moved into the former Watson Realty building north of town on State Road 21.

"I was super excited to work with a company that had owners that grew up in the same town that I did," Davis recalled. "I joined Legacy a little over three years ago as the first clinical liaison. I have enjoyed being a part of this company since they first became Medicare certified. What I enjoy most about working here is when a neighbor, family member or friend calls for help with nursing care, physical therapy, or occupational therapy in the home. I can help provide the services with healthcare professionals that I personally know."

Davis' involvement with Rotary began four years ago



Past President Richard Segall pins the president's pin on incoming Keystone Heights Rotary Club President Heather Davis. Photo: Dan Hildebran, Telegraph staff writer.

when she joined the Palatka club while working for Haven Hospice. She said she still visits the club when her schedule allows.

The incoming president said

that the organization's motto, Service Above Self, accurately describes how Rotary members operate.

Joining Davis in the club's leadership are Past President Richard Segall, President-elect Todd Bealls, Treasurer Shelley Gibbs, Secretary Ginger Lee, and Sergeant-at-Arms Branden Waters.

Davis said most people don't realize the global reach of Rotary that allows Lake Region members to help people around the globe.

"So many people think that Rotary is just a club in their small town, but it is so much more than that," she said. "It is an international organization with clubs across the world."

Davis said Rotary's reach also enables Rotarians from across the U.S. to impact the Lake Region through grants.

She added that Past President Richard Segall applied for a

\$3,000 grant to meet a significant need in the Lake Region, and the club recently learned that the application was approved.

"With me coming in as president and being a leader in this club, I would like to impact our community in a positive way," she said. "Our club is made up of business leaders and people who absolutely love our small town. We all want to help improve our community as much as possible."

"Every Wednesday morning," Davis added, "we end our meeting with our motto: Service above self. One profits most serves best. And that's exactly what we do, serve our community the best we can. This coming year I hope and pray that I can do something that will continue to positively impact our community and maybe improve the quality of the small town I live in and love."

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.

August sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of August, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market

Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

LB VFW hosts bingo

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 has bingo on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The VFW is located off C.R. 231 just outside of Lake Butler. Look for the sign on the left (coming from town).

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UNION COUNTY

Lake Butler Hospital hosts Back-to-School Bash with partners

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER – A community wide Back-to-School Bash was held this past Saturday at Lake Butler Hospital. The event was organized by a group of members from various organizations, including Lake Butler Hospital, Lake Butler Woman's Club, Lake Butler Rotary and West Fraser.

Several of these groups, and others, held back-to-school events last year and after discussing it, all decided to come together as one to be able to serve more students and provide most of the supplies needed.

Once the decision was made to work together, a planning committee was formed to organize the event. The planning committee consisted of: Tina Lloyd (Lake Butler Hospital/Lake Butler Rotary), Jill Walding (Lake Butler Hospital), Becky Elixson (Lake Butler Rotary/Lake Butler VFW/Girl Scouts), Ann Hendricks (Lake Butler Woman's Club), Lisa Huggins (Lake Butler Woman's Club/CTC BBQ), Carli Loznicka (West Fraser) and Sandy Ables (Lake Butler Woman's Club / Boy Scouts). This committee started weekly meetings in mid-June to plan, organize and secure additional sponsorships for the event. In total, committee members worked about 100 hours planning, getting donations, organizing and shopping.



It was a very long line with about 900 people (students and parents) waiting to get school supplies at the Back to School Bash, hosted by Lake Butler Hospital.



20 Strong members were on hand doing what they do best - helping the community and cooking delicious food. Members are Leonard Dix, Alvin Jones, Willie Henderson, Maurice Griffin, Gregory Jones, Woody Ebedward, Theris Conney and T. L. Jackson.



Loaded up with school supplies and lunch and on the way home. Pictured are: Ava Lynn Thomas, Ethan Thomas, Raven Norman, Arianna Norman, Lyric Norman and Fenix Norman.

“With Union County being such a tight-knit community, we felt it would be more beneficial to join forces for one huge event instead of multiple smaller ones, because in Union County we are all family,” said Anne Hendricks. The group had an overwhelming response from local businesses and nonprofits who wanted to participate in

some way. Andrews Site Prep made a large contribution to the event, with Bart Andrews stating, “I am all about the kids...this is what it's all about.” Sponsors who contributed monetary or supply donations included: Andrews Site Prep, Lake Butler Hospital, Lake Butler Family and Pediatric Clinic, North Florida Equipment

Rentals, Lake Butler Rotary, Lake Butler Woman's Club, Shadd Trucking, Liberty Trucking, Spires IGA, Coca-Cola, CTC BBQ, West Fraser, 20 Strong, Victory Christian Center, Culture House, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, Palm RV Park, Windsor Manor, Sapphire Solutions, Lake Butler VFW, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Union County 4-H, S.A.F.E., Hillandale Quality Feeds, Candace Bratcher Realty and Badcock Home Furnishings.

The only way to describe the event is massive. About 900 people formed a long line on the Lake Butler Hospital front lawn and out onto the adjacent sidewalk. In total, 540 backpacks full of supplies were given out to young people in grades 1-12, the contents based on the Union County Schools supply list and most of the needed items were provided.

A number of organizations had tents around the circular supply walk, giving out specific supplies, and often treats for the kids as well, as the family line moved around the perimeter of the lawn. The young people also got a free lunch by turning in a ticket they were given.

The committee achieved the ideal for such event – not just enough for the people who came, but some left over at the end. The remaining items will be donated to the Union County schools to help teachers and young people who were not able to attend the event.

“This has been a rewarding experience, coming together as a team and accomplishing so much in such a small amount of time,” Lloyd said at the end of the event.

Huggins added, “We believe we have set the bar for next year to have a bigger and even greater event.”



The Back-to-School Bash Planning Committee. Pictured are: Ann Hendricks, Lisa Huggins, Carly Loznicka, Tina Lloyd, Jill Walding, Rebekah Elixson and Sandy Ables.

Union schools release school bus routes, schedules

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

The bus routes for Union County schools have been finalized and all the buses and

drivers are ready for the new school year. The bus routes and times are the same as last year, but they will be listed below for the convenience of new students

and their parents.

Bus #2, driven by Braedyn Stattor will cover SR-121 to Raiford, prison housing on both the right and the left and behind

Dobb Station to Lake Butler.

Bus #3, driven by Monique Crews, will cover the Raiford area, Johnstown Church, Sinclair Bryan, CR-237 and US-100.

Bus #4, driven by Lee Clark, will cover the Providence area off CR-241, CR-791 and the Pinch Gut area.

Bus #5, driven by Kyler Cohen, will cover CR-239A, CR-241, CR-791 and Brown Still Road in Providence.

Bus #6, driven by Justine Grogan, will cover Raiford CR-229N.

Bus #7, driven by Cody Tempest, will cover the Providence area and Providence Village.

Bus #8, driven by Christi Thomas, will cover Worthington Springs, Little Springs Forest and the Santa Fe Mobile Home Park.

Bus #10, driven by Kristen Marmon, will cover RMS West Unit housing, CR-238 and SR-100 to Waters Road.

Bus #12, driven by Thomas Durant, will cover the Providence area CR-238, Midway Cemetery Road, in town behind Spires IGA and the trailer park by the S&S.

Bus #14, driven by Ashlyn Gladding, will cover Worthington Springs CR-18, River Bend Estates and the Santa Fe Mobile Home Park.

Bus #15, driven by Mark Harrison, will cover Worthington Springs CR-18A and the Santa Fe Mobile Home Park

Bus #16 will be split with Bus

#23.

Bus #17, driven by Charlie McCastle, will cover the Raiford area CR-125, Sapp Cemetery Road and behind the Raiford Post Office.

Bus #18, driven by Dwight Regar, will cover Clarks Saw Shop Road and Douglas Cemetery Road.

Bus #19, driven by Tina Hodges, will cover Worthington Springs CR239-A.

Bus #20, driven by Laura Pavlisko, will cover the Raiford area SR-121, SR-16, CR-199 and the UCI Housing Circle (Little Rainbow-LBMS only).

Bus #23, driven by Corina Vaughn, will cover CR-231S RMC Housing and the New River Trailer Park (Little Rainbow – LBMS only).

Bus #26, driven by Michael Porchiazz, will cover the Worthington Springs area, Upland Pines and the Providence area off CR-241.

Bus #29, driven by Loree Rogers, will cover CR-796 and CR-796A, the Groves and Horse Arena and SW 89th Street (Fox Pen Road).

Bus #30, driven by Josh Green, will cover the Special Needs route for Lake Butler, Raiford and Worthington Springs.

The bus numbers and service areas for the town routes are as follows (please note that the bus numbers may not be the same for both the a.m. and p.m. service):

Little Rainbow Daycare – A.M. service will be on Bus #6

(LBES and LBMS) and on Bus #23 (with overflow on Bus #26), with service for LBES only on the P.M. service.

Tigers Den Daycare – Will be walked over if there is inclement weather.

Bus #3 – Forest Park Apartments A.M. and P.M. LBES and LBMS only, behind Subway, by Archer Funeral Home and the courthouse.

Bus #15 – Shaw Subdivision A.M. (P.M. Bus #23).

Bus #17 – Car Wash and Townhouses (LBMS only), Hidden Oaks Mobile Home Park – Outpost (P.M. only).

Bus #12 – Behind Spires IGA and Park area A.M. and P.M.

Bus #12 – Powell's (Cypress Pointe) Trailer Park A.M. and P.M. (LBES and LBMS only). Note: Little #18 Apartments behind Family Dollar (LBMS only).

Bus #18 – Apartments behind Family Dollar (first drop will be from LBES, second drop will be from LBMS and UCHS).

Bus #20 – Rainbow LBMS only – Ufit.

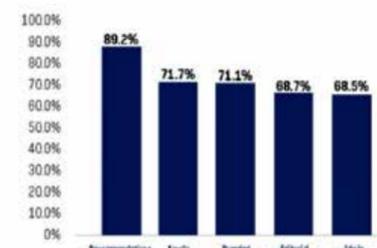
BUS 23 – Rainbow LBES only – Ufit.

