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Area prepares for hurricane winds as Idalia crosses Florida

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

A Florida-bound storm reached Category 1 hurricane strength and was projected to reach Category 3 by the time it makes landfall on the west coast sometime between Wednesday morning and afternoon.

Idalia formed as a tropical storm over the Caribbean and strengthened as it moved northeast with much of the southern United States in its path, including north Florida, south Georgia and the Carolinas.

In addition to heavy rainfall and the potential for flooding, officials were warning of wind speeds as high as 110 mph inland and even higher on the coast. Tornadoes are also a threat.

With Idalia expected to travel across north Florida on Wednesday, school, businesses and government offices announced closures. Some began closing Tuesday afternoon. Bradford and Clay county schools will be closed Wednesday, while Union County closed schools on Wednesday and Thursday. Sports and other event schedules were also disrupted.

Emergency management opened an evacuation shelter at the Bradford



Fairgrounds at 4 p.m. on Tuesday. A shelter at Keystone Heights High School opened at 3 p.m. and the shelter at Union County High School opened at 5 p.m.

Cities and counties also helped residents prepare by opening sandbag filling locations, sending alerts and informing residents to stock up on food, water, fuel, cash, medication

and other supplies for two to three days following the storm.

Mobile home residents, others in structurally unsound homes and those living in low-lying areas were strongly encouraged to evacuate to a shelter or a more secure location.

According to officials, aside from flash flooding, the main threats for this storm were strong sustained winds and tornadoes, causing downed trees, downed powerlines, power outages, and widespread structure damage near the center of Hurricane Idalia.

Elsewhere, storm surge watches were in effect for parts of Florida, from Englewood to Indian Pass, and including Tampa Bay. A storm surge watch means there is a possibility of life-threatening inundation.

"If this storm hits at high tide, storm surge could and would reach 8 to 12 feet in some areas and so that would be a life-threatening storm surge," Gov. Ron DeSantis said Tuesday morning. To those being evacuated from low-lying and coastal areas, he said, "You run from the water and you hide from the wind."

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Five Below announces Starke grand opening

Five Below said it will hold a grand opening at its Starke location on Sept. 1. The teen and tween discount store, with over 1,100 locations in 40 states, offers products under \$5 and a small selection of goods priced between \$5 and \$25.

Five Below's Bradford Square location is adjacent to an anticipated T.J. Maxx store. Five Below also said it is now hiring for the Starke outlet. Applicants may apply at FiveBelow.com.

Firefighter injured, food trailer lost

STARKE— Bradford County Fire Rescue said one of its firefighters was injured while battling a shed fire on Monday, Aug. 28.

Chief Ben Carter said the blaze in the 20000 block of Northeast 20th Lane was on a detached structure and was a total loss. The incident occurred east of U.S. 301 between Lawtey and Starke.

"He had minor burns to his hand," Carter said of the first responder. "They really didn't even treat it."

Carter said a door on the shed burned through one of the man's protective gloves.

In a separate incident the following day, a food trailer was destroyed after catching fire in the 5900 block of Northwest 211th Street. The incident occurred in the area of State Road 16 West and Northwest 216th Street, also known as Crawford Road.

Carter said the unit was not in operation at the time of the blaze and that fire rescue was able to save the truck to which the trailer was attached. The food trailer was parked at the owner's residence, and the truck sustained minor damage.

Children's creativity celebrated at Art Walk

The First Friday Art Walk in Melrose will feature children's art from 4-Corners Community School at Mossman Hall. The kids have been hard at work all year to deliver another round of beautiful, fun artwork, and there is much more in store.

There will be food trucks and shaved ice, live music by Ambient Benevolence, kids arts 'n crafts activities, face painting, outdoor games and a raffle with awesome prizes!

Proceeds from this month's Art Walk will directly fund an educational experience for the children at the school.



Leave a Legacy 2023 honorees (seated, l-r) Margaret DeSue, Anne Miller and John Miller are joined by members of the Bradford County Education Foundation (l-r) Eugenia Whitehead, Christina Cornwell, Brenda Donaldson, Dimple Overstreet, Keith Kirby, Cheryl Canova, Paula Register, Sarah Long, Leisa Sims, Chrissy Thompson, Justin Durrance, Brenda Thornton, Matt Dyal, Lisa Gault and Vorease Jones. The foundation has presented Leave a Legacy as an annual event since 2018. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Millers, DeSue honored by Education Foundation

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times-Monitor General Manager

STARKE — The Bradford County Education Foundation honored Margaret DeSue, John Miller and Anne Miller during a fundraising dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 25.

DeSue served as a custodian at Bradford Middle School for 17 years, where she was affectionately known as "Grandma." Anne Miller taught business at Bradford High School and the middle school. John Miller,

publisher of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor, had a role in launching the education foundation in 1990.

Foundation President Cheryl Canova emceed the event, which included videoed interviews of the honorees and a question-and-answer session led by County Judge D. Tatum Davis.

Dinner catered by the Downtown Grill was followed by a fundraiser called the Dessert Dash in which each table collected donations for priority in selecting a cake for dessert. The after-dinner fundraiser netted over \$11,000 for the foundation.

'I Can't call her Ms. DeSue'

In her interview, DeSue said she worked as a cook at Starke's Garden Restaurant for over 20 years before the eatery burned down.

From there, she joined the school district and remained at the middle school for nearly two decades.

After retiring from the school district, she launched a third career at Denmark Furniture, working part-time, cooking and cleaning, combining her earlier occupations.

DeSue recalled that one day at the middle school, her grandson Eric, a student at the school, spotted her and said, "Grandma. Grandma."

"I turned around, and his teacher said: 'Eric, that's not Grandma. That's Ms. DeSue,' the honoree recalled. "And Eric said: 'That's my grandma. I cannot call her Ms. DeSue.' And that's how I got the name 'Grandma' at the middle school."

DeSue added that working with the students at the middle school kept her young.

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Lake Butler city manager resigns interim post

Claims commission is clueless about city's dismal financial condition

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — Richard Tillis, former Lake Butler City Manager and current interim city manager, has resigned effective immediately.

Tillis came on board with the city temporarily — he was retired and 81 years old — offering to work with the board long enough for them to understand the financial straits the city was in after the mismanagement of funds by the most recent city manager, Dale Walker and have the time to locate applicants and hire a new manager.

He cited his love for the city and the impulse to try and help it recover from financial disaster.

Had no idea what he had taken on

During Tillis' tenure as interim manager, he agreed to several interviews and conversations with the Times and said he had no idea what he had taken on. He said that he was finding inappropriate spending, money transferred from account to account, and a maze of apparently intentional obfuscations of where the funds were going, including the inclusion of grant funds, which should have been segregated into special funds, included in the general fund to inflate the illusion that the city was on a firm financial footing.

With hours of pouring over three

years of financial statements and eventual help from city auditors Powell and Jones, Tillis was able to determine the exact financial position of the city, and the picture was dismal. After determining the issues, Tillis then developed a budget for the city in the coming fiscal year, which, in his own words, was "the first time I have ever formulated a budget with no capital outlay planned for in any of the funds." In his budget introduction, he stated that there was no extra money anywhere in the city coffers and that even the reserves had been spent. All three city funds were depleted below the state requirement for a governmental body to have enough in reserve to operate for three (with six being recommended) months without income in situations such as natural disasters.

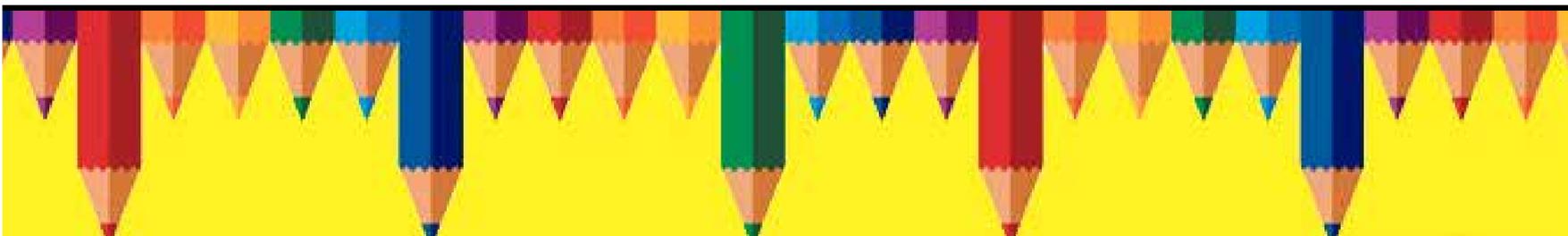
Finance director also gone

Tillis said in an interview during his development of the budget that he had to work essentially from scratch because he had no reliable records to work from and that many of the amounts listed for various expenses had to be derived from researching the costs himself.

Tillis and Finance Director John Sapp worked on the budget for several months to try and make everything work as it should within the city's means. The finished tentative budget document was austere and cut to the bone to keep city services at their current level, help the city begin to recover financially, and prepare for expenses coming in the future.

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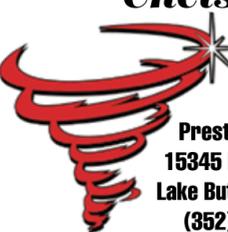
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Pink Ladies banquet spotlights volunteers and lifesaving services

BY MELISSA PYLE
Telegraph Staff Writer

The Bradford Health Care Auxiliary, also known as the "Pink Ladies," hosted its annual banquet on Aug. 8. The banquet was attended by volunteers, past and present, local law enforcement and fire rescue team personnel.

The evening served as a time to recognize all the hours served by the volunteers. The Bradford Health Care Auxiliary, more recently known as the Shands Health Care Auxiliary, but also lovingly called the "Pink Ladies" has served the community since 1956.

Linda Johns is the current president and loves serving alongside the many volunteers. This year the volunteers served for a combined 6,054 hours. The services they offer vary, and as Sheriff Gordon Smith so aptly called them, "pink angels", they most often serve in the background.

Their fundraising for the past year allowed them to donate \$3,000 to local law enforcement. These funds helped to purchase clip on tourniquets. These tourniquets attach to the belt of emergency personnel. Sheriff Smith said this saves valuable time when an officer or medic comes onto an accident scene. Instead of running back to their emergency vehicle and find a tourniquet, they have it on hand. Seconds can cost or save life, he said.