The Union County School District Transportation Department wants parents and students to keep in mind that Bus Stops may vary depending upon potential New Stops/Students/Weather and Construction. If you have any questions, please call Tony Raish at the Transportation Dept. at 352-448-0173.

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New dean looking forward to school year at UCHS

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER – There is a new dean of students at Union County High School this year and he said that he is looking forward to a wonderful year.

Owen Beatty has been a part of the Union County School District for the past seven years. He has worked as a math teacher, a science teacher, a social science teacher and as both a teacher and a staffing specialist in ESE. This is his first time as an administrator.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from St. Leo College, a master's in business from the University of Florida (where he worked as an academic advisor), a specialist in education in curriculum and



New UCHS Dean
Owen Beatty

instruction, and a certification in educational leadership. He is certified in the state to teach math, social science and ESE. He said he is looking forward to the challenge presented by his new position.

“The position of dean is often looked at as being associated with discipline,” Beatty said. “For me, I see this as ‘how do we support the teachers and students to create a school environment that reduces negative behaviors. All behavior is communication, so we help the teachers be receptive to what the students are really saying when they act out. This is done through having empathy and making sure that we are clearly communicating expectations. If you do not have consistency in the learning environment it can lead to negative behaviors.”

Beatty said that certain times of the school day are more difficult than others. He cited transitions from school to school or even class to class. He said he believes in working with young

people using a holistic approach, not just focusing on the problems as they arise but working with the students to identify issue before they become problems. This means working with teachers on finding ways to build relationships with students to create a physically and emotionally safe environment and providing students with tools of communication for success – self-acceptance, and coping skills (emotional intelligence).

He said he will work closely with and support teachers in dealing with their day-to-day work and also with Matthew Elixson, the district's safety coordinator, and the district's mental health counselors. He said he will also work with students one-on-one as

necessary. “Discipline is reactive, but classroom management is proactive. It is better to prevent problems from arising than to deal with them after they have happened,” Beatty said.

Beatty has been married to his wife, Allyson, for 25 years. The couple has two daughters, Taylor (23) who is soon entering physical therapy school and Maegan (19) who was the UCHS valedictorian for 2022 and is now attending UF in the College of Agriculture, majoring in agricultural communication.

As they are “empty nesters,” he and Allyson love to go to the movies and traveling to coastal locations, not so much for the beach but for the “old world charm.” He said that while most of his reading is work related he

still finds the time to read fiction occasionally, usually science fiction. He admits his taste in music is eclectic, favoring 90s alternative and classic rock. He said he loved to cook, do yard work and spending time at home with family. He loves all Gator sports, as well as being a “huge soccer fan,” and will even watch some of the major golf tournaments, like the Master's. He drives a Mini Cooper, collects Funko Pops (mostly Star Wars and Marvel characters) and he proudly proclaims the elephant as his favorite animal.

I am really happy to assume this position and plan to work hard to help our teachers and students have a great year and future,” Beatty said.

Be careful in the heat

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

It is beginning to look like the heat will be around for a while, with temperatures in the 90's expected to be frequent daily ordeals. All over the country, people are being hospitalized or dying from simply getting too hot. It can happen outside or in your home and can sneak up on you without your noticing until the situation is serious.

Union County Emergency Medical Services Director Toby Witt said that residents have been lucky so far this summer, with only a couple of heat related calls received by the department. This is in marked contrast to other areas, where heat related issues are topping the list for EMS calls.

“I think it may have a lot to do with the fact we are a rural county,” Witt said. “Some people, after so many years working outside in the heat, have become somewhat acclimated to it and have also learned how to avoid problems by taking breaks in a cool place, staying shaded as much as possible and really working at staying hydrated. Heat issues most severely affect the youngest and oldest people. For older citizens, they need to remember that they are aging and their body may not react to heat as well

as it once did. Seniors may also be on medication that affects their body's ability to deal with heat. Children get so busy playing and enjoying the season that they may stay out too long or forget to drink as much water as they should.”

Witt was quick to say that anyone who thinks they might be having an adverse reaction to the heat should call 911 immediately and have EMS come out and check on them.

“It is not a bother, it is why we are here,” Witt said. “You can't mess around with heat issues and they can be or become life threatening. We would much rather residents call us and get checked out – often we can deal with the situation right where they are and, if the situation is more serious, get them to the hospital before things progress into more serious issues.”

Witt said that most people who have a problem experience heat exhaustion, which is also the stage that, unattended, can progress to stage two – heat stroke. He said symptoms of heat exhaustion to watch for are muscle cramps, headache, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, and a noticeable increase in both heart and respiration rates. If the problem advances to heat

stroke the symptoms include all of the above (at a more severe level) plus altered mental status, loss of the ability to sweat and seizures.

“People need to call as soon as they start having symptoms of heat exhaustion,” Witt said. “While they are waiting they need to move to a cooler environment (in an air conditioned home or even in a car with the air conditioner on) and they need to work to stay hydrated. This stage is much easier to deal with than heat stroke and the progression between the two stages can happen very quickly. Better safe than sorry is a good motto when dealing with heat related issues. We would rather come see you and find out you didn't need us than come later and transport you to the hospital. We really do care about the welfare of all of our county residents and want them to be as safe and healthy as possible.”

So many people countrywide have waited too long to call for assistance, and suffered serious complications and even have died as a result. Working in your garden will come to no good if you are not around to eat what you grow and a well-kept yard will not be visible from a hospital bed. So be safe, Union County.

Is it too hot to garden?

BY JIM DEVALERIO
UF/IFAS Union County Extension

Too hot to garden? Yes! Well, maybe not. While spring gardens have long since succumbed to heat, sun scorch, downpours and bugs, it's the perfect time to sneak in a few warm season vegetables and prepare for fall gardening by sowing seed that will be ready for transplanting in September. If you have containers like Earth Boxes or garden space available, you can plant bush, lima and pole beans, peas, squash, and tomatoes now.

Cherry tomatoes are easy to grow! Sow the seed from one fruit in three or four 3-gallon pots. Usually many will germinate. Pick out a healthy one in each pot and cull the rest so the one plant can grow without competition.

Sow cool season crops



Jim DeValerio

like cabbage, broccoli, collard greens and onions in small containers to be set out in mid-September as temperatures cool.

Cabbage requires a little more fertilizer than some vegetables. Have your soil tested to find out how and when you need to add fertilizer. Sample your soil by combining six

to 10 one-inch diameter by 4-to-6-inch deep soil cores collected in a zig zag fashion across your garden.

Be sure to push away the leaf litter so you only collect the sandy soil. You can use a trowel by inserting it in the soil, pulling it out, backing it up an inch, push it back in and lifting the sliver and putting in in a bucket. Mix the samples in the bucket and collect a cup of the dry, mixed sample.

Take the sample to your County Extension Office for submission. It costs \$10 for a sample, which is a good deal given the cost of fertilizer these days.

Want more information? Visit <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/union/> or call the office for an appointment at 386-496-2321. Stay cool out there.

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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

Robert James Altieri, 61, of Tarpon Springs was arrested on July 27 for disorderly intoxication.

Perez Lucas Baldermero, 35, was arrested on July 22 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Nathan Carl Bassett, 38, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 23 for being an out-of-state fugitive, battery, extortion and resisting an officer.

Christina Ann Boyd, 47, of Jensen Beach was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 24 for resisting an officer and battery.

Alyssa Michelle Brewer, 26, of Waldo was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 26 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Ariel Shuvon Byrd, 40, of Jacksonville was arrested on July 22 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

James Matthew Clark, 39, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 24 for possession of drug equipment, possession of drugs and out-of-county warrants.

Jared Allen Davis, 33, of Macclenny was arrested on July 26 for an out-of-county warrant.

William Anthony Gleaton, 52, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 25 for DUI and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Alexandra Gayle Gossett, 24, of Jacksonville was arrested by

FHP troopers on July 24 for DUI.

Felicia Renee Grissett, 51, of Lawtey was arrested on July 23 for child neglect.

Carlos Rodriguez Johnson, 56, was arrested by Starke police on July 25 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, dealing in stolen property and attaching a tag not assigned.

Kendallyn Tre'chell Johnson, 25, of Gainesville was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 25 for possession of marijuana and possession of drug equipment.

Nicolas Tyler Jordan, 18, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 24 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Richard Jermaine Martin, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 28 for failure to appear.

Shawna Aymara Martin, 51, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on July 27 for disorderly intoxication, resisting an officer, possession of drug equipment and a court release violation.

De'jon Omarion Lorenzo McBride, 18, of Starke was arrested on July 28 for sexual assault, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and giving or serving alcohol to a person under aged 21.

Travis Miller, 43, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on July 24 for aggravated assault.

James Allen Newmans, 37, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on July 27 for an out-of-county warrant.

Christina Elaine Parker, 35, of Starke was arrested on July 28 for battery.

Chadly Derick Richey, 42, of Waldo was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 26 for probation violations.

Herman J. Sanders, 43, of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 27 for larceny.

Charles Jerome Sowell, 54, of Jasper was arrested by Starke police on July 25 for possession

of cocaine.

Kurt William Sprengle, 68, was arrested by FHP troopers on July 26 for DUI.

Miranda Ann Stewart, 26, of Melrose was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 23 for a probation violation.

Carrie Diana Thompson, 42, of Starke was arrested on July 23 for DUI and resisting an officer.

Brandon Cole Thornton, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 24 for battery, kidnapping-false imprisonment and criminal mischief with property damage.

Raymond Purnell Tyson, 63, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on July 26 for a probation violation and fraud-impersonation.

Union

Thomas Daniel Clarke, 41, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 26 for a probation violation.

Brittney Veronique Crawford, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on July 28 for larceny.

Jon Michael Johnson, 22, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on July 29 for an out-of-county warrant.

Stanley Tremain McCreary, Jr, 32, of Katy Texas was arrested by Union deputies on July 29 for resisting an officer and reckless driving.

Matthew Edward Odom, 47, of Lulu was arrested by Union deputies on July 26 for failure to appear.

Clay

Ryan David Fitz, 46, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on July 26 for resisting or opposing an officer without violence and failure to appear.