The group also raised \$9,500 to donate to the Bradford County Fire Rescue, which purchased new pediatric jump bags. The



Local law enforcement was proud to honor the ladies who have been serving the community alongside them over the last year. Pictured: Sheriff Gordon Smith, Lawley Police Chief Jerry Feltner, Auxiliary President Linda Johns, Treasurer Linda Hildebran, Recording Secretary Virginia Linzy, Col. Brad Smith, Col. Barry Warren.

items in these bags are used to administer specialized medical care to children in emergency situations.

The banquet recognized the winner of this year's scholarship as well. Shelby Burkhalter received this year's award. She is currently finishing her nursing degree but has been serving as a part time.

Bradford County medic Burkhalter was honored to receive the award and was grateful that her grandmother, Sylvia Brown, a former Pink Lady volunteer for 20 years,

was there to witness the special occasion.

Leadership roles were presented during the banquet. This year's leadership includes President Linda Johns, Treasurer Linda Hildebran, 1st Vice President Charlotte Williams, 2nd Vice President Loretta Edwards, Correspondence Secretary Gertrude Griffis and Recording Secretary Virginia Linzy.

One of the groups unseen tasks is performing wellness checks. The volunteers serve in the sheriff's office to call citizens who live alone, are elderly or

have other health needs. This service can save lives. If a person falls or has a medical emergency, it may be days before they are reached, but with the wellness check phone calls, the sheriff's office would send over a deputy to check on a person who has not answered their phone.

This service is readily available, and residents can call the sheriff's office to be placed on the list. Sheriff Smith said this service gives a lifeline. Smith also said they have moved the ladies to the front of the office, so they are "the face the community



Nursing student Shelby Burkhalter joined by her grandmother, Sylvia Brown, a former Bradford Auxiliary volunteer. Burkhalter was the proud recipient of this year's Pink Lady Scholarship.

sees when they come in the office." These ladies make a difference for people who are in crisis and come into the sheriff's office for help.

The auxiliary fundraises throughout the year, but Johns said their biggest fundraiser is the sale of the famous strawberry shortcakes at the fair each year. Many of the current volunteers are retired and in their seventies

or older. The Bradford County Health Care Auxiliary wants the community to know that it's open to all ages and encourages more people to volunteer. Although they've had the Pink Lady nickname, they also ask men to serve. If you are interested in volunteering one hour or several hours a week, they would love to add some more "angels" to their roster.

Emergency management secures food assistance with new partnership

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The 90-year-old said that now that she is retired for good, she plans to spend time at Concerned Citizen's youth program at RJE and with the young people at her church.

"I have to take care of the little children at my church and cook for them," DeSue said. I just have to keep moving."

'My friends all thought I was nuts.'

Anne Miller said she lived in Starke growing up but traveled to the Southwestern U.S. after marrying John Miller and joining him on his assignments.

After a tour in Southeast Asia, John returned to Anne and their two children, born one year apart.

John started work at the Bradford County Telegraph, and Anne earned a business education degree from the University of Florida.

She taught high school students for over a decade before transferring to Bradford Middle School.

"My friends all thought I was nuts because the discipline was quite different," she said. "But I loved all my students."

Miller said she taught the sixth through eighth graders business skills like typing by touch and how to fill out applications, draft resumes, and prepare for interviews.

Miller added that she found the younger students more receptive than the high school students, particularly seniors whom she said were more focused on their post-graduate plans than the classroom material.

The business educator also talked about her life after teaching, saying she learned to play the guitar and eventually formed a band called the Joyful Noisemakers.

She added that she still



Anne and John Miller enjoy a laugh during the Q-and-A segment. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

practices yoga and serves as the secretary of her church's women's group.

A vision for a nursing school in Starke

During his interview, John Miller recalled that his family moved to Bradford County from Tennessee, saying, "We were more redneck in Tennessee than

the folks in Bradford County."

He graduated from Bradford High in 1961 and played on the school's undefeated football team. The squad won the Keystone Conference championship before the state high school championship tournament was organized.

Miller said the Bradford County Education Foundation was the brainchild of Starke businessman and philanthropist Guy Andrews.



Margaret "Grandma" DeSue (left) answers a question posed by emcee Tatum Davis. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

"He was very adamant about the fact that we needed to assist Bradford County's school system in raising funds and helping them and guide them and direct them," Miller said.

The Telegraph publisher added that with scholarships provided by the foundation and its partnership with Santa Fe College, any student with ambition should be able to get a two-year degree at a minimal cost.

Miller also promoted his dream of establishing a Santa Fe College nursing school in Starke, telling the crowd that the underutilized space at HCA Florida's Starke Emergency Department would be a perfect fit for the school. He also said that nearby Clay County hospitals could provide students with clinical opportunities.

Miller also promoted his newspapers, particularly its coverage of high school sports. He also said Bradford County

has many success stories and stressed the importance of area economic growth.

"We need the people in Bradford County, Union County, and Keystone Heights to be able to stay home, earn good wages, and be a part of our communities," he said.

Celebrating 33 years

Foundation President Cheryl Canova gave an overview of the organization's activities.

She said independent nonprofits like the Bradford foundation support 60 Florida school districts. Canova added that the Bradford County Education Foundation is one of only six in the state that is all-volunteer.

She highlighted the foundation's projects, including obtaining grants for middle and elementary school math and STEM programs, field trips, scholarships, grant writing, teacher training, spelling bee support, alumni activities, book fairs, and fundraising.



Frank Sheffield Jr. (left) and Chris Page grab their cakes during the dessert dash. Photo by Cliff Smelley.



The dessert dash wasn't supposed to have obstacles, but Jeff Oody (left) finds his way impeded by Brad Smith. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Williams ready to work in new home as BHS assistant principal

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Crystal Williams had already made her home in Bradford County. Now, she's ready to start a career there as the new assistant principal at Bradford High School.

"I'm really excited," said Williams, who's entering her 12th year in education. "I'm very thankful that the opportunity came about."

Williams, who was previously the assistant principal at Ocala's Liberty Middle School, has spent her entire career in education in Marion and Sumter counties. She and her husband, Josh, and their three children (Bri, 19, Clayton, 16, Eli, 6) moved to Bradford County last summer. Williams said she was definitely interested in the BHS job when it was posted, but wasn't sure at first if she'd apply.

"I thought they probably already had someone in mind," she said, "but I did a lot of praying on it and decided to apply."

"When everything worked out, it feels like the place to be. Everything just feels right."

The phrase "everything just feels right" could've been uttered by Williams earlier in her life, when she decided that her career was in education.

Fulfilling her passion

When she was a young child, Williams was convinced that she would grow up to do something with art. She fell in love with math as she got older and then had thoughts of becoming an architect.

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

That's when Williams decided to be a math teacher. She had already been teaching others as she was involved in her school's Mu Alpha Theta math-tutoring program.

"I had started realizing through that after-school tutoring program that I really had a passion for helping people understand math and feel confident with



Crystal Williams, who was an assistant principal at Ocala's Liberty Middle School the past two years, is the new assistant principal at Bradford High School. She is entering her 12th year in education. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

math. I also started to see that connection between the teacher and the student understanding."

Yet Williams said she tried to talk herself out of becoming a teacher, intending to work toward a business degree when she entered college.

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

Williams earned her bachelor's degree at St. Leo University, which offers pre-internships for up-and-coming teachers, where they spend one day a week in a classroom.

"In Marion County, there were several schools across the district," Williams said. "I basically got to go to a different middle school each semester and see the difference in teaching styles and administrative styles."

"Part of the experience was to do something they call 'grand rounds.' Even though you have the teacher you're assigned to, you spend a day going to several different teachers' classrooms to observe."

It was a great experience, as was her final, full-time internship, which took place at Belleview Middle School.

"I had a great internship teacher who really let me take over," Williams said. "A lot of

people, in their internships, don't get to really take over. My intern teacher taught me and then me try."

Another benefit of her final internship was that she was able to familiarize herself with Belleview Middle School, which is where her career began after graduation.

"I was lucky enough to already know the school and know some of the staff members," Williams said. "It felt very natural. Of course, like anything new, there were growing pains, having to learn different things, with different challenges coming and going, but there was a great support system there."

Greater impact

Williams said she knew early on she wanted to go into administration. In fact, she began working toward her master's degree (which she also earned at St. Leo) after the second year of her eight-year teaching career.

"I've always had this strong feeling that the success of the student is really rooted in their relationship with their teacher," Williams said. "The success of that teacher is very important. That's where the administration really plays a big role. That's where that passion and drive come from. I felt like if I could be that administrator to support those teachers, then I could have a bigger impact on student success."

During her final year in the classroom (which was at the high-school level), Williams taught geometry for three periods in the morning. Then, she spent three periods serving as an instructional coach in the math department.

Williams became a full-time instructional coach the following year at Liberty Middle School. Though the school only had two assistant principals, Williams said the joke was that she was the third AP.

In all seriousness, though, she was allowed to perform many administrative duties.

"That's where I started to really get hands-on leadership experience," Williams said, adding, "They called me a quasi-administrator, but they really

let me do all the things. I got to experience all the different pieces of the school I was not able to before."

Liberty was where she developed into the administrator she is today, Williams said. She eventually became the testing coordinator, fulfilling those duties along with instructional coaching.

Two years prior to being hired as BHS assistant principal, Williams was hired as Liberty Middle School's AP of discipline after the person occupying that position left shortly after the school year began. Williams said the fact she was already at the school didn't mean she was the automatic choice to step into that role. She and other applicants had to appear in front of a panel of various school members for interviews. She then had to be nominated as a finalist, which resulted in interviewing with the superintendent of schools.

"Our principal had no say," Williams said, adding, "Some people have that misconception that you just get the position,

but that's not how they had it structured there. I appreciated that."

Williams said she thought she had a good understanding of what an assistant principal did based upon her previous roles, but as the assistant principal of discipline, she saw a whole other side of administration.

"It was a constant learning curve," she said. "I would say I learned something new every day. I was lucky that I had a team of people I could talk to and have open communication with."

Her second year presented a leap forward, based on those previous year's experiences and the fact she got to work that summer in the role of an AP.

"Last year, I really felt like I started to move to the next level," Williams said. "OK, I've figured out the basics. Now, I can start to plan and develop and grow and try to help the school move forward."

A new start

Bradford High School enters

the school year with a new assistant principal and principal, though Principal Chris Coffey is no stranger, having filled Williams' role the previous five years.

"I'm really excited about working with Chris," Williams said. "He's very knowledgeable. He's part of this community. I'm really excited to work with him and learn from him."

"I feel like we complement each other very well in our goals and work ethic and what we want to accomplish here for our students."

Williams probably wouldn't have been in position to be a complement to Coffey if not for the fact her family moved to Bradford County, taking the opportunity to buy property that belonged to her husband's grandmother Joyce Williams. Josh's parents (Jerry and Christie) both grew up in Bradford and are graduates of BHS. Williams admitted it's "very cool" to now be working at the school her in-

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Union preps for Idalia

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — It seems our area will be getting an unwanted visitor during the middle of the week — one intended to make its presence known for about two days before moving on.

Everyone has been watching what is now known as Tropical Storm Idalia for the past week. For most of this time, it has appeared on the weather forecasts as a rather shapeless blob, hanging out between the Yucatan Peninsula and Cuba, but in the past couple of days, things have changed. It has recently been promoted from a nameless tropical depression to a named tropical storm and has started to move northeast at about eight mph, headed straight for North Central Florida, with both Union and Bradford counties included in the cone of uncertainty — meaning that we will see some heavy weather from the storm. Still, it's not certain how much.

County and school districts respond

Local officials are taking the matter seriously, with Union County Schools announcing that afterschool activities were canceled for Tuesday, Aug. 29, with the school closed on Wednesday, Aug. 30, and Thursday, Aug. 31.

All school-related activities for these days will also be suspended.

As of the reporting deadline for the Times, it is not known yet whether Union County will open the shelter for people who feel it unsafe to remain in their homes, but the board of county commissioners has called an emergency meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 29 to discuss and decide on the matter. Should the shelter be opened, the following details will be necessary.

Shelter details

The Union County Shelter is located at Union County High School and will serve all evacuees, including those with special (i.e., medical) needs. The shelter is pet friendly, but pet owners must meet all of their animal's needs, bringing a crate or cage with bedding where the animal must reside. Owners are also responsible for bringing extra bedding for several days to meet their pet's sanitary needs and food and water.

Human evacuees should expect to find a safe place to stay and will be provided with a cot. They must bring bedding, clothing, food, and water for several days (preferably a week). Persons on medication should be sure to bring it with them and any medical equipment or devices they require. Essential papers and other valuables should also be brought along but stored in a bag or fanny pack that can be kept with you at all times, as

there will not be a secure storage facility.

It is also suggested that evacuees bring a limited number of toys and books for children to help keep them occupied, and adults are also encouraged to bring books, puzzle books, or cards for their own needs.

Electronic devices are not encouraged for entertainment; if the cell tower service goes down, they will not have internet access. It is important to bring enough supplies, but not so much that it will get in your way.

Union County Emergency Management wants all residents to know that if conditions are projected to be bad enough to require the shelter to open, they should evacuate if in an unsafe situation. Conditions can worsen, so emergency vehicles cannot answer calls, so it is better to be safe than sorry.

Storm update

According to the National Hurricane Center, tropical force winds are expected to arrive in the area sometime between late evening on Tuesday and early morning on Wednesday, with the bulk of the storm predicted to come later that afternoon.

The forecast for Union County calls for winds ranging from 30-40 mph sustained, with gusts possible as high as 110 mph. Idalia is expected to be a Category 3 hurricane when it makes landfall, similar in intensity to Hurricane Irma in 2017.

There is a great possibility of tornadoes forming on the storm's leading edge. There is a slight (15%) possibility of flash flooding in some areas, with predicted 3-6 inches of rain.

The National Weather Service has issued a warning for the Santa Fe River near Worthington Springs, effective from Thursday morning until further notice.

On Monday, Aug. 28, at 8:15 p.m., the river stage was 54.18 feet. The river is expected to be above flood stage (59 feet) late Thursday morning and rise to a crest of 60.7 feet early Friday afternoon.

This will flood Chastain-Seay Park and cause flooding along the river, impacting boat ramps, docks, campgrounds, and the roads leading to them.

If the flood stage in Union County reaches 62 feet or more, then the flooding will expand across farmland south of CR-18 and approach or cover the road surface about one mile east of Southwest CR-241.

Residents should be reminded not to drive through the standing water on roads and to drive more slowly on wet roads.

Aftereffects of the storm are expected to be flooding, downed trees and powerlines, and possible structural damage to roofs and some buildings. Mobile homes and older buildings tend to be more susceptible to storm damage.

Union commissioners review audit

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Staff Writer

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Board of Commissioners received its annual comprehensive financial report, including its annual audit, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2022, at the August board meeting.

The audit was presented as a PowerPoint presentation by Zach Chalifour of the firm James Moore & Co. The hard copy book usually given to commissioners at the time of the report was delayed due to printing issues, but this issue has been resolved, and the document is now in the commissioner's hands.

It is combined in the Annual Comprehensive Report generated by Union County Clerk of Courts and Comptroller Kellie Hendricks Rhoades CPA and her staff, which gives a detailed overview of the county and its financial condition.

No cases of non-compliance

It was noted that the previous year's financial report received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial

Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Annual audits are conducted not only on the financial activities of the board but also on the office of the other county constitutional officers, including the clerk of court, the property appraiser, the tax collector, the sheriff and the supervisor of elections.

According to the audit report, there were no cases of non-compliance (failure to follow established financial standards and laws for internal control, reporting, and material weaknesses) in these offices.

The only issue reported that needs improvement is the limitations and weaknesses of the Depreciation Solutions software used to track capital assets, and the clerk's office is working to implement a solution.

General fund boosted by ARPA

The presentation focused on the county's general fund. Overall, the fund is on solid financial footing, with a total of \$6,028,702 at the end of the fiscal year.

This total is significantly higher than in the previous two years due to the receipt by the

county of \$2.7 million in ARPA funds. The fund contains the necessary reserves to cover expenses should there be an emergency, 44%, up from the previous fiscal year's figure of 34.4%.

In the other county funds, there are no deficit fund balances or restricted funds spent outside the applicable restrictions.

Reports of the fund balances for the past 10 years, provided by Rhoades, show a stable financial position, with the expected dip in balances during the COVID pandemic, then an increasing financial stability during the recovery from that fiscally stressful episode.

No deficits in 10 years

At no time has the county had any deficit in fund balances in the past ten years.

"Financially, 2022 was a routine year as we continued to find a new normal after COVID," Rhoades said. "The county is financially stable."

All of the information and records provided by Rhoades for the county audit were generated by her office and examined and reported on by James Moore &

Co.

Understandable financial statements

The recently contracted CPA firm of Thomas, Howell and Ferguson had no part in the data compilation. This firm was recently hired to work with the clerk's office to produce more readable and understandable financial statements for commissioners and other officials.

"I believe this firm can bring value to our internal financial reports," Rhoades said, "but I want to make sure they are not duplicating the work already done by myself and my staff. We are open to any changes that will make our financial reporting better and more accessible to the appropriate officials."

The county is preparing to begin another fiscal year with the budget nearing completion. As soon as it is ready for consideration and approval, the cycle starts again, gathering the information of the previous (2022-23) fiscal year to comply with the auditing process.

MANAGER

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Tillis had initially tendered his resignation to be effective Aug. 30 but later chose to accelerate his departure to Aug. 22 in the face of a commission budget workshop set on that date.

He did not attend the workshop, and neither did Sapp, who has also resigned. At that meeting, the commission dissected the budget, with several line items needing to be explained to them by the city manager who served previous to Walker, Dave Mecusker (who was present in the audience), and another city employee.

Decades of reserves depleted

Below is Tillis' resignation letter stating the reasons for his early departure. In this document, he explains in detail his reasons for his early exit and his regret that he is leaving a job unfinished.

The document, dated Aug. 16, 2023, was addressed to Lake Butler Mayor David Stegall and the Lake Butler City Commission members.

"I feel obligated to let the commission know that my last day of employment with the City of Lake Butler will be August 30, 2023. I also feel I have to provide reasons why I am leaving and can't stay. I am disappointed that I was unable to finish my work and complete the goal set when I started. However, I am proud of the work I was able to accomplish, even in spite of continuous opposition, interference and micro-managing by one commissioner.

This is a problem not only for the manager, but for the commission as a whole. The city should know its financial



Tillis

condition, but I am not convinced that you really comprehend how bad the financial condition of the city really is. But you will by this time next year if you don't make dramatic improvement. For almost three years there was no general oversight by the board over the city's operations. Vast amounts of funds were allowed to be wasted and spent without restriction. Hundreds of thousands of dollars that it took the city literally decades to put aside as reserve funds, Gone!

'We have a non-functional government'

I volunteered to come here at 81 years of age because I thought I could help. I had an eleven-year record of successful operation with this very city. I have been able to provide some help this time, but it has mostly been without board support.

Sure, many of you have expressed appreciation for what I've done, but I didn't have your support! All of you know the problem, but you refuse to address it, and rather choose to ignore it. Hard decisions don't come easy.

That is a failure by the board, not the manager. You each were elected to serve the best interests of the citizens and provide for the general welfare, health, safety and well-being of your constituents.

I don't see that happening. Each of you are expected to have a voice in how that occurs, then after expressing that voice cast your vote independently on how you think the best interest of the city is served. That doesn't happen.

One person is allowed to dominate the meeting and the discussion, and the rest simply follow along. We basically have a non-functional government, not serving the best interests of its citizens.

What I see is the inability to make key decisions when needed and when you are given the information you need to do so, but then failing to do so and tabling the matter.

When necessary, decisions aren't made, and management can't function well either.

'I'm wasting my time

I feel I can't be effective here any longer and I'm wasting my time. Interference and undue criticisms have already resulted in the loss of most of the city hall operating staff.

How long will you continue to be inactive? You need to protect the remaining staff. Be patient and caring. Their workload will be immense. Give them your support, not your criticism.

I don't say this to be critical. I share this with you after working with functional, effective city governments for more than 35 years. I know how they should work. I share with you the benefit of what I have learned about city government during those 35 years.

It's up to each one of you to

make the needed improvement if it is to get better.

First, I think you need to decide if you want to operate a commission-city manager form of government.

Right now, it's obvious some of you don't. If you do, I suggest that every one of you immediately take the course offered by the Florida League of Cities, in person, not online, but face to face, for city commissioners. If you've already taken the course, do it again.

Apparently, the first time wasn't enough. It will help you to do your job properly and effectively. You will not only be helped individually but how to function better as a group.

Time is short

Today, you are not operating as a commission-manager form of government. I would suggest this be done before you hire a new manager. Otherwise, he will be here for a very short period of time and will then be looking to leave.

These are reasons why I can't continue to be a part of this environment. I truly do wish you success in the future for the sake of the citizens."