Clarissa Ann Thomas, 29, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on July 26 for domestic battery by strangulation and criminal mischief with property damage.

Ran stop sign, sentenced to 5 years

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— A 33-year-old Bradford County man whom deputies pulled over for running a stop sign was sentenced to five years in prison after deputies found drugs and a stolen firearm in his vehicle.

Warren Mitriese Lee pleaded to possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, possession of cocaine, possession of a stolen weapon, driving with no valid driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to an arrest report, on June 9, 2023, Detective Andrew Johnson and Lt. Michael Sweeney were patrolling Northwest 177th Street in Pleasant Grove when they saw a Dodge Charger fail to come to a complete stop at the road's intersection with State Road 16.

Lee was driving and had a female passenger in the car. When officers reached the vehicle, Lee told the pair he did



Lee

not have a driver's license and that he had a firearm inside the Dodge.

"During my conversation with Warren," wrote Johnson, "I noticed a pungent odor of marijuana emanating from the

mentioned vehicle. I then asked both Warren and (the passenger) if either possessed a medical marijuana card, to which both stated 'no.'"

The officers recovered the Hi-Point, .40-caliber rifle from the car, which had 10 rounds in its magazine and one in the chamber.

In addition to informing the deputies that the firearm in the car was reported stolen from Jacksonville, dispatchers said Lee had 13 prior felony convictions.

The defendant's weapons charge carried a mandatory minimum sentence of three years.

According to a criminal punishment code scoresheet, Lee could have been sentenced to between 36 months and 26 years. In a plea agreement with the state, the defendant agreed to the five-year prison term with 48 days credit for time already served.

Probation for punching, headbutting and dragging woman by her hair

Couple argued over television show

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph Staff Writer

STARKE— A Starke man was sentenced to five years' probation after pleading to battering a woman after they argued over a television show.

Brison Ellis Bynum, 23, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Jan. 27 for aggravated battery on a pregnant person.

In July, he pleaded to that charge and domestic battery by strangulation.

According to an arrest report, the defendant told a deputy that he and the victim got into an argument over a television show



Bynum

and that the victim left their mobile home without shoes or socks. Bynum added that he went outside to bring the victim back indoors.

A witness told the officer that he heard a woman screaming, "Help, please stop."

The neighbor added that he saw a black male dragging a woman by her hair into the back door of a trailer. The witness then called 911.

The victim told Deputy Trinton Lovell that the defendant struck her in the face, headbutted her in the face, and dragged her into the residence by her hair.

Bynum admitted to Lovell that he knew the victim was pregnant.

The defendant was also ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation and a battery intervention class.



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FSBA Director of Leadership Services Tina Pinkoson was on hand to present Superintendent Mike Ripplinger and the members of the Union County School Board with their award for completing the 20-hour Master Board training program.

UC School Board now a Master Board

The Union County School Board Members

and Superintendent were recognized for earning the Master Board distinction by the Florida School Boards Association at the Union County School District office in Lake Butler on July 18. Tina Pinkoson, director of Leadership Services, presented the award.

To earn this distinction, a majority of the district's board members and the superintendent must be present for 20 training hours including a Master Board Forum. The leadership curriculum is designed to offer meaningful learning sessions concentrating on student achievement through the five pillars of the FSBA Governance Model: vision, accountability, policy, community leadership and relationships.

"FSBA's Master Board program is designed to ensure that a school board and superintendent can work effectively, efficiently, and collectively as a governance team while maintaining a focus on student learning and factors contributing to the success of schools. These

board-superintendent teams have shown their commitment to alignment of a shared vision to ensure the desired results for their district," commented FSBA Director of Leadership Services, Tina Pinkoson.

The Master Board Distinction is one of several leadership development programs offered by the Florida School Boards Association to ensure board members obtain a well-rounded and thorough understanding of his or her policy-making job responsibilities.

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BMS teacher Brugh now school's AP

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Karen Brugh has proven herself in the classroom. Now, she's ready to prove herself as an administrator at the same school at which she was voted Teacher of the Year.

Brugh, who was Bradford Middle School's 2022-23 Teacher of the Year, is now the new assistant principal at BMS, which should make for an easy transition.

"I already have some connections with the kids and the teachers," Brugh said. "I hope to use those relationships I've already built with them, the parents and the community to kind of mold stronger relationships between all of them in this capacity."

What also makes for an easy transition is that Brugh has been able to serve in administrative-like leadership roles, thanks to Principal Ben Hawkins and former Assistant Principal Amy Newman.

"I think I'm more prepared now than I was when I got my (master's) degree (in 2021), just with the experiences that Ms. Newman and Mr. Hawkins allowed me to have," Brugh said.

Brugh, who has taught at the middle and elementary levels, said she didn't pursue an administrative job immediately after earning her master's degree because she didn't want her family experiencing too many big changes at once, with one of those changes being the fact that her husband, Larry, started his own business (MP 46 Electric).

Yet Hawkins and Newman knew she was ready to make the move out of the classroom and take on the challenge of being an administrator.

"Those two pushed me into the role that I'm in and even gave me the courage to apply," Brugh said.

A love of learning

Brugh said she's always enjoyed learning, crediting that to the "wonderful" teachers she had as a student at every level of

school. She thinks fondly of one of her teachers at Green Cove Springs' Charles E. Bennett Elementary School.

"One that jumps out to me was my first-grade teacher, who later became one of my team leaders at the school that I taught at," Brugh said. "She was one of my most impressionable teachers. She just brought the classroom alive. I fell in love with that."

As a student at Clay High School, Brugh had made up her mind that she was going to become a teacher. Her lifelong love of learning and the teachers she had influenced that, but so, too, did her joy of being around children, whether it was through babysitting opportunities or church youth activities.

"I've always loved kids," Brugh said.

Despite the fact she was a "homebody," Brugh moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, after graduating from high school to attend Tennessee Temple University. She feels the experience was beneficial as her new independence had her relying more upon her faith.

"That was probably where I found a lot of my strength," Brugh said, adding, "Thankfully, I had teachers and professors who embraced me while I was there."

Brugh would return home to Clay County after graduating, beginning her teaching career at the elementary school she attended. She was able to work five to six years with her former first-grade teacher before that teacher retired.

"It was an awesome experience going back to my elementary school," Brugh said. "I actually taught third grade in the very same classroom that I was in in third grade. It was funny. I could just remember being in the classroom and things from when I was a child and a third-grader. That was great."

Her former first-grade teacher was a great mentor. So was former Bradford County educator/administrator Evelyn Chastain, who was principal at Charles E. Bennett Elementary.



Karen Brugh looks forward to many good days as the new assistant principal at Bradford Middle School. The words of inspiration she's pictured by are: "This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind. Let it be something good." Photo by Cliff Smelley.

"She has been one who has poured into me for many, many years," Brugh said, adding that Chastain still encourages her.

sign," Brugh said.

The family moved to Starke, with Larry pastoring at a church in Hampton.

"It was all the Lord's movement," Brugh said.

She continued to teach in Clay for another couple of years before deciding it was time to enroll her children in Bradford schools and to find a teaching job in Bradford. Her first job in Bradford was at the former Southside Elementary School, where she met fellow teacher Kim Stucky.

"She was one of the greatest influences on me in feeling comfortable coming out here and transitioning to being an educator here," Brugh said.

Brugh never wanted to be a teacher who remained at one grade level. Between Clay and Bradford counties, she taught every elementary school grade.

"I was one who was not content with staying complacent at one particular grade level," Brugh

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Will Strassberger came upon this image of the death of St. Joseph (pictured between Jesus and Mary) after Pope Gregory declared the Year of St. Joseph. The image is being used in promotional materials for the concert that will feature his composition, "The Josephine Octave," on Friday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Concert to feature music by KHHS grad Strassberger

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

A pope's declaration, along with the poetry of a German Jesuit priest, inspired a musical composition by a Keystone Heights High School graduate that will be performed as part of St. Augustine's The First Friday Art Walk Concert Series on Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine (38 Cathedral Place). Donations are accepted as admission.

"The Josephine Octave," a collection of eight motets, was composed by Will Strassberger, who was co-valedictorian of the KHHS Class of 2016. He has had his own compositions performed in front of seminary audiences, but this upcoming performance is different.

"This is my first concert for a large, secular audience," said Strassberger, who works as pastoral associate at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

Inspiration for the composition began with Pope Francis declaring the Year of St. Joseph (Jan. 1, 2020-Dec. 8, 2021) when Strassberger was a student at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. In the programs that will be available at the concert, Strassberger writes, "I found the pope's honoring of the saint considerably pertinent at a time when fatherhood itself faced — and indeed continues to face — profound confrontation. Masculinity has been twisted, confused and attacked over the past several decades, but Joseph always offered a beautiful example of what it means to be a man. He did not exhibit toxic machismo, nor did he cower and submit to external pressures."

A collection of eight poems by Jesuit priest Wilhelm Nakatenus served as inspiration as well, especially a poem about the death of St. Joseph.

"I wrote a motet for this piece using the text," Strassberger said. "It was just for a four-part men's choir to sing at my seminary, but nothing really happened with it. Sometimes I write music, and nothing ever comes of it."

Strassberger said he wrote what became the seventh movement (about the death of Joseph) first in the summer of 2021. It took him approximately two weeks.

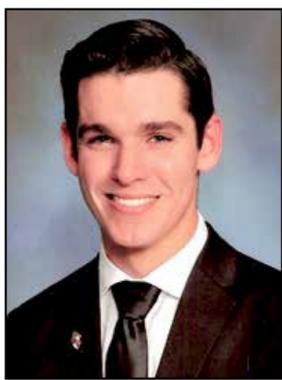
Since that composition wasn't performed at that time, Strassberger eventually added to it, writing seven more movements in the summer of 2022, resulting in what will be performed this Friday in St. Augustine.

"The Josephine Octave" will feature the Don Thompson Chorale and its conductor, Adam Hooper. Strassberger is a member of the chorale and will be one of 40 voices, singing in the baritone section.

The chorale will be accompanied by organist Rich Lewis.

Strassberger said the composition is about Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The first portion is about Jesus, consisting of a Bach piece, a Tchaikovsky piece and a contemporary piece. The second portion, consisting of six pieces of Gregorian chant, is about Mary.