Upon the receipt of this document, the Times attempted to contact the mayor, city commissioners, and Tillis and they either refused to comment at that time or were unavailable for comment.

The city is still conducting budget workshops and will also hold public hearings on the budget, all in the month of September.

The board recently voted to appoint Mayor David Stegall as acting city manager until it can locate and hire a "permanent" person to fill the post. The city is operating with no finance director at this time.

Friends and Family Day at New Bethel

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

Collection site holiday closure

Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day. They will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m.

New school holds first PTO meeting

BY CAROL MOSLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

BROOKER — Now that Brooker Community School is up and running, the Parent Teacher Organization is looking for parents who want to join in planning school activities.

This first meeting focused on coordinating the October "Fall Festival" that has been a community tradition for many years.

Teacher Stephanie Nash, who led the discussion, said perhaps the name should be the PCO, since the dedicated community volunteers made up the bulk of attendance this time. Elections of any officers were delayed until more parental involvement can be garnered.

Some folks that had expressed interest said they couldn't attend this time but will be involved in the future. Additional effort will be made to get the word out in

hopes of recruitment.

Meanwhile, this group was moving forward with tending to the logistics for the Fall Festival. This is a "FUNdraiser" for the school, so there will be raffle ticket sales for various prizes. Board Secretary Jerome Kelly has already been soliciting items from local businesses, and showed up with an expensive tool. He's obtained numerous promises from others.

Businesses that want to help can donate gift certificates, tools, cash or services. In the past, a shotgun was an item offered by a private individual, and expectations are it will likely be one of the items again this year.

Letters will be sent home with the students asking parents to volunteer at the event or help with the organizing. Tickets will be sold for activities at the booths. The price will be 5 for \$1 when purchased prior to the event. It

was noted that no child should miss the fun, so accommodations will be made for families with strained budgets.

There will be the typical food trucks on hand to keep attendees fed. And, a cake walk temptation for a dessert to take home. There will be bounce houses and a hay ride. Maybe even a zipline? There will be a fall-themed backdrop scene for family photos to fill the memory albums.

It was decided to forgo the greased pig event this year. But, at the end of the festival, suggested Chair Suzanne McCree, it will be pumpkin chuckin' time, a favorite activity of the older kids.

No doubt this creative group of parents, teachers and community volunteers will come up with even more fun activities, so watch for details. To volunteer or donate items, call 352-485-1545.

Bradford 4-H Awards Banquet

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

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

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).

Qualifying City of Raiford Mayor & Town Council 2023

Qualifying will be from Noon Monday, August 28, 2023, through Noon Friday, September 1, 2023, at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 175 W Main St, Lake Butler, Florida. All interested candidates must have been a registered voter in the City of Raiford for the past six months. A Mayor and five City Council Members will be elected.

Voter registration books close at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2023

The Raiford City Election will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at Raiford City Hall from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

For more information contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 386-496-2236

No compromise so far on mining

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County commissioners continue to hear from both sides, but there's been no compromise on how to amend the county's regulations on mining permits.

At the center of the disagreement is whether wetlands can be restored after mining. The answer depends on who is at the microphone. One side sees wetlands and their benefits worthy of protecting them from new mining activities. For the other, prohibiting mining and excavation in wetlands amounts an outright ban on mining in the county, even though the mining and restoration processes are already regulated.

Paul Still brought an endorsement from the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District for the changes drafted by North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, which have already been adopted in Union County. In general, it's an excellent document, he said.

"It is really what is needed for environmental protection here in Bradford County, particularly in protecting our wetlands," Still said, also offering suggestions for further distinguishing between mining and borrow pits.

Still said wetlands cannot be restored after mining.

Tim Hollingsworth was among the Chemours employees in the audience.

"I can say that in my 15 years with the company, I've never seen a company more dedicated to the county and the environment," he said. Not only that, the minerals mined by Chemours are used in the manufacture of items used by everyone, he said.

Carol Mosley said wetlands have been under appreciated and destroyed for hundreds of years.

"We know the value of functioning wetlands and their ability to clean pollutants, replenish the aquifer, protect against flooding, provide habitat for animals and nurseries for fish, which we need for our

fisheries," she said. By comparison, ecotourism contributes more to the economy than mining, she said.

According to Mosley, state regulations are broad and not tailored to the county's needs.

"They are minimal standards that broadly apply across the state. Locales need their own specific protections for vital natural resources," she said. "We are part of a region that shares many of our natural resources, such as rivers and wetlands."

Mosley said the proposed changes would not impact Chemours current operation, only future permit application.

Joanne Tremblay representing Our Santa Fe River said mining adversely affects the water basin, disrupting and changing the flow of water, resulting in flooding that causes taxpayers millions of dollars as well as decreasing water quality and threatening endangered species.

"The decision to protect the wetlands from mining will help minimize future damage to our river basin. The damage that this industry has brought to our area is immense, from deforestation to fractured hydrology. They are not good stewards of our land and have no incentive to change. The only protection we have going forward is to stop them from mining any more wetlands," she said.

Representing Sierra Club, Kristin Rubin said the county needs "comprehensive and meaningful" regulations for mining activities. Protecting the public's health and safety is the commission's job, she said.

"Wetlands play many key hydrologic roles in sustaining the health of our environment. These roles include groundwater recharge, attenuation of floodwaters, and the filtration of nutrients and pesticides that can be present in surface runoff. They also provide food and shelter for many wildlife species, including species that are listed as threatened or endangered," she said.

Attorney Beth Moore returned

to represent Chemours, saying the commission should not attempt to prohibit all mining that impacts wetlands and surface waters. She said the wetlands impacts caused by Chemours mining are "primarily temporary."

"After the reclamation process, any wetlands that have been impacted are restored and can potentially function better than the wetlands that were already in place. For example, if there was a low quality wetland, then it can potentially be put back in place and restored to a higher quality wetland," she said.

Through the proposed comprehensive plan changes, Moore said the county would also be treating mining differently than any other development activity that is allowed to impact wetlands.

"There's an existing regulatory process in place with the state to allow a property owner to impact wetlands on their property, whether they're building a house, a road, a restaurant, you name it. But the proposal here is to treat mining differently than any other activity that would be allowed to get a permit, which I think is troubling and problematic," she said.

While prohibiting mining may be what some want, it's not what's best for the county, according to Moore.

"So let's say there's a mineral rich pocket of dry upland, but in order to access it, you'd have to build a road through a low quality wetland that could have been later restored to a higher quality wetland after the reclamation process. Under the proposed amendment to the comprehensive plan this mining would not be allowed, regardless of fact that it could get a permit from the state. Regardless of how many jobs it would create or families that would support, it would be prohibited," she said.

Scott Koons from the regional planning council was asked about potentially reducing

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Members of the winning Florida 4-H Livestock Judging Team: Bailey Varnes, Bailey Jones, Shayna Durrance and Tanner Connell. (Photo by Lizzie Whitehead, UF/IFAS Extension Bradford County Livestock Agent.)

4-H Livestock Team Champs

Enrolling new 4-H members soon, volunteers needed

BY TAMARA DINKINS
UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension

The Bradford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team was recently recognized for being the Florida 4-H livestock judging team champions for 2023. This recognition took place at the Champions Breakfast at Florida 4-H University on Aug. 3.

Bailey Varnes, Bailey Jones, Shayna Durrance and Tanner

Connell are the members of the Bradford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team. They have been working hard and preparing to represent Florida at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, which will be held at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky, in November.

Florida 4-H University is a weeklong overnight event for senior 4-H youth (4-H age 14-18) held at the University of Florida. At 4-HU, attendees can participate in educational workshops lead by UF faculty, explore career opportunities,

lead community service activities, interact with youth from all over the state and have fun while developing critical life skills that will help them become productive and engaged citizens of their communities, their country and their world.

Bradford County 4-H will begin enrolling new youth for the 2023-24 4-H year beginning Sept. 1. Volunteers are needed to work with youth in community clubs in Bradford County. For more information, contact the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.

What saith the scripture concerning baptism?



Curtis White, Minister of the Church of Christ in Lawtey, would like to greet all of Bradford County in Christian love. I ask that you would not be offended but take the time to investigate the word of God for yourself to see if these things are so (Acts 17:11). Today, I would like to speak with you on **Baptism**. Remember that we must never compromise our opinions, feelings, emotions, and traditions with the word of God. I personally have heard many religious arguments or opinions concerning this subject and would like to share with you what I believe is the **Biblical Answer**. In the New Testament scheme of redemption, **grace** is on the part of God; while **faith** is on the part of man. Thus, baptism is not contrasted with faith but is a part of it (Gal 3:26-27). During his earthly ministry, Jesus stated that all men must be taught of God before they could come to him (John 6:45) and immediately following his resurrection from the dead. He told his disciples to go into all the world to preach and teach the gospel (Matt 28: 19-20, Mark 16: 15-16). Mark's account states that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but those who believe not shall be damned (vs. 16).

Baptism is an act of obedience to God as a response of faith on the part of the sinner. It is not an addition to faith but is a part of the process of faith (Acts 6:7). Again, **grace** is on God's part; while **faith** is on the part of man (Titus 3:5, Eph 1:13).

Baptism is the new birth. Jesus says that for one to enter the kingdom (the family of God on earth - Eph 3:15). He must be born again of water and the spirit (John 3:3-5), and one must be begotten to be born. Therefore, the sinner is begotten with the word of truth (James 1:18), which is the law of the spirit, resulting in his being immersed in water, effectuating his new birth (1 Pet 1:22-23). It is only through proper teaching (Acts 8:5-12) and scriptural baptism can a sinner be born again and become a follower of Jesus.

Here are a few questions that many will ask:

Q. Should I be concerned about baptism?
A. Yes. (Mk 16:16, 1 Pet 3:21). Baptism is a bible subject that is associated with salvation (pardon) in the scriptures.

Q. Is baptism a command of God?
A. Yes. Peter commanded baptism when he preached to Cornelius. (Acts 10:48). He commanded men on Pentecost to be baptized (Acts 2:38), and he also commanded Saul to be baptized (Acts 22:16).

Q. If baptism is a command of God, has it always been commanded of men?
A. No. There was no such command given in the old testament. It was not until the days of John and Jesus that baptism began to be commanded of men (Matt 3:6, John 4:2).

Q. If baptism were once a command, has it ever been withdrawn?
A. No. When Jesus commanded the apostles to teach all nations, he told them to baptize those they taught (Matt 28:19). So long as the gospel is preached, we can expect baptism to follow.