The remainder of the performance will be



Will Strassberger, a 2016 KHHS graduate, is the pastoral associate at St. Paul's Catholic Church of Jacksonville. Photos provided courtesy of Strassberger.

Strassberger's original composition about Joseph.

Each piece of the composition is approximately 3.5 minutes, resulting in an approximately 30-minute performance.

"I don't want to give anything away, but it sounds really good," Strassberger said.

Musical life

Strassberger began taking piano and organ lessons at about the age of 8, learning from his church organist, Ruth Young of St. William Catholic Church of Keystone. He said he continued with lessons until he became busy with high school and dual enrollment at Santa Fe College.

He was exposed to a variety of musical styles by his parents, Bill and Dee, and his older sisters, Katie Sue (2011 KHHS graduate) and Holly (2013 KHHS graduate). He described it as swimming in a "genre sea."

As for himself, he fell in love with movie scores by composers such as John Williams and Hans Zimmer and embraced the concept that there are musical pieces without words that are pure emotion. That led him into listening to classical music and falling in love with Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

Strassberger was writing music for a couple of years before he went to seminary, but it was mostly just a stress reliever, without an eye toward actual performing his pieces. That changed when he went to St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami.

"In seminary, I finally had a venue," he said. "We had in-house concerts. We had a men's choir, so I was about to actually put words to my music, and we could sing it. That was well-received in the seminary community."

The first piece of his he had performed was during his first year at St. John Vianney in 2018. The seminary held spring and winter concerts annually. A priest had written music for the Christmas 2018 performance, but it "wasn't landing" for a lot of people, Strassberger said, describing the music as "very interesting, very avant garde."

"The rector kind of asked him to maybe take a back seat, and we're going to redo the concert, so let's think of hymns that are more relatable for everyone."

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Aug. 24 Leave a Legacy to honor 3

The Bradford County Education Foundation's annual Leave a Legacy event will honor Margaret DeSue, Anne Miller and John Miller for the impact they've had on Bradford County students on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Madison Street Baptist Church at 6 p.m.

Tickets, which can be purchased at Capital City Bank or from any Bradford County Education Foundation board member, are \$30 and include dinner.

A dessert dash will be part of the event. People at each table will pool their funds, with the largest amount getting the

first chance to choose from the available desserts. The second-largest bid gets the second choice, etc. Tables will be announced in five-second increments, with a designated "dessert dasher" from each table dashing to select a dessert.

Leave a Legacy is a fundraiser for the Bradford County Education Foundation a nonprofit organization that was established in 1990 by citizens to support the county's schools.

The foundation hosts the district spelling bee every year, providing T-shirts, gift bags, trophies and teacher sponsor gifts, as well as paying for all of

the schools' registration fees and the cost for the winner and his or her parents to attend the state competition. BCEF also hosts the Welcome Back Breakfast for school staff each August, which includes gift bags with supplies for teachers and gift cards for staff, and the Teacher of the Year/School-Related Employee of the Year Appreciation Banquet,

which includes dinner, cash gifts and all of the recipients' awards.

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Millions of Americans suffer from back pain and don't know where to turn. Kristina Libby Crawford, the owner of Libby's Art of Healing Massage and Wellness, said that 90% of her clients come to her practice to resolve pain. "Back pain, sciatic pain, neck pain, headaches, shoulder pain, and hip pain," she said. "We treat each client with care as we develop a customized treatment plan and recommendations for them." Kristina added that the treatment plan could be as simple as a consecutive series of therapeutic massages. "Or it might require us to refer to other professionals like chiropractic care, physical therapy, primary care, acupuncture, or even a mental health counselor," she said. Therapeutic massage is a hands-on therapy that is designed to loosen up soft tissue restrictions. Once these restrictions are softened, it relieves some of the pressure on nerves and joints. These are the first steps to relieving pain and helping re-educate muscles to function at a more optimal level.



Libby's Art of Healing Massage and Wellness staff (l-r): Owner Kristina Libby Crawford LMT, Jessie Libby, Summer Small LMT, and Thomas Scoggins LMT.

Pain management and 564,000 deaths

Kristina said she has seen lives ruined by people who don't consider all the treatments available for pain management. "I have watched people lose their homes and their marriages over pain," she said, adding that patients who can't work because of pain often descend into a spiraling pain cycle.

Kristina added that what really grieves her are the patients she has seen who have gone to massage as a last resort. "I've seen so many people that have been in back pain for years," she recalled, "and then they finally come here and have a series of massages, and the pain is gone or significantly relieved. They've been suffering for years, only because they didn't know massage was an option."

Years of needless suffering

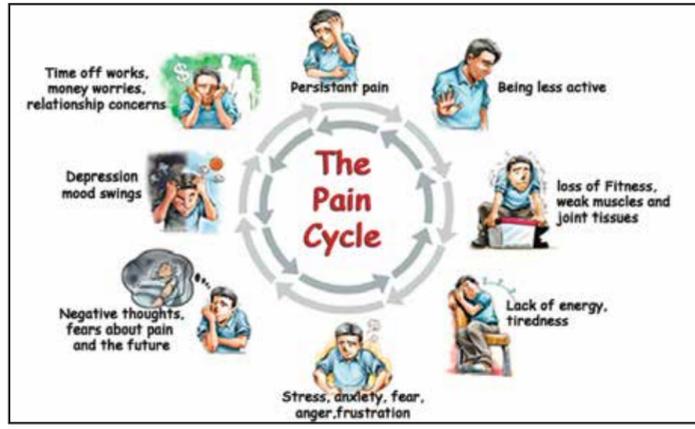
Kristina said she has seen lives ruined by people who don't consider all the treatments available for pain management. "I have watched people lose their homes and their marriages over pain," she said, adding that patients who can't work because of pain often descend into a spiraling pain cycle.

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The pain cycle

Kristina said that massage is often a complementary treatment to chiropractic and physical therapy. "Think about it like this," she said. "The massage therapist is going to loosen up what's stiff. The chiropractor will put it in proper alignment, and then physical therapy will strengthen and stabilize. These are the first steps to breaking the pain cycle."

She then described the pain cycle, which begins with pain and can lead to time off from work, money worries and relationship concerns. "We're primarily here to get people to stop that pain cycle," she said. "And whether we can do that on our own through therapeutic massages or re-



The pain cycle.

ferring out to other professionals, that is the goal."

Least invasive

A person in persistent pain has several treatment options: medication, surgery, chiropractic, massage, injections, physical therapy and acupuncture.

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Obituaries

Linda Mae Alvarez

Mrs. Linda Mae (Taylor) Alvarez of Melrose passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023. She was born on Jan. 25, 1941, to the late Fred and Willie (Crawford) Taylor. She grew up in Glen St. Mary and attended Baker County High School. Prior to retirement, she worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield. In her 70s, she volunteered at the Melrose Library. She was unique, vibrant, and friendly, loved laughing and talking to people, was always on the go, and never met a stranger. A deep love for her family and close friends lived through her lighthearted exterior. She loved being outside, working in her yard, collecting wildflower seeds and anything alongside the love of her life, Oscar Wayne. She is known for her delicious pound cake, which she would make and give to everyone. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Oscar Wayne Alvarez; and brother, Fred Taylor Jr.

Survivors are daughters: Tammy Alvarez (Fred) Cook of Melrose, and Debra Alvarez Cooper of Dinsmore; and a brother, Edward (Sonya Payton Taylor) Taylor of Okeechobee. Also left are her grandson, Cooper Wiedeman; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Kay Alvarez, Dottie Alvarez, and Dan and Earlene Alvarez of Keystone Heights, Harold Stephens of Youngstown; as well as nieces and nephews.

Interment will be at a later date in Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights. 352-473-3176 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Cynthia Cruce

Mrs. Cynthia "Cindy" Taylor Cruce, 53, of Waverly, Tennessee passed away Monday, July 24, 2023, at her home. She was born Oct. 5, 1969, in Starke. She worked for Meriwether Lewis Electric Co-op as a customer service representative.

Survivors are her husband of 32 years, Marcus F. Cruce of Waverly, Tennessee; her parents, Eugene and Mary Wilkerson Taylor of Lawtey; a son, Hunter (Rachel) Cruce of Waverly, Tennessee; daughters, Courtney (Michael) McMurtry of Palm Coast and Julia (Dustin) Lee of Chapel Hill, Tennessee; a sister, Pamela (Jamie) Whitehead of Lake Butler; and grandchildren, Finn Lee of Chapel Hill, Tennessee and Maxon McMurtry of Palm Coast.

A visitation was held on Thursday, July 27, at Humphreys County Funeral Home in Waverly, Tennessee. A Celebration of Life visitation will be conducted from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, at the Woman's Club of Starke, 201 N. Walnut St., Starke. Mrs. Cruce's wishes were to be cremated.

Arrangements by Humphreys County Funeral Home, 217 E. Main St., Waverly, Tennessee 37185, 931-296-5955.

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Eloise Moss

Eloise Hines Moss, a beloved homemaker, passed away on Thursday, July 27, 2023, at her home in Starke. She was a loving and good person, known to be everyone's granny. She was born Sept. 7, 1950, and throughout her life, she touched the hearts of many with her warm spirit and kind nature. She had a wide range of interests and hobbies that brought her joy. Whether she was playing on the computer, fishing in the serene lakes of Florida, sewing beautiful creations, or expressing herself through the art of painting, she embraced every moment with passion and enthusiasm. Moreover, she had an immense love for movies. She not only enjoyed watching them, but also collected them as precious treasures. Additionally, one of her greatest joys came from babysitting her beloved grandbabies and cherishing their company. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee and Leila Gore Hines; and her husband, Carlos Moss.

She leaves behind her adoring family, her daughters, Sherry (Ray) Simpson of Simpsonville, South Carolina, and Anita (Chris) Rodriguez of Starke; eight grandchildren, Macie Byars, Cody (Liz) Wall, Kayce Jackson, Colton Wall, Christopher Rodriguez, Kenzie Jackson, Corbin Wall, and Channing Rodriguez; and 10 great-grandchildren.

To commemorate her beautiful life, visitation will be held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Following the visitation, a funeral service will take place at the same location beginning at 3 p.m.

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Ina Inez Mott

Graveside services for Ina Inez Stern Mott, 85, of Carriere, Mississippi, who passed away Friday, July 28, 2023, in Carriere, Mississippi were held Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Dedan Cemetery in Brooker. Burial was in Dedan Cemetery under the direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home with local arrangements under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home.

She was a native of Starke. She was the church secretary for First Baptist Church of Starke for many years and a member of Brooker Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth K. Mott; parents, Harry Stern and Leona Coleman Stern; and siblings, Donald Stern, Ona Jacobsen, and Roland Stern.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Sherra (Jim) Allen; and grandchildren, Andrew Allen and Paige Allen.

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Darrell Shadd

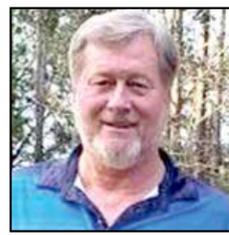
Darrell L. Shadd, 66, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. He was born on Feb. 2, 1957, in his hometown of Lake Butler. He led a remarkable life filled with talent, generosity, and a wonderful sense of humor that brought joy to all who knew him. After graduating from high school, he embarked on an adventurous journey to Alaska in search of work. Little did he know that this would be the beginning of several memorable years spent exploring the stunning landscapes and forging lifelong connections. His time there allowed him to cultivate his skills as a master carpenter, as well as indulge his love for fishing and hunting. Upon returning home, he opened an upholstery shop, where he tapped into another talent of restoring furnishings. Known for his quick wit and jestful nature, he was a true jokester. He possessed the remarkable ability to lighten any situation with his infectious laughter and lighthearted banter. His selflessness was unparalleled; if he promised to help someone, they could rest assured that he would follow through without fail. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, David and Mae Shadd; maternal grandparents, Dan and Lorena Peoples; and brother Mitchell Shadd.

His passing leaves a tremendous void in the lives of those closest to him. He is survived by his loving father, Leslie (Carolyn) Shadd; his mother, Carolyn Peoples Jarrard; his siblings, Bonnie Smith, Jeff (Marsha) Shadd, Lori (Harold) Archer, and Becky (Eddie) Lee; his nieces and nephews: Doug, Davy, Melissa, Michelle, Jason, Joshua, and Daland; and a host of extended family.

Friends and well-wishers are invited to pay their respects during a visitation at Archer-Milton Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. A funeral service celebrating his life will be held on Friday, Aug. 4, also at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. The service will commence at 11 a.m., with Pastor Jonathan Wright officiating. Following the funeral service, he will be laid to rest at Ft. Call Cemetery.

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MUSIC

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Strassberger said. "There was a vacancy — about 10 songs we needed to fill."

Strassberger volunteered something he had written basically for meditation purposes a few months prior.

"We sang it. It was a great success," Strassberger said. "I don't say that to pat myself on the back. The audience really like it a lot. That was really cool. I loved that feeling of, 'Wow. I brought this to people.'"

Education, work

Strassberger earned his AA

degree from Santa Fe College while at KHHS. After graduating from KHHS, he began attending the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

"I felt like I was bred to be an engineer," Strassberger said, noting that his father is a retired engineer from Clay Electric. Plus, he had an uncle who studied chemical engineering as well as a great uncle who worked for GE.

Strassberger excelled at math, but he eventually admitted to himself that his career path wasn't leading toward engineering. Instead, his was inspired by his involvement with the UNF Catholic student union and a spiritual leader he had who encouraged him to take risks in prayer, asking God what he was

meant to do in life.

"The call to seminary was on my heart," Strassberger said.

He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy after three years at St. John Vianney. Strassberger then attended St. Vincent de Paul for one year before discerning out (instead of going into the priesthood).

While in seminary, Strassberger had been sent to the school at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville to talk to students as part of Vocation Awareness Week. He loved the church and the campus.

Strassberger also loved that area (riverside) of Jacksonville, so he returned there to look for a job. As it ended up, he got hired at St. Paul's and gets to

use his seminary training, doing whatever the church's one priest asks of him.

"My work is still very much grounded in the church as a pastoral associate," Strassberger said, adding, "I'm doing a lot of things that would be delegated to another priest, except I'm not consecrated; I'm not ordained."

Future

When asked what his future holds, Strassberger's first reply, with a laugh, was, "Who knows?"

He knows that music will be a part of his life, whether writing new pieces or continuing to work on older pieces.

"I have a very large library of things that just have not seen the

light of day yet because I have been writing them for a while," Strassberger said. "I'm constantly kind of polishing my older stuff and preparing it for future events."

If the concert at the Basilica of St. Augustine is successful, perhaps it'll open doors for the music to be performed at other venues. Strassberger said the music will at least be performed again at St. Paul's as part of the church's 100th birthday celebration.

Perhaps he'll make a career of music, but right now, he simply writes for the joy of it. As Strassberger noted, no one's getting paid for the Aug. 4 performance of "The Josephine

Octave" other than the conductor and the organist who are receiving stipends.

"Maybe it will open the door to commissions in the future, in which case I'm writing for a client, and there's something they want specifically," Strassberger said, "but right now, the music that I write allows me to be free to express whatever I want. If I have a difficult day at work or something, I go home and write about it. I have that freedom to write about whatever I want."

That musical freedom can also be a blessing to others.

"It's a catechesis," Strassberger said. "I can teach people about the faith through music."

BRUGH

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said. "I was just a constant, eager learner. If I was mastering one grade level, I wanted to move to another grade level."

At one time, she did think she would remain an elementary teacher, but her desire to be a future administrator led her to want to experience teaching higher grades. That took her to Bradford Middle School, where she taught sixth and seventh grades.

"I've loved it," Brugh said. "I love this age group."

Becoming an AP

Brugh said she has benefitted from the support of every administrator she has worked for — all of whom allowed her to utilize her strengths in the classroom and take what she described as "risks" when it comes to educating students — risks that are, of course, backed by data and her own belief that her students would benefit.

"As teachers sometimes, it might feel like you're in a box," Brugh said. "It might feel like you're mandated to this, or you're mandated to do that, but I think it's important for teachers to feel

comfortable, but also challenged in their trade. I feel like it's important for them to feel like they can take risks. Otherwise, they'll stay complacent with where they are."

Bradford County administrators have also benefitted Brugh in that they served as role models to follow as she now prepares for her position as an assistant principal. She watched how Laurén Morgan, the assistant principal at Southside/Bradford Elementary, builds morale and comes up with things to celebrate every month. She saw Starke Elementary Principal Raymond Schaeffer (when he was the assistant principal at Starke) treat everyone at the school the same, whether they were teachers or in non-teaching roles. BHS Principal Chris Coffey (when he was the assistant principal at BHS) was an example because of the relationships he forged and maintained with parents and community members.

Then, there was Newman at BMS. Brugh said Newman "would just perk the place up in different ways, and she would have conversations with people

about their strengths and using those strengths."

Brugh said Newman taught her it's OK to say "no" as an administrator, while Hawkins has told her to go with her gut when making decisions and then to stick by those decisions.

Though she was encouraged by Hawkins and Newman to apply for the assistant-principal position, Brugh wanted to consult with her daughter, Katherine, before doing so. Brugh said she knows how some middle school students can be toward the children of teachers and administrators at the same school. Katherine is preparing to enter the eighth grade at BMS.

"That was one conversation I wanted to be sure I had before I even applied — that she was going to be OK," Brugh said.

Brugh said her daughter told her, "Mom, you worked for this degree. You've got to use it at some point."

It's not that her daughter's peers would have anything really to talk about anyway. Brugh said she's always treated every one of her students the same, even when her own children were in her class. She said one of her

sons couldn't believe he once received a grade of 89 from her instead of a 90 on. Her response was, "You didn't earn the 90."

Family

Brugh and her husband have been married for 21 years. Though he's an ordained as a minister, Larry isn't currently pastoring at a church, though he and Brugh are both involved in the church they currently attend — Cross Church of Starke.

Larry works for W.W. Gay Fire Protection as well as working with MP 46 Electric business.

"He has been my greatest supporter throughout education," Brugh said.

Brugh and her husband have four children: Jonathan, Jacob, Jeffrey and Katherine.

Jonathan, a 2022 BHS graduate, just got his commercial driving license and is working in Green Cove Springs. Jacob, a 2023 BHS graduate, is working for an electric company in Orange Park and is considering joining the Marines.

Jeffrey, who'll be a sophomore at BHS, loves baseball and has already set personal goals for the 2024 season, Brugh said. As a freshman, he led the Tornados with 26 stolen bases, which tied

him for 12th best in the state. A shoulder injury prevented him from adding to that total.

"He's determined to get back to where he was and surpass that," Brugh said.

Jeffrey had the third-highest batting average on the team in 2023 at .288.

Katherine is an athlete as well. She plays volleyball.

"I finally got a girl, but we said, 'Four and no more, whether it's a girl or a boy,'" Brugh said.

Of course, her family consists of more than her husband and four children. For an educator, students are like family, and even though her job as assistant principal has already begun, it's weird being on campus now without the students.

"It's different when they're not here," Brugh said.

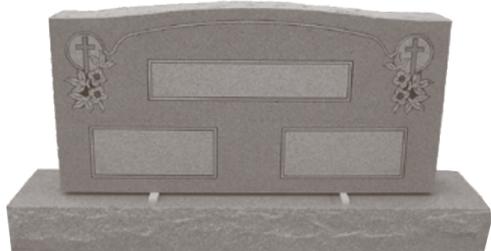
Then there's Brugh's Heavenly father. Each move she and her family have made in life wasn't made without prayer beforehand.

She made mistakes as a teacher, and she will make mistakes as an assistant principal, but she'll continue to lean on God as a source of strength.

"My faith leads me strongly, no matter what I'm doing," Brugh said, adding, "I know it's not all going to be perfect, but I'm not alone in doing it."