Q. What is baptism?
A. It is an immersion in water for the remission of our sins

(Acts 10:47, Acts 2:38). It is a burial (Com 6:4, Col 2:12). It means to put under, not sprinkling or pouring (Acts 8:38-39).

Q. Are there different modes of baptism?
A. No. The Bible speaks of none.

Q. Is sprinkling baptism?
A. No. The Bible speaks of no instance of sprinkling as a command or practice.

Q. Is baptism for infants?
A. No. Jesus says in John 6:45, it is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard and has learned of the Father cometh unto me. Question? Can infants understand and obey the gospel? Please hear me! Infants cannot believe, repent, or confess faith. They are not lost. Only lost souls need to be baptized to be saved. Someone might say, Minister White, don't you know baptism is an outward sign of an already inward grace? Well, you need to know that the Bible teaches no such thing. Remember that the bible does not contradict itself.

Q. Are Christian parents commanded to see to it their infants are baptized?
A. No. There is no such command. This is also man-made, or the traditions of men.

Q. What is the aim or purpose of baptism?
A. It is to save (1 Pet 3:21), to wash away sins (Acts 22:16), and for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), and to get into Christ (Gal 3:27, Rom 6:3). You need to know that before baptism, one is lost. No one is baptized because you're already saved, but you are baptized in order to be saved. Baptism puts one into Christ's Church. Those who have been taught the truth and have obeyed the gospel from their heart are added to the church only by Christ (Acts 2:47, 1 Cor 12:13, Eph 1:22,23).

Q. How old should one be to be baptized?
A. There is no chronological age set, but one must be old and wise enough to be aware that one's sins are against God, and that He will hold us accountable.

Q. Will baptism for the wrong reason make the baptism worthless?
A. Merely being immersed in the water is not Bible baptism. Just being baptized only does not save anyone. One must obey from the heart, that form of doctrine which is delivered to you (Rom 6:17-18).

Q. Minister White, what will happen to those who have been deceived about baptism?
A. This must be left to God. If men learn the truth about baptism, their salvation need not be left in doubt.

I would like to thank each and everyone for taking the time to read this article. I pray you have been enlightened on the subject of baptism and hope you search the scriptures for yourself to see whether or not the things you have been taught are so (Acts 17: 11-12).

In His care,
Minister C.L.White

You are invited!

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Saturday: God's Plan For The Home
Sunday School: Talk, Walk, Talk
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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

Benjamin Ozer Benoit, 42, of Stark was arrested by Starke Police on August 24 for aggravated battery.

Alexis Brynn Brown, 32, of Bushnell was arrested by Starke Police on August 23 for burglary.

Loretta Lynn Canter, 37, of Lake City was arrested on August 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Mark Junior Cowart, 60, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 25 for battery.

Robert Olin Fulgham, 48, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 20 for vehicle theft.

Rodney James Geiger, 37, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 19 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Joey Hulon Herndon, 36, of Lawtey was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 23 for possession of drugs.

Dante Devray Howard, 30, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 23 for a probation violation.

Clarence Todd Hutcheson, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 19 for DUI.

Lashanda Monek Ingram, 46, of Starke was arrested on August 20 for failure to appear.

Bryce Allen King, 18, was arrested by Bradford deputies on August 19 for DUI.

Markquerva Tytianna Latori Lumar, 20, of Starke was arrested on August 25 for an out-of-county warrant.

Katrina McSpaddin, 52, of Lake Butler was arrested by Lawtey Police on August 24 for larceny.

Harold Edwin Strickland, 72, of Starke was arrested on August 24 for being an out-of-state fugitive.

Union

Amanda Lynn Crews, 42, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 23 for failure to appear.

Martavion R. Jones, 28, was arrested by Union deputies on August 28 for smuggling contraband into a prison.

Jonathon Gregory Norman, 29, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 22 for trespassing.

Jonathan Daniel Rizer, 47, of Raiford was arrested by Union deputies on August 25 for an out-of-county warrant.

Henton Dale Smith Jr., 46,

of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 23 for failure to appear.

Brianne Denise Robinson, 34, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Brittany Leighann Casey, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 24 for a writ of bodily attachment.

David Earl Chesser, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 20 for resisting an officer without violence.

Robbie Lee Dorminy, 51, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 21 for domestic battery.

James Lester Garland, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 21 for possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon and resisting an officer without violence.

Alan Tereal Grimes, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 21 for selling methamphetamine, possession of drug equipment and possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon.

Tommy Dan Nevitt, 25, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 20 for possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon.

Rhonda Louise Stringer, 55, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 24 for domestic battery.

Drag queen pleads to misdemeanors

A Starke man who gained notoriety in 2010 by winning the RuPaul Drag Race in the reality competition's second season has pleaded to disorderly intoxication and witness tampering.

James Ross was sentenced to a year in jail with credit for 51 days already served. He will also remain on probation for one year and perform 50 hours of community service.

According to court documents, the defendant called the State Attorney's Office and the Starke Police Department, threatening and harassing the defendants. Police also said Ross used a sex toy to make obscene gestures to passing motorists near Starke's Walgreens. Earlier charges of resisting an officer and assault against the 35-year-old, who performs under the name Tyara Sanchez, were dropped.

Bystander to shooter: 'Don't do it. He's not worth it.'

A judge sentenced a Bradford County man to 179 days in jail with credit for 179 days already served and three years probation after the defendant pleaded to aggravated assault, discharging a firearm in public, tampering with evidence, and child abuse.

According to a Lawtey police arrest report, Blake Devontay Allen went to a Lawtey home to return property and struck the victim in the face after arriving at the house, causing the victim to fall back.

Witnesses said that during the ensuing fight, Allen took a firearm from another person on the scene and fired several rounds toward the residence. He then pointed the weapon toward the victim when a bystander shouted, "Don't do it. He's not worth it." The defendant then fired several rounds in the air and left the scene.

Allen later told police that he tossed the gun into the Dollar General dumpster in Lawtey. However, officers found the firearm under a mattress in a shed on the defendant's property.

Police: Man attacked woman with guitar

Starke police arrested a 42-year-old Church Street man after a woman said the defendant attacked her with a guitar. Benjamin Ozer Benoit was arrested for aggravated battery.

According to an arrest report, police found the woman on the floor covered in blood and called emergency medical services for assistance. Benoit told officers, "She came at me with a knife, so I beat her up." The defendant admitted to striking the woman several times in the head with a wooden guitar. He added that the woman threw a mirror at him, injuring his toe.

While awaiting medical care, the victim told police the two argued over the woman inviting a friend to the residence. Police found a steak knife in a bedroom trash can with no signs of blood, a broken wooden guitar with blood, and a broken mirror.

Pulled on car door handles at Walmart, got \$8, and a trip to jail

A 32-year-old Bushnell woman was arrested after she was seen going from car to car in Walmart's parking lot, pulling door handles and burglarizing unlocked vehicles.

Starke police arrested Alexis Brynn Brown, 32, for burglary. According to an arrest report, witnesses called police after they saw the woman in the retailer's parking lot. While police were en route, the defendant moved onto the Florida Credit Union parking lot.

Police recovered one wallet from Brown's vehicle that a victim claimed belonged to her. The wallet contained \$8.

Stole liquor from ice cream case

A Bradford County man was arrested after Starke police said he stole a case of Brand 99 liquor from a Starke liquor store.

Kelvin Hamm Sr., 59, was arrested on Aug. 26 for the Feb. 23 offense of petit theft. According to an arrest report, the owner of S & M Discount Beverage on Brownlee Street saw the defendant take the alcohol while it was resting on top of the store's ice cream case. The owner then witnessed the man walk away with the merchandise.

Police later viewed video of the theft, and the owner picked the defendant out in a photo lineup. The retail value of the merchandise was \$120.



Photo: Bradford County Fire Rescue

Woman loses pets, home to fire

Bradford County Fire Rescue said that at around 9 a.m., Thursday, multiple units were dispatched to the mobile home in the 8000 block of County Road 233.

"On arrival, units were met

with heavy fire conditions," the agency said. "As of 0945 hours, the fire has been knocked down, and units continue to perform overhaul operations."

A family member of the resident said the woman, who

lived in the house with her teenage daughter, lost four pets to the blaze, cats and dogs, in addition to the home. The family member added that the resident suspects wiring or an electrical issue started the fire.



(L-r) Bradford County Sheriff Gordon Smith, Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter, Senator Jennifer Bradley, Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook and Union County Sheriff Brad Whitehead. Photo: Florida Sheriff's Association.

Sheriffs thank Sen. Bradley

The sheriffs of Bradford, Union, Clay and Columbia counties thanked State Senator Jennifer Bradley for her work during the 2023 legislative session.

The four law enforcement officers met in Lake City on Tuesday, Aug. 22, to present Bradley with the "Friend of the Sheriff" Award from the Florida Sheriff's Association.

The Fleming Island Republican was recognized for her work on the Emergency Communications bill, advocating for sheriffs to serve on the E911 board.

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laws attended.

Now, she takes on the task of settling in and getting to know the ins and outs of BHS. Generally speaking, not much changes in the role of assistant principal from one school to another, but differences in how things are done do exist.

"The challenges would be learning different systems. Even though the role of assistant principal is very similar, it's different systems, different computer programs," Williams said, adding, "Once I start doing it, I will know it. I'm very eager to be in that place where I'm feeling confident that I know all of the programs and all of the pieces that we use here at Bradford."

Learning the nuances of the job

leads to being in a better position to positively impact students.

"We definitely have a clear goal of raising student proficiency. I'm very excited about working with new teachers and our staff on our school culture and helping Bradford High School become a B school. Then, we want to become an A school."

Williams, of course, is getting to know everyone who works at BHS. She looks forward to getting to know the students, saying it's important to be able to address students by name. If an administrator can ask a student how their day is going, how their football game went, etc., it lets them know that someone is invested in them and cares about them.

"It makes a difference in their relationship with you," Williams said.

As an administrator, Williams said that's one of the things that

makes a day successful — to witness a staff member having a meaningful conversation with a student. Another thing that makes a day successful is walking into a classroom and seeing students engaged.

"They're not just compliant, but they're actually collaborating, they're thinking and they're learning, and it's preparing them to be successful," Williams said. "That is definitely something that helps you feel like the day was successful."

When it comes to visiting classrooms, Williams she and Coffey have a goal of dropping in on every class during the first two days of school.

"Those first few days can set the tone for the rest of the year," Williams said. "It can really have an impact on the success of the school year."