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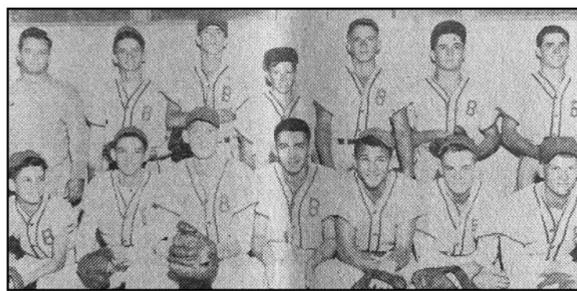
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A look back: BHS baseball program has 5 district titles

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

New Bradford High School Head Baseball Coach John Staples has guided teams to 10 district championships. Bradford has won five in its entire history.

Can Staples add a few more titles to the list? That remains to be seen, but the Telegraph-Times-Monitor takes a look back at all five of those title-winning teams.



Bradford High School fielded its first-ever baseball team in 1949. It won its district — a feat that wouldn't occur again until 1979. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Johnny Kopelousos, Delano Thomas, Frank Dryden, Jack Eaves, James Phillips, Bert Newcomb, Paul Carter, (back, l-r) Coach Dutch Funderburk, Clayton Strickland, Jim Godwin, Arlie McRae, Jack Wainwright, Jack Hazen and Glenn Conner.

1949

The Telegraph reported that fans considered the 1949 season a success, and why not? It was the first-ever BHS baseball team. Despite having no place to practice, with the renovation of Bradford Park, the team went 4-3 in the regular season and then won two games in the Group 3 district tournament to qualify for the Class B state tournament.

Bradford, which was coached by Dutch Funderburk, defeated Clay 10-7 in the district semifinals and Fletcher 5-3 in the championship game.

It was reported that starting pitcher Jack Hazen's "wrinkly, little curve" resulted in striking out eight batters. He allowed only two hits.

Frank Dryden went 2 for 3 to lead the Bradford batters.

Team Captain Jack Eaves accepted the championship trophy.

Bradford lost 12-5 to Sebring in the first round of the state playoffs.

1979

The Tornadoes entered the District 4-3A tournament with a sub-.500 record, but won two games to win just the second championship in program history.

Bradford got off to a strong start that season, winning five of its first seven games, but the Tornadoes then lost 10 of their next 15.

As the fourth seed, the Tornadoes opened play in the District 4 tournament with an 8-3 win over St. Augustine.

The Yellow Jackets took a 2-0 lead, but Bradford scored five runs in the third. That inning began with five straight hits from Dinky Kilby, Bill Goodge (double), Kenny Clark, Jeffery Norman and Keith Northrup (double). That string of hits accounted for four runs. Kevin

Tillman later added an RBI single to make it a 5-2 game.

A three-run sixth started with a Goodge single, followed by Clark reaching on an error. Norman hit a fly ball (which was dropped) to score Goodge, while Northrup's sacrifice fly scored Clark. Scott Allen then hit an RBI single.

Clark earned the win on the mound, giving up seven hits and striking out six.

Bradford advanced to the championship game, defeating Clay 12-2.

Pitcher Scott Allen gave up three hits, with Head Coach Mike Hartley remarking, "Scott was throwing the best curve I've ever seen a high school pitcher throw Friday night."

It was a 1-1 game before Bradford scored four runs in the third. Reddish and Kilby walked, with Reddish scoring on a Goodge single. Clark singled to load the bases, followed by Norman drawing a walk to force a run in. Northrup then hit a sacrifice fly to drive in another run. An error on the play allowed Clark to score as well.

A five-run fourth began with a Tillman single. Kilby reached on an error before Goodge hit an RBI single. After Clark reached on a bunt single to load the bases, Northrup drove all runners home with a triple. Northrup scored on an Allen single.

Northrup had two more RBI in the sixth. His double scored Goodge, who reached on an error, and Clark, who singled.

The victory gave Bradford a 12-1 record and tied the school record for wins in a season.

Next up was a regional playoff game against Ocala Forest.

Norman hit a three-run homer, while Allen pitched a two-hitter as the Tornadoes won their first-ever playoff game by a score of 5-0.

Kilby and Clark both walked to reach in the first. Norman then launched a ball over the fence at the Keystone Heights High School field, where the game was played due to wet field conditions at BHS. Hartley estimated the ball traveled 420-425 feet, while KHHS Coach Rodney Nelson said, "That thing was over the lights. It had to be 450 feet."

In awe, Nelson was then quoted as saying, "Whew. He hit it, didn't he?"

Clark hit an RBI single in the third, scoring Kilby, who reached on an error.

Goodge led off the bottom of the fifth with a home run.

In earning the win on the mound, Allen struck out eight.

The Tornadoes' postseason run ended with a 4-0 sectional loss to a 29-3 Apopka team that limited Bradford to three hits.

Hartley said he wasn't impressed with Apopka after seeing them in person, but added, "We didn't really test their defense much."

Bradford left a runner stranded on second in the second inning and a runner stranded on third in the third. In the top of the seventh, Northrup drew a leadoff walk, followed by an Allen single. Apopka then recorded outs on the next three batters.

Apopka scored its first two runs off two errors on the same play in the second inning.

Clark pitched, giving up one earned run on three hits.

1981

Prior to the 1981 season, Head Coach Mike Hartley said, "This year's team has the most talent of any team I've ever coached."

That talent led to Bradford winning its second district championship in three seasons and setting a school record for wins at 19.

The Tornadoes took a 17-6 record into the District 5-3A tournament. Bradford's pitchers hadn't allowed a hit in 18 innings.

Buchholz was the tournament's top seed, but Hartley said, "I think we've got the best team in the tournament. We just have to go out there and do it."

First, Bradford defeated Santa Fe 7-4 in the semifinals. The Tornadoes, who scored the game's first six runs, got a 4-for-4 performance at the plate from Kenny Clark. Pitcher Scott Allen threw six innings, giving up one hit and striking out nine.

That put the Tornadoes in the championship game against Gainesville. The game was tied at 5-5 in the eighth inning when Jeffery Norman hit a two-out single to drive in the winning run.

The ensuing scene, as described by the Telegraph account, consisted of players "running 10 feet off the ground from the visitors' dugout to the first-base side to mob the player whose first hit of the two-game tournament was the title winner."

Norman, who was batting ninth in the order, had a .196 average.

Bradford, which led 4-1 in the sixth, had Allen on second and David Sparks on first in the final

inning. Both runners advanced on a balk before Norman's hit, which allowed Allen to score from third.

It was the Tornadoes' 10th straight win. That tied the 1962 team for the longest such streak in school history.

The team, however, couldn't duplicate what the 1979 team did, which was win a regional playoff game. The Tornadoes went up 2-0 before losing 7-2 to Ocala Forest in the Region 3 title game.

Clark, who went 2 for 3 and hit in 22 straight games, had a two-out double in the first. He moved to third on a balk and scored when Forest committed an error on a Bill Goodge hit.

In the second inning, Chuck Johnson reached on an error. After a bunt by Allen and a single by Mark Williams, Johnson scored on a Sparks double.

Forest scored three in the third on three singles and two walks.

The Tornadoes left runners stranded in scoring position in the third, fifth and seventh innings.

"There's not much I can say," Hartley said. "The kids never quit. They were out there swinging. We only had two or three strikeouts (the number was three). We hit the ball and didn't find the holes. They hit the ball and found the holes. That's baseball."

1998

Mike Hartley won his third district championship as head coach in 1998, getting solid pitching in both tournament games and some very hot bats in

the title game.

Bradford defeated Suwannee 3-1 in the district semifinals. Starting pitcher Will Hartley gave up three hits and struck out 13.

The Tornadoes trailed 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth. Michael Blankenship reached on an error. Shaun Burgin ground into a fielder's choice, but the Bulldogs failed to get Blankenship out at second. Josh Nichols was then hit by a pitch to load the bases. Jason Davis drew a walk to force a run in, while Joe Rike put a ball in play to send another runner home. Nichols scored the third run of the inning on a suicide squeeze.

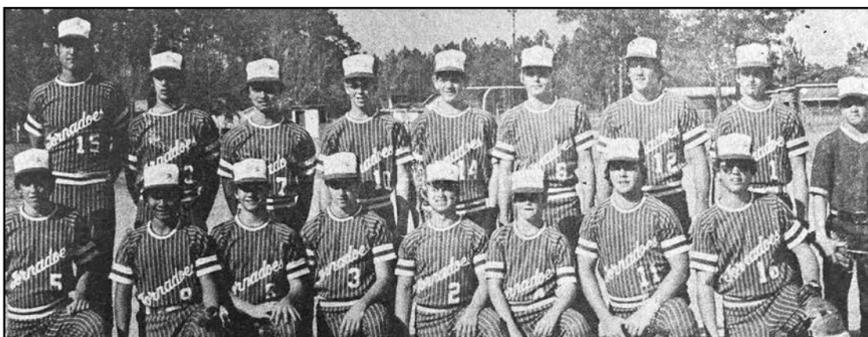
Nichols was on the mound for the championship game against Baker County. He gave up three hits, struck out 14 and got more than enough run support in a 12-3 win.

Davis and Hartley each hit solo homers in the first two innings, but the score was tied 2-2 until the Tornadoes scored four runs in the third. Hartley led off that inning with a walk. He stole second and scored when Baker committed an error on a ground ball hit by Blankenship. Davis, who went 2 for 4, hit a two-run homer to make it 5-2. Joe Rike then singled and stole second before scoring on a Daniel Davis single.

In the fourth, Hartley doubled and stole third before scoring on an error on a pickoff attempt. Blankenship, who walked, scored on a Nichols ground out.

The scoring was rounded out by RBI doubles hit by Burgin

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The 1979 team won district and regional championships. Pictured are (front, l-r) Dwayne Strickland, Randy Parado, Junior Schoening, Bill Goodge, Dinky Kilby, Clayton Norman, Jeffery Norman, Keith Northrup, (back, l-r) Coach Mike Hartley, Scott Allen, David Sparks, Mike Williams, Mark Williams, Kevin Tillman, Doug Reddish, Kenny Clark and Ricky Sullivan.

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2009 DODGE RAM 1500 VIN# 1D3HB18T79S740557, SILVER
And on Friday August 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM., (at T & M Towing 3687 Ambient Rd., Starke, FL 32091) or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to payment of cost and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above-described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone: (904) 966-6380
7/20 4tchg 8/10-BCT

IN THE COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. 04-2022-DP-83
IN THE INTEREST OF:
F.-H., S. (F) DOB: 7/15/2022
Minor child

NOTICE OF ACTION
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: ANTHONY DALE FARINEAU
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child(ren) for adoption: S. F.-H., born on 7/15/2022. A copy of the petition is on file with the Clerk of the Court. You are hereby commanded to appear on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 9:00 AM, before Honorable George M. Wright, at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091, for a CONTINUED ADVISORY HEARING. *****FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO.*****

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court at Starke, Bradford County, Florida, on this 13th day of July 2023.
Denny Thompson
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: Ramona Jefferson
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 04-2023-CP-000067
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT SHELLEY BLOUNT, III,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of ROBERT SHELLEY BLOUNT, III, deceased, whose date of death was May 26, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court

WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
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The date of first publication of this Notice is July 20, 2023.
Personal Representative
Andrea Hardy Blount
126 NW 76th Drive, Suite B
Gainesville, Florida 32607
Attorney for Personal Representative
HOME TOWN LAW, P.A.
/s/ Sabina Tomshinsky
Sabina Tomshinsky
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Gainesville, Florida 32607
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 19000389CAAXMX
J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SAMUEL LEE WILLIAMS A/K/A SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS; ANNETTE WILLIAMS; BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,
Defendant(s).
RE-NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated December 2, 2019 and an Order Resetting Sale dated July 6, 2023 and entered in Case No. 19000389CAAXMX of the Circuit Court in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. is Plaintiff and SAMUEL LEE WILLIAMS A/K/A SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS; ANNETTE WILLIAMS; BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, RAY NORMAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091, 11:00 a.m., on August 17, 2023, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BRADFORD AND STATE OF FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A PORTION OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18, THENCE NORTH 89° 30 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 830.95 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89° 30 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 177.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0° 11 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF

234.77 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 30 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 177.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0° 11 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 234.77 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.96 ACRE MORE OR LESS.
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. THE COURT, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY ENLARGE THE TIME OF THE SALE. NOTICE OF THE CHANGED TIME OF SALE SHALL BE PUBLISHED AS PROVIDED HEREIN.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court not later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Bradford County Courthouse. Telephone 904-964-6280 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
DATED July 14, 2023.
By: /s/ Gregg R. Dreilinger
Gregg R. Dreilinger
Florida Bar No.: 25615
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Florida Bar No. 767700
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT 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
8/3 4tchg 8/24-BCT

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke will sell for cash to the highest bidder on storageauctions.net for location at 1630 North Temple Ave, Starke, County of Bradford, FL, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, the 16th day of August, 2023 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
OA018 Freda M Hankerson
01029 Latoya Barr
OJ 034 Lashanda Ingram
OJ049 Ashlann Roberts
OJ091 Joshua Sutherland
OJ 092 Shi'Kira Jones
8/3 2tchg 8/10-BCT

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at public hearing on August 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. Copies of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 EXTENDING THE EXISTING MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMIT APPROVAL AND ISSUANCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS AND ANTENNAS SPECIAL PERMITS FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY (60) DAYS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EXPIRATION DATE
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: DOUGLAS, DOUGLAS & FARNSWORTH, 107 EDWARDS ROAD, STARKE, FL 32091, A CORPORATION, doing business under the firm name of: D R F CPA GROUP, 107 EDWARDS ROAD, STARKE, FL 32091, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 27th day of July A.D., 2023, in Bradford County.
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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
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
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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1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 27; thence North 89°47'56" East 381.55 feet, along the North line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 27 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 89°47'56" East 330.00 feet, along the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 27; thence South 00°54'24" East 459.46 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of State Road 16; thence South 73°46'52" West 342.12 feet, along the Northerly right-of-way line of said State Road 16; thence North 00°54'24" West 553.87 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Containing 3.84 acres, more or less.
At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment.
A copy of the amendment is available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, 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. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).
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BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on August 17th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, 2023, 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 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice.
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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on August 17th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, Z 23-03, an application by John E. Getzan, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RR) to INDUSTRIAL LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) on property described, as follows:
A parcel of land lying in Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast

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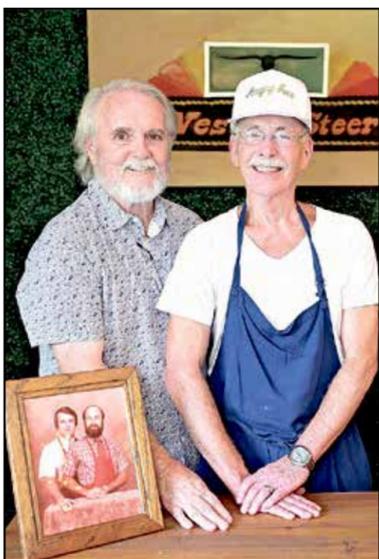
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Starke Western Steer employees reconnect and share memories



LEFT: Donnie Falcon and Harry Hatcher III pose with an old photo of themselves. Hatcher, as was usual when Western Steer was open, wears his apron. The apron wasn't the only thing to return, as Steerburgers were served at the reunion.

BELOW: Lisa Dugger and Ken Weaver. See page 16 for more photos. Photos by Traci Waters Photography.



It was quite a crowd at Belle Oaks Barn for the Western Steer/Steakhouse in Starke employee reunion on July 15. The restaurant served the Starke community for almost 40 years before closing its doors in November 2018. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.

Demographics said no, but steakhouse succeeded in Starke

Editor's note: This information was composed from Bradford County Telegraph stories published Jan. 21, 1999, and Jan. 22, 2009 — in recognition of Western Steer's 20th and 30th anniversaries.

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Analytics and conventional thought suggested a Western Steer Family Steakhouse should've been opened in Gainesville or Jacksonville — not Starke.

Harry Hatcher III, however, believed such a restaurant had a chance of making it in his hometown. He was proven right as Western Steer (and then later The Steakhouse in Starke after a name change) did business in Starke for almost four decades before shutting its doors for good in November 2018.

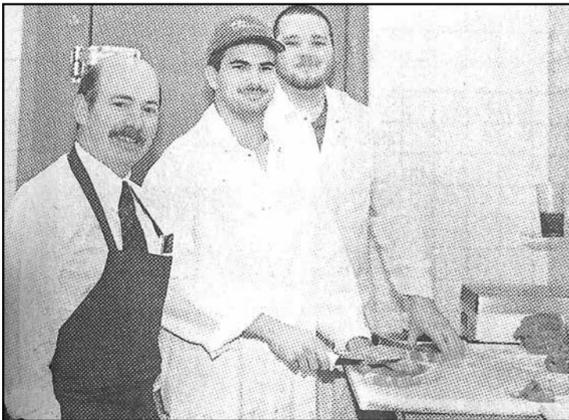
Could Hatcher have foreseen such a long life for the restaurant? Maybe not at the beginning. In thinking back on it being built



Marlane Padgett pours a glass of tea for a customer.

in 1978, Hatcher said, "It was a rather large-looking building for this little town. We were just hoping, really, that we could get the thing built and stay around here."

Hatcher never thought about going into the restaurant business until friends Buddy and Sandra Norman said they were interested in opening a steakhouse in Starke and that they'd be willing



Harry Hatcher III, Harry Hatcher IV and Michael Thomas are pictured in the Jan. 21, 1999, issue of the Telegraph for Western Steer's 20th anniversary.

to partner with him in such a venture.

Later, at a softball tournament, a man by the name of Richard Howard told Hatcher he was part of a group starting a new chain of restaurants — Western Steer. He asked Hatcher if he'd be

interested in owning one of those restaurants.

"They actually wanted us to open up in Gainesville or Orange Park," Hatcher said. "They didn't think Starke could support a steakhouse."

Yet what Hatcher and the



This photo of Suzanne Norman (left) and Carrie Crews appeared in the 30th-anniversary story in the Jan. 22, 2009, Telegraph.

Normans realized was that table-service restaurants on U.S. 301 (from the Florida-Georgia border to Ocala) at that time were rare. Starke's only table-service restaurant at that time was the Garden Restaurant.

"We just felt there was a market

here," Hatcher said, adding, "We thought we had some merit to our decision, but it wasn't real scientific."

The Starke Western Steer opened Jan. 16, 1979.

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Aug. 3, 2023, continued from pg. 14

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on August 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The titles of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S230613A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 2 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE) TO INDUSTRIAL 10F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on August 17th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. A copy of the ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-03, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RURAL

RESIDENTIAL (RR) TO INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING (ILW) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Mining Comprehensive Plan workshop on Thursday August 17th, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commission Meeting Room, located in the North wing hallway of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL. For all inquiries, please contact the County Manager's office at (904)-966-6327.

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UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 18000047CAAXMX
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, BNY MIDWEST TRUST COMPANY, AS SUCCESSOR HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, AS TRUSTEE, OF BOMBARDIER CAPITAL MORTGAGE SECURITIZATION

CORPORATION, SENIOR/SUBORDINATED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2001-A Plaintiff(s),

vs. BARBARA L PROFFITT; DEBRA HALE HATCH; TOMMY HALE; SHAUN HALE; MELANIE HALE ROBERTS; LYNDEL HALE; DONALD E. HALE; JOHN P. HALE, JR., IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF JOHN P. HALE, JR., DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; THOMAS P. HALE; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES OF WILDA HAYES BRADHAM, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS; JOHN P. HALE, JR., AS TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN P. HALE, SR. TRUST DATED 4/26/1993; THOMAS P. HALE AS TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN P. HALE, SR. TRUST DATED 4/26/1993; CAROLYN C. FAULKNER FKA CAROLYN C. HALE Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: JOHN P. HALE, JR., IF LIVING, BUT IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS,

AND TRUSTEES OF JOHN P. HALE, JR., DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANTS

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:
Lot "C" of Pine Tree Estates according to an unrecorded plat, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the intersection of the East line of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, and the Southwesterly Right-of-Way line of State Road 100, thence run North 61 degrees 40 minutes 53 seconds West along said Southwesterly Right of Way line a distance of 856.16 feet, thence run North 61 degrees 14 minutes 06 seconds West along said Southwesterly Right-of-Way line a distance of 1419.89 feet, thence run South 28 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 314.27 feet to the Point of Beginning; from the Point of Beginning, thence continue South 28 degrees 45 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 345.73 feet, thence run North 61 degrees 14 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 203.54 feet to the Easterly Right of Way line of State Road No. S-237, thence run North 01 degrees 30 minutes 51 seconds East along said Easterly Right of Way line of said State Road No. S-237 a distance of 22.35 feet, thence run North 06 degrees 00 minutes 51 seconds East, along said Easterly Right of Way line a distance of 353.35 feet, thence run Southeasterly 350.43 feet to the Point of Beginning

Together with that certain 2000 Homes with Merit mobile home with Vehicle Identification No.s: FLHMLCY14332042A and FLHMLCY14332042B, and Property address: 8976 Southeast County Road 237, Lake Butler, FL 32054
You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak

Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of 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 complaint.