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the recommended buffer zone around wetlands and surface waters in the amendments drafted by the council. Koons said the 500-foot buffer recommendation was based on 73 peer-reviewed studies, but added the size of the buffer is at the board's discretion. He also offered clarification that the wetlands mining prohibition should not impact forestry operations.

As Commissioner Danny Riddick pointed out, the commission would like to develop something that works for all stakeholders, but he also said they wouldn't be able to

please everyone.

Commissioner Chris Dougherty said those in favor of the comprehensive plan amendment were clearly pushing to regulate an industry that is already regulated.

"We have agencies that need to be held accountable, and it's up to this board to hold those agencies accountable," he said. "Putting more regulations on the businesses and more regulations for the county is just extra layers of government. And I just don't think that we need to move forward with doing anything other than what's already in place, and letting the agencies oversee that just as they are paid to do."

If those responsible are not

doing the work, he said the county needs to hold them accountable.

Rayonier's representative suggested the Florida Department of Environmental Protection be invited to share information about how these industries are regulated. Riddick, however, said the county has already experienced issues seeking assistance from FDEP, including the improper disposal of raw sewage.

Commission Chair Diane Andrews said they want the final product to be fair to everyone while protecting the environment.

Another workshop will be scheduled pending further research.



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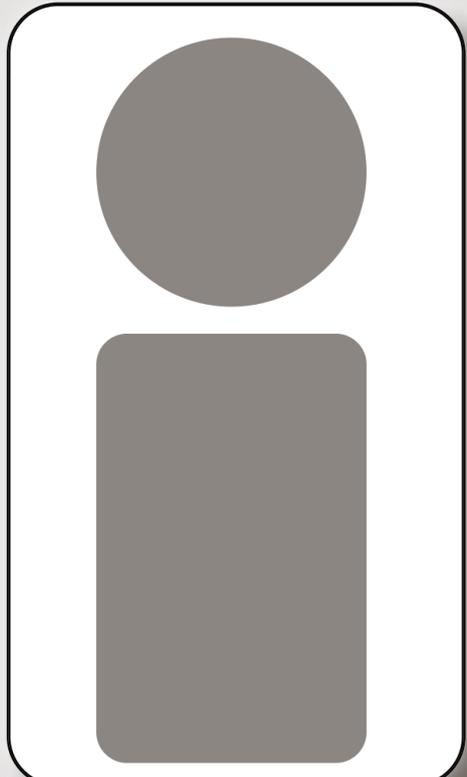
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Now, Jim is the manager at North Florida Pharmacy in Keystone Heights. He said many people see their pharmacist more often than their physician because to visit the doctor's office, they have to make an appointment, sometimes weeks in advance.

"If they want to see me," he added, "they just walk through the door."

Jim said that by getting to know his customers, he can help them in ways beyond the routine of filling prescriptions.

"We do much more than slap labels on bottles," he said. "Generally, when anybody gets a medical problem, the first person they talk to is a pharmacist."

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Jim said most of the topics he discusses with patients in this area revolve around side effects, drug interactions, and how long it

takes for medicines to work.

Since many people have more than one physician, it's essential to have one pharmacy so the pharmacist can watch for harmful drug interactions prescribed by different physicians.

3. Deliver disease management education and support

For patients with chronic diseases like diabetes or hypertension, pharmacists can offer advice on how lifestyle changes can help manage the condition.

Jim said he often points people to a resource like the American Diabetes Association for guidance on diet and lifestyle choices.

4. Help you Save money

By finding cheaper formulations, different drugs in the same class, or even suggesting a new medication, your pharmacist can help you save money. They can tell you what you'll pay using your drug coverage and what your medicine would cost at the cash price.

"Doctors don't always know the prices of every medication or which insurance covers specific drugs," Jim said. "We deal with insurance and medications daily, so we know which plans cover particular medicines and how much alternatives cost."

5. Synchronize medication refills

Are you making too many trips to the pharmacy? Your pharmacist can synchronize your prescriptions so you can pick them all up at the same time. This can save you time and lower the risk of a missed or late prescription.

"We have many people on many medications," Jim said, "and with

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6. Administer health screenings

Your pharmacist can screen you for high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

7. Help you choose the proper over-the-counter medications

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Grider: devoted to family, which includes St. Mark's church

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Kenneth Grider has attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Starke for approximately eight decades, but his example isn't one just of faith to a particular church.

Kenneth, who, at 93, is the oldest current member of St. Mark's, has a wife, Jackie, two daughters, Cathy and Nancy. His family, though, is so much more than them and other relatives. Cathy said Denmark Furniture, where her father worked for 43 years, was a part of that family. So, too, is St. Mark's.

"He's been faithful to his family," Cathy said. "Since the church was part of his family, it was just a matter of faith to family."

Kenneth is one of four children born to Rufus and Nancy Grider. His sister, Marjorie Douville and brother Buddy are deceased, but his brother Lloyd is still alive at the age of 89.

The moved to Starke in the late 1930s, living on Walnut Street and later on Westmoreland Street. Kenneth's daughter Nancy said she was told the house was so close to the railroad tracks that the toilet would rattle when a train went by.



Kenneth and Jackie Grider have been married for 67 years. Jackie says, "I knew a keeper when I saw one." Photos provided courtesy of Nancy Grider.

At a young age, Kenneth proved to be an entrepreneur, taking advantage of Starke's temporary status as a boom town, which was created by the opening of Camp Blanding during World War II. Jackie, said, "He had a shoe-shine box his daddy made for him. He would go downtown during Blanding times and shine the soldiers' shoes."

"A dime a pair," Kenneth said. He also did more than shine

shoes. He would "grunt" for worms, splitting a 2x4 piece of wood and placing one piece in the ground and rubbing its top with the other piece. The resulting vibration would bring the worms up out of the ground. Kenneth sold them for fishing bait, charging 10-20 cents per can.

According to "A Home Within the Wilderness," Sandy Sanders' history (1880-1980) of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Kenneth was one of five children at the church baptized in 1945. He's also mentioned in the book as being a member of the boys choir.

Kenneth was on the football team at Bradford High School, playing the position of guard. He remembered that his cleats were way too big for him and that the toes of the shoes curled up.

"They were hand-me-downs all the way," Kenneth said.

He kept those shoes, which proved to be a source of entertainment for his daughter Nancy when she was a child.

"They were high tops, and I thought they were the coolest things as a kid," she said. "I'd put them on and clonk around in them."

Kenneth said, "It was all she

could do to keep her feet in them."

The BHS Class of 1949 consisted of Kenneth and 73 other students. At that time, it was the school's largest graduating class. Kenneth was class president and was voted by students as Best All-Around along with Alma Outlaw. He was part of a symposium during his graduation ceremony. Kenneth and fellow graduates Janet Anderson, Betty Ann Flynn, Lewis Haines II and Carlie Mae Hall spoke on the topic of "Youth Faces Tomorrow."

Kenneth was presented with the Bausch and Lomb Award for outstanding achievement in the study of science during graduation as well.

He admitted he had no long-range plans, saying that his goal was simply to "get out of high school."

Kenneth did attend the University of Florida for a semester and eventually enlisted in the Army at the age of 20. He went through basic training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina. Jackie said Kenneth told her that anytime he complained about something during basic training, the drill sergeant responded by saying,



Kenneth Grider is pictured during his service in the Army.

"Shut up. You volunteered for this. These other suckers were drafted."

He attained the rank of corporal and was able to leave the Army early — three months shy of his two-year commitment. The circumstances led to a memorable Christmas for the family.

"That was one of the best Christmas presents his mother could've had," Jackie said. "That was her Christmas Eve present. She didn't know he was coming home. There was a knock at the door. She opened the door, and there he stood."

When Kenneth returned

home, he was picked up at the train station in Jacksonville by Jackie's cousin James "Potlicker" McRae.

"They were big buddies," she said.

Jackie remembered how she and Kenneth began dating. Her mother went to Denmark's to buy a mattress, but was told she'd have to wait until the next day to have it delivered because the store would be closed the afternoon she bought it.

"Well, lo and behold, about 1:30 or 2 that (same) afternoon, here he comes in the furniture truck with the guy who was the regular delivery man," Jackie said.

She said Kenneth returned to her home the next day with the intent of asking her to see a movie with him. Jackie thought he was there to see her father. In fact, she and her father sat there talking to Kenneth for about 45 minutes before her father went to bed to rest before his shift at DuPont. Kenneth then finally got around to the reason he showed up in the first place, asking Jackie out. With her father asleep and her mother at work, Jackie told him he'd have to wait until she could ask her parents for

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New graduates join Master Gardener volunteers

BY LUKE HARLOW
UF/IFAS Bradford Horticulture and Small Farms Agent

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Bradford County Extension Office celebrated four volunteers who successfully completed the Master Gardener Volunteer certification program this summer.

The Master Gardener Volunteer certification program is a nine-week program that



Pictured (l-r) are Luke Harlow (UF/IFAS Bradford County Horticulture and Small Farms Agent), Debra Murs, Teresa Morgan and Stephen Howe. Not pictured: Diana Olsen. Photo by Tamara Dinkins.

covers an array of gardening topics including soils and fertilizers; plant identification; pest insect, weed, and disease management; fruit and vegetable management; and Florida-Friendly Landscaping practices.

The members of the 2023 Master Gardener Volunteer graduating class were Debra Murs, Teresa Morgan, Stephen Howe and Diana Olsen. These new volunteers will join an already dedicated group of volunteers in Bradford County who support the extension office in educating and assisting residents in matters of horticulture, landscape and home food production.



County Commissioner Betsy Condon talks to the Clay Chamber's Lake Region Prosperity Partners.

Clay commissioner updates business group

BY NATALIE GILSTRAP
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — County Commissioner Betsy Condon recently spoke at the Clay Chamber Lake Region Prosperity Partners' meeting, which was held at the Keystone Beach Pavilion.

"It's always great to be home and be able to speak to the business community in my hometown," Condon said. "I welcome the public's input, and I like to hear and converse with them about what's going on in the county."

Business owners, professionals, and county officials attended the meeting

to hear the commissioner speak about the new updates, projects, and upcoming events coming to Clay County.

During the meeting, Condon gave the audience an update on the Black Creek pipeline project and other future projects.

She said the pipeline is on track to be completed within 12 months and that the county is working on a new project to clear some of the lake beds in Lake Geneva for safety reasons and to control the lake's water level.

In addition, she mentioned the completion of Phase I of the Clay County Broadband Project

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Obituaries

Judith Barnes

Judith "Ms. Judy" Ann Barnes, 70, of Keystone Heights died Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Middleburg. She was born Jan. 2, 1953, in Jacksonville to the late Bill and Mary Davis.

Survivors are her husband, Andrew Barnes; sons, Eric Barnes and Stuart Barnes; a sister, Billie Johnson; and three grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Stokes Cole

Stokes E. Cole, 86, of Keystone Heights died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at Haven Hospice E. T. York Care Center in Gainesville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Steven Shelby Cole.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Morris) Cole; a son, Matthew Stokes Cole, both of Keystone Heights; a sister, Sharon Lope of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Lester Cooper

Lester Ray Cooper, 66, of Starke died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elsie Violet Cooper; sister, Cindy Wilson; brother, Stanley Cooper; and niece, Morgan Renew.

Survivors are his daughter, Cassie Cooper of Starke; father, William "Bill" (Joan) Cooper of Georgia; brothers, Bradley (Linda) Cooper of Cape Coral, Darin Cooper, and David Cooper, both from Georgia; sisters, Tina (Ricky) Renew and Jane Price; and extended family members and friends.

Services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. at Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel in Starke. Arrangements are under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services and Archie Tanner Memorial Chapel, Starke, 904-964-5757.

Doyal Godwin Jr.

Doyal Virgil Godwin Jr., 93, passed peacefully at Lake City VA Medical Center on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023. He was born and raised in Miami and enlisted in the US Army in 1950. While stationed in Korea, he received a letter of recognition for designing and crafting the best "Out House" door design for his company. This was just the beginning of many awards, recognitions, and medals he earned throughout his military career. After graduating from the Army Aviation Helicopter Flight School in 1958, he was known as "Pappy" Godwin. That is a name that stuck with him all of these years. He was a member of the 7th Special Forces, the Green Berets, and served in Vietnam from 1965-1966. After his retirement from the Army, the family moved from North Carolina to Union County in 1984. He worked for Alachua County Sheriff's Department, and, for more than 20 years, as a volunteer with the Florida Wildlife and Game Commission. He taught Hunter Education Courses for young and old in North Central Florida. He volunteered with the County Extension Agriculture Agent, implementing many programs that benefited area farmers. He spent much time with his church family in whatever area that he was needed. He will be remembered for all of the times he "cooked for an army" for the church and community. In his later years, his favorite spot to hang out was close to any coffee machine. He entertained many with his quick wit, yodeling, singing (he often made up his own lyrics), and warm smile. He was predeceased by his parents, Lillian and Doyal Godwin Sr.; a sister, Martha Rudisill; and a brother, James Godwin.



He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Wanda Dukes Godwin; children, Steve (Gerda) Godwin, Debra (Tom) McMillan, Sharon (Ray) Kinard, and Donna Godwin, all of Worthington Springs; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. Also left behind is his brother-in-law, Wayne B. Dukes of Worthington Springs; and a host of family and friends across the country.

Services were held on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. He was laid to rest following the service at North Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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Brian Greenstreet Sr.

Brian Richard Greenstreet Sr., died at his home in Lake Butler on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Beatrice Greenstreet.

Survivors are his children, Brian R. Greenstreet Jr., Holly Greenstreet, Todd Greenstreet, and Garrett Greenstreet, all of Pennsylvania; 17 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; two sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.



A memorial service was held Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, Sardis Baptist Church, Lake Butler., FL 32054.

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

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permission.

They did go on that date. Jackie said her parents knew of Kenneth anyway because of his friendship with Potlicker and knew that he and his family were good people.

When asked if it was love at first sight, Kenneth said, "Close to it. She knew what she liked, and she hung onto me and wouldn't let me go."

"Yep," Jackie said. "I knew a keeper when I saw one."

They've been married for 67 years.

When she thinks of her father, Nancy said she remembers how he was always working in the yard.

"He was known for meticulously keeping the yard up," she said. "Even back when he was about 90, I think, he was still on his hands and knees pulling weeds."

Nancy recalled one incident in which her father was working in the yard on a hot day and asked

her sister, Cathy, who was 4 or 5 at the time, to get him some iced water. She returned with a glass and asked him where he wanted it. Kenneth told her, which resulted in her pouring down his back.

Kenneth would even spruce up the neighborhood. Jackie said he'd walk 3 miles a day, picking up trash as he went along.

Jackie found a photo recently of her husband water skiing when he was 79 or 80 years old. She said he didn't learn to ski until he was in his 50s.

So, he liked to stay active, whether it was tending to his yard and garden, walking, water skiing or putting in a day's work at Denmark's.

You could say juggling was another activity — not the physical act of juggling but of balancing everything in his life. That included serving in various roles at St. Mark's, including junior warden, senior warden, treasurer and lay reader. He also sang in the choir.

Cathy said it was impressive how her father could keep so many things going at once. That

Tony Griffis

Tony Eugene Griffis, 61, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at his home in Lake Butler. He was born on Sept. 10, 1962, in Starke, to Gene Griffis and Mary (Clyde) Clemmons. His journey through life was marked by an unwavering commitment to helping others and pursuing his many passions. With his extraordinary skills and boundless determination, he could truly do anything. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed waiting patiently for the perfect catch or tracking game through the thick woods. In addition to his passion for hunting and fishing, he possessed a diverse range of talents. As a farmer, he nurtured the land with tenderness and enjoyed reaping the rewards of his labor. His green thumb brought forth bountiful harvests. A skilled welder, carpenter, and mechanic allowed him to build and fix anything he set his mind to. He would gladly lend a helping hand whenever someone was in need.



His surviving family members include his beloved wife, Mary Louise Taylor Griffis; his son, John Adam (Nikki) Griffis of Lake Butler; daughter, Miranda (David) Wentz from Idaho; stepson, Richard (Jamie) Lykins of Tennessee; grandchildren, Avery Griffis, Ethan Griffis, John Adam Griffis Jr., Summer Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, Candance Clifton, Waylan Wentz, and Conrad Lykins; his sister, Elizabeth (Richard) Waters of Lake Butler; brother, Timmy (Cheryl) Griffis from Alabama; and multiple great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He will be memorialized by cremation under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler.

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Denise Harrison

Denise "Necie" Carol Harrison, born on Nov. 28, 1978, in Gainesville, passed away on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at the E.T. York Care Center in Gainesville. She was raised in Lake Butler before moving to Virginia at the age of 11. She spent most of her life in Virginia until she returned to Lake Butler in 2018. Throughout her career, she worked in sales at various retail locations, including Skip's Deli and, most recently, Macclenny Nutrition. Her dedication and friendly nature made her a valued team member and an indispensable asset to these businesses. Known for her quiet demeanor, she had a gentle presence that touched the lives of those around her. She possessed a deep appreciation for the simple joys of life. One of her passions was collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia, cherishing each piece as a nostalgic reminder of times gone by. Additionally, she had an affinity for all things Disney, especially Thomas Kincaid Disney puzzles. She delighted in the magic that these pieces brought into her world. Solving puzzles was yet another activity that she found great joy in, immersing herself in their complexities with determination and enthusiasm. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Charles Harrison and Janet Brannen Harrison; sister, Jori Harrison Morgan; Grandma Pearl Thomas; and Grandma Estelle Harrison.



She was a cherished member of her family and leaves behind her dear family members, siblings, Chuck Harrison, Susan (Ron) Bruneau, Matt (Monica) Harrison, DeDe (Billy) Stephens, and David Harrison; nieces and nephews: Jessica (Vick) Heidelberg, Tyler Bruneau, Shelby (Dusty) Reddish, Wyatt Thomas, Will (Sydney) Stephens, Grant Stephens, Cody Wheeler, Evan Stephens, Caylee Harrison, Kendra Harrison, and Asher Stephens; great-nieces and nephews, Jaiyn, Kaiden, Zane, Kason, and Sutton. Lastly, she shared a unique bond with her "Mema," Angeline Brannen, who held a special place in her heart.

A visitation to honor and remember her life was held Tuesday, Aug. 29 at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Funeral services followed the visitation. Immediately following the service, she was laid to rest at Dekle Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the team of cancer doctors and nurses, as well as the Haven Hospice staff who have taken impeccable care of Necie in her final weeks.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-341-2882 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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Jackie Johns

Mrs. Jackie Johns, 80, of New River passed away at her home Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023. She was born in Jacksonville to Barney Haltiwanger and Mary (Rice) Carter. Prior to retiring, she worked in accounting for different banking institutions, but first and foremost, she was a dedicated pastor's wife. She was a member of Bayless Highway Baptist Church and most definitely loved being a "Nana" and G-Nana." In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Rev. Fred Carlton Johns Sr.



She is survived by her three children, Carl (Cheryl) Johns of New River, Tammy (Wesley) Ross of Quitman, Georgia and Diane Wade of Citra. She was lovingly called "Nana" by grandchildren Sarah, Josh, Aleesa, Victoria, Jenna, Creighton, Carly, Scott, Tracy, and Heather; and "G-Nana" by 19 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, at Bayless Highway Baptist Church. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mike Conner officiating. Interment will follow at Crosby Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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included his commitment to his family, which he never neglected, no matter how busy he was.

"All things considered, we had a childhood full of abundant activities," Cathy said.

Jackie was involved at St. Mark's as well. Beginning in the 1960s, she was the church organist for approximately 20 years. She continued to play off and on in the succeeding years.

In reading Sanders' history of St. Mark's, you'll see the name "Grider" numerous times. The current Narthex was built by Rufus Grider and his older brother, Ernest, in the late 1950s. Kenneth's mother, Nancy, did altar linens by hand. A listing of senior choir members (1970-80) includes Kenneth, his wife and his children. Cathy and Nancy, as children, are included in 13 of the book's 70 photos. Cathy, for example, is pictured during her 1963 christening, while Nancy is pictured after finding the golden egg in the 1975 Easter-egg hunt.

Sanders' book recounts that one of the most ambitious undertakings during Advent was in 1978 with the performance of

"The Story of Creation," a play written by Sanders at the request of Father John Flynn. It was narrated by Kenneth.

The church recognized Kenneth's faithfulness when it replaced its pews in the early 1970s. The old pews were deconsecrated and sold to church members and others. One pew, though, was presented to Kenneth by the congregation in recognition for his service, especially as a choir member and as a lay reader. This particular pew was constructed by Kenneth's father to fill space when the organ was moved from one location to another. Rufus crafted the pew to match the others, which were built in the 1880.

A fitting honor for one who's been such a faithful member, but attending St. Mark's has never been a question for Kenneth. He's always been there for his family.

"It was family period that was important," Cathy said. "The furniture store family, the church family, blood family — it was all family."

Joel E. Kirby

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



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

A service to celebrate his life was held Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest immediately after the funeral service at Antioch Cemetery in La Crosse. Services will be officiated by Pastor Terry Elixson.

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

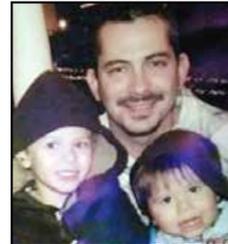
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Jeremiah Price

Jeremiah Lee Price died Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at UF Health Shands in Gainesville. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Thoms Lee Price Jr. and Christopher Price.

Survivors are his mother, Ruth (Matthew) Bryan; father, Thomas (Laurie) Price; sons, Jeremiah Lee Price Jr. and Corbin Price; brother, Jason Price; one step sister; two stepbrothers; grandparents, Hoyet (Mabel) Daugherty; and extended family members.

A graveside service was held Friday, Aug. 25, at Wynn Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



James Williams

James T. Williams "Tune," 69 of Lawtey, passed on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Shands at University Hospital in Gainesville. A native of Lawtey, he was of the Baptist faith. He attended the Church of Christ in Lawtey. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and was self-employed in masonry.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Williams; brother, Edgar Williams; sisters, Caroline Long, Alberta Tyson and Louise Jones; and a host of grands, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Church of Christ in Lawtey. Interment will be held at Peetsville Cemetery under the direction of Haile Funeral Home Inc., 802 N. Oak St., Starke, 32091. 904-964-7905. Visitation will be held Friday, Sept. 1, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Carl D. Haile and Elaine D. Haile Memorial Chapel/Haile Funeral Home Inc. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. The cortege will form at the home of Caroline Long on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. at 6487 N.W. C.R. 229, Starke, 32091.

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CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-047
PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORIS LEE SANDBERG, DECEASED.

FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of DORIS LEE SANDBERG deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court For Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 631 W Lafayette Street, Starke, FL 32091 to-wit:

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Florida Bar No: 0886858
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA ;
Case No.: 04-2023-DR-0098
Division:

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

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS
TO: ROBERT J. MCDOWALL
{Respondent's last known address}
442 Blanding Blvd.

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

{If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located. 2.6S 20 Lot 4 of RIVER OAK PLA S/D. MISC MAP BK PG 18 - (19375 NW 135th Pl., Lake Butler, FL 32054)
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on September 20, 2023. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on September 13, 2023 and end at 10AM on September 20, 2023. The

public sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952) 314-7121 Time: 10:00AM CST A24, Williamson, Jessica, B56, Jones, Jennifer, A19, Crapp, Shaunte, A23, Crapp, Shaunte, B13, Sofield, Ashley Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage-treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-314-7121.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Probate Division
Case No.: 04-2023-CP-0062
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID SHIPP, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JAMES DAVID SHIPP, deceased, whose date of death was April 4, 2023 is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 04-2023-CP-0062; the address of which is P. O. Drawer B, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: August 24, 2023.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
MARK E. PARSONS
3125 U.S. 1 South, Suite A
St. Augustine, FL 32086
(904) 826-3445
Fla. Bar No. 0705860
JAMES C. SHIPP
1641 Marybeth Dr.
Middleburg, FL 32068

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 659
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02487-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-20
Description of Property: Commencing at Northwest corner of land owned by Elmira King on East side of Railway and run East at right angles to Railway to East line of Section 21, thence North on said Section line to Center Street in Temple's Sub-Division, thence West on Street to Railway, Thence South along Railway to beginning in East Half of Northeast Quarter, Except such lots or pieces as have been heretofore been deeded Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: DENTON II LLC

Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Lisa Brannon, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 729
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02723-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0019
Description of Property: N 1/2 of SW

1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot in NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 being 237', N. & S. by 100', E. & W.
Sec. 22, Twp. 6, S., R-22
Name in Which Assessed: LEROY THOMAS & MARIE THOMAS
Name on last tax roll, if different: MARIE THOMAS (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 172
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 00821-A-01900
Case Number, 04-2023-TD-0015
Description of Property: Lot Nineteen (19) of Sampson Lake Shores, Unit One, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 26 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida, lying and being in Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 21 East, EXCEPT county graded road right of way known as Hogan's Circle.

Name in Which Assessed: ALFRED H LANGFORD JR & JERALYN W LANGFORD

Name on last tax roll, if different: JERALYN W LANGFORD EST
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Lisa Brannon, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 18, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1197
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 05555-B-00400
Case Number: 2023-TD-0018
Description of Property: Parcel 4, Block "B"
The West 75.77 feet of Lot 4 and the East 33.74 feet of Lot 5 there of, Block "B" a Re-Plat of Part of Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake.

The Replat is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 20 of the Public records of Bradford County, Florida
Name in Which Assessed: NGA NGUYEN

Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 10/18/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 607
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02297-0-00500
Case Number, 2023-TD-0017
Description of Property: Part of the west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E,

Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the southeast corner of west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E and run north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 459.69 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence south 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet, thence north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet; thence south 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1 acre.
Name in Which Assessed: JOE LOUIS HENDERSON; PETSEY OLA BEARD
Name on last tax roll, if different: PETSEY O BEARD (DEC) % ANDREW HARRIS (NEPHEW)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 10/18/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 609
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02299-0-00400
Case Number: 2023-TD-0021
Description of Property: That certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida, being known as part of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument at the Southwest corner of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 22 East and run North 1°25'28" East for 663.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 89°48'38" East for 1,312.20 feet; thence North 0°11'38" East for 132.64 feet; thence South 89°48'32" West for 1,309.14 feet; thence South 1°25'28" West for 132.68 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 3.991 acres.

Name in Which Assessed: TYSON GAD
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/08/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED: The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed increase to the yearly Solid Waste Assessment for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year during the budget meeting on September 5, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2023-CP-0070
IN RE: ESTATE OF PETER F. NOEL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PETER F. NOEL, deceased, whose date of death was April 24, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against 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 ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is August 31, 2023.
Attorney for Personal Representative
GENNA FASULLO LAPEER
The Miller Elder Law Firm
2830 NW 41st Street, Suite M
Gainesville, FL 32606
(352)379-1900
(352)379-3926
Genna@MillerElderLawFirm.com
Florida Bar No.: 119517
Personal Representative
JAMES R. NOEL
17430 Andeanoff Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

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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: DAVID & DEBRA HUNTER, 9110 SW 104th Loop, Hampton, FL 32044, JOINT owners, doing business under the firm name of: HUNTER FAMILY FARM, 9110 SW 104th Loop, Hampton, FL 32044, intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 28th day of August A.D., 2023, in Bradford County.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
CareerSource Florida Crown will hold a Board/Consortium Meeting

Date: September 13, 2023 (Wednesday)
Time: 11am
Place: Teleconference & CareerSource Board Room-1389 US Hwy 90 W Ste 170/Lake City, FL
Call In: 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 396 201 3193
Participant ID: #
Passcode: 944786
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3962013193?pwd=bnRSL3JocTFlL0ZHUWU9tUGJKZStvQT09

It is advised that you call in as well as log in via the computer application. The public is invited to attend. Notice has been made of this meeting, through publication, to comply with the "Government in the Sunshine Law". All CareerSource Florida Crown public meetings are listed on the CareerSource Florida Crown web site at www.careersourcefloridacrown.com. CareerSource Florida Crown is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities using TTY/TDD equipment via the Florida Relay Service at 711. Contact Jeff Geering at 386-755-9026 X 3221.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need to record the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
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ESCAMBIA COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

2023 single family mortgage credit certificate program

The Escambia County Housing Finance Authority (the "Authority"), hereby announces its intention to sponsor a program to reduce home loan financing costs within Escambia County, Florida (the "County") and several other Counties, including Bradford County (each a "Participating County", and collectively with the County, the "Participating Counties").

The Authority intends to establish a 2023 mortgage credit certificate program which will entitle first-time homebuyers to a federal income tax credit (the "Program"). A tax credit is a direct reduction of taxes due. Under the Program a homebuyer would receive a mortgage credit certificate entitling homebuyers to reduce their taxes by ten percent (10%) to fifty percent (50%) of the amount of interest paid on their home loan (not to exceed \$2,000 per year if the credit percentage exceeds 20%). The tax credit is available each year that the borrower continues to live in the home financed under the Program. In order to qualify for the Program, federal law requires that a homebuyer satisfy each of the following guidelines:

1. **Principal Residence.** The homebuyer must occupy the home financed under the Program as his/her principal residence within a reasonable period, not to exceed 60 days, after the financing is provided. A principal residence is a home occupied primarily for residential purposes. A principal residence does not include a home used as an investment property, as a recreation home or a home 15 percent or more of the total area of which is used in a trade or business.
2. **First-Time Homebuyer.** Each homebuyer must be a first-time homebuyer. Any person who has not owned his/her principal residence at any time during the three years prior to closing a loan financed in connection with the Program is considered a first-time homebuyer. This requirement does not apply to loans in certain areas designated as targeted areas (collectively, the "Targeted Areas").
3. **Purchase Price.** Under the Program, the purchase price for residences may not exceed 90 percent (110 percent with respect to residences located in Targeted Areas) of the average area purchase price applicable to the residence. For this purpose, the "average area purchase price" is based upon the average purchase price of single family residences determined pursuant to applicable federal law with respect to both new and existing one unit residences. The current maximum purchase prices for homes under the Program in each of the Participating Counties is as follows:
Bradford County
New and Existing Homes
One Unit
Non-Targeted Areas
\$481,176.00
Targeted Areas
\$588,104.00
These limitations are subject to adjustment periodically.
4. **New Mortgage.** The mortgage loan financed in connection with the Program is required to be a new mortgage loan and may not replace a prior mortgage loan on the home (whether or not previously repaid). The mortgage credit certificates are available in connection with any not to exceed 30 year, fixed rate mortgage loan which is (i) a government loan eligible for purchase by GNMA, (ii) a conventional loan eligible for purchase by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac, or (iii) a special loan offered by lending institutions and approved by the Authority. Any lending institution is eligible to provide mortgage loans in connection with the Program as long as they are willing to follow Program requirements. A list of lenders that has agreed to follow Program requirements can be found at www.ehousingplus.com.
5. **Income.** Under the Program, the