DATED this the 21st day of July, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: CRYSTAL NORMAN
Deputy Clerk

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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a budget workshop for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget on August 8, 2023, at 6 pm at the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall at 200 SW 15th Street Lake Butler, FL 32054.

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LAKE REGION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656: Unit# 213, containing misc. household items.

7/27 2tchg 8/3-LRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801, 83.809), Lake Area Storage, LLC, will sell the following items to the highest and best bidder on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. (EST) at 7101 SR 21, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656: Unit# 318, containing misc. household items.

7/27 2tchg 8/3-LRM

Western Steer: 39 years of memories



Harry Hatcher III (left) talks with Jean Shannon, who was one of the first employees when Western Steer opened in Starke on Jan. 16, 1979. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Ken Weaver and Casey Crawford. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Shannon Smith (far left) points at the back of one of the reunion T-shirts, which says "Love at First Bite" and is worn by Ken Weaver. Also pictured (l-r) are Shawn Burkhalter, Melissa Reddish, Chad Reddish and Cassie Reddish. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Jennifer Reddish, Harry Hatcher IV and Ryan Reddish. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Mackenzie Gault and Alexis Shealey. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Meg Allen and her mother, Christie. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Juanita Proffitt and Deborah Barber. Photo by Traci Waters Photography.



Eddie Brown (front, right) poses for a selfie with Heather Bennett and (back, l-r) Amy Jo Perry, Michelle Sexton and Melissa Reddish.



ABOVE: Michael Andrews, Lisa Gault, Carrie Crews and Ed Crews. RIGHT: Christina Goetzman, Monica Kadlec and Kellie McMillan. Photos by Traci Waters Photography.



STEER

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Approximately five years afterward, a demographics study was conducted for Western Steer on all of the areas in which those restaurants were located. One of the conclusions was that such a restaurant shouldn't be located in Starke.

A demographics study doesn't mean much if the customers say otherwise, and that was the case with Starke's Western Steer, which drew diners from outside of Bradford County. They traveled from places like Bryceville, Keystone Heights, Lake Butler, Maxville and Waldo. Plus, you also had those who were simply passing through town on 301.

As he reflected upon that success in a January 1999 interview, Hatcher said, "All those surrounding areas have really supported us through the years. We really, really, really

appreciate it."

At one time, there were approximately 300 Western Steer restaurants. By the time the Starke restaurant celebrated its 30th anniversary, it was the only Western Steer in existence.

The restaurant's name was eventually changed to The Steakhouse in Starke because more often than not, when somebody referred to it, they called it "the steakhouse" as opposed to "Western Steer."

Whatever name you called it, it was a restaurant that defied the odds — at least from the vantage point of people from the outside looking in. Would a Western Steer have thrived in Gainesville or Jacksonville? Who knows. What is known is that it thrived in Starke.

Hatcher said the longevity was due to more than serving up quality food. In his mind, good food is nothing if you don't provide good service.

"I think what really separates

us is our people," Hatcher said.

Hatcher said no task in the restaurant was important enough to be done while neglecting customers. He stressed to his employees that the ultimate goal was to please the diners. Take care of their needs. Anticipate their needs. If you see that someone's coffee cup is half empty, go ahead and fill it up without being asked to.

"Just some old, Southern hospitality. That's what we're trying to do," Hatcher said.

The buffet

Other than the Steerburger, perhaps what people remember the most about Western Steer was its hot bar. The restaurant didn't always have one, and Hatcher was resistant to adding one at first.

When Western Steer opened, it had a salad bar that Hatcher described as "pretty phenomenal back then." It consisted of 40-50

items — all cold.

"Everybody ranted and raved about how great it was," Hatcher said.

Salad bars were quite the trend in those times. Eventually, restaurants began expanding upon their bar options. Hatcher said one restaurant would begin offering soup. Then another would start offering hot vegetables. Another would add rolls.

Before you knew, hot bars became a thing. In Hatcher's eyes, though, adding a hot bar meant that you'd in essence be operating two restaurants as you had to focus on those food items as well as the cooked-to-order food items that were a part of the menu.

"That makes it pretty difficult," Hatcher said, "but it's something that the public has sort of demanded."

The apron

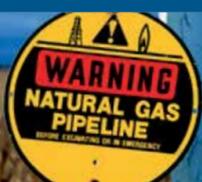
If you didn't know Hatcher personally, you probably still knew who he was if you saw him out in public because of the Western Steer apron he wore. You just took it for granted that if you saw Hatcher, he'd be wearing the apron, but it didn't used to be that way. When he would make trips to the post office or to the bank, for example, he would take the apron off.

Hatcher admitted that maybe he was embarrassed about wearing the apron outside of Western Steer. However, when he thought about it, he concluded that he worked at Western Steer, and the apron was part of his uniform.

Therefore, the apron stayed on until the workday was done. That's how his wife knew that he was done with Western Steer until the next day.

"That's usually when JoAnn knows I'm not going out anywhere or doing anything else," Hatcher said. "When I take my apron and shoes off, she knows I'm through for the day."

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and Blankenship, an RBI single hit by Philip Pombier and a passed ball that scored Pombier. Hartley finished 3 for 3 with two doubles. Blankenship and Davis went 2 for 3 and 2 for 4, respectively.

Bradford played Pace in the first round of the regional playoffs, losing 7-2. The Tornadoes were held to three hits and committed five errors. Five of Pace's runs were unearned.

Burgin and Nichols each drove in a run as Bradford finished 20-9.

2005

Bradford has won only one district championship since Mike Hartley stepped down as coach after the 2000 season. That occurred under Coach Shane McFadyen in 2005.

The Tornadoes entered the District 4-3A tournament with 17 wins. They reached the championship game with a 7-1 win over Fort White, with pitcher Drew Jackson giving up five hits

and no earned runs, striking out eight in a complete-game performance.

Lance Griffis drove in two runs with a solo homer in the second and a single as part of a three-run fifth that also included sac-fly RBI by Cole Rhoden and John Sanford. Rusty Wood hit a two-run single in the fourth, while Jackson hit a solo home run in the sixth.

Griffis and Derek Saucer went 2 for 2 and 2 for 3, respectively.

The Tornadoes faced Keystone Heights in the championship game, with Jonathan Duncan

driving in a run in the bottom of the eighth for a 3-2 win.

Bradford trailed 2-0 in the seventh. Saucer and Sanford each singled, with both scoring on a Ryan O'Neal single.

O'Neal finished 2 for 3 at the plate.

The Indians' Wil Breton led off the top of the eighth with a double off stating pitcher Evan Denmark. Duncan entered to relieve Denmark and picked Breton off at second. Duncan then struck out two straight batters.

In the bottom of the eighth,

Jason Smyth doubled. After Saucer was intentionally walked, Duncan hit the single that scored Smith and ended the game.

It was another late rally in the regional quarterfinals, with O'Neal this time providing the winning hit as Bradford got past Episcopal by a score of 2-1.

Both Bradford runs were scored in the bottom of the seventh. Saucer led off the inning by reaching on an error. Rhoden then drew a walk, while Sanford was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Griffis drove in one run to tie the score. After Jackson was

intentionally walked, O'Neal delivered his walk-off hit.

The Tornadoes' season came to an end with a 3-1 loss to Pensacola Catholic in the regional semifinals.

Bradford, which was held to two hits, scored in the fifth. Griffis reached on an error. Michael Tew entered to run for him and scored on a Denmark single.

Denmark pitched, giving up four hits in a losing effort.

The Tornadoes' final record was 20-9.



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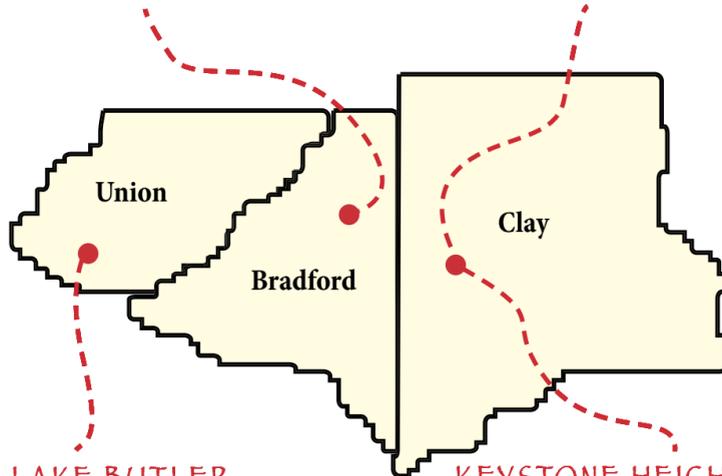
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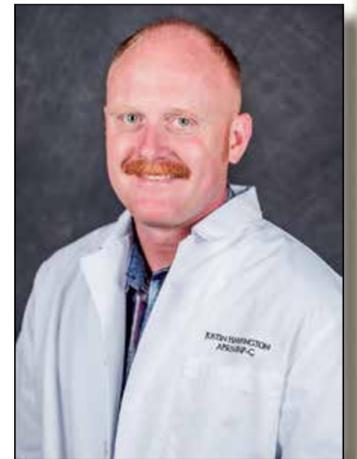
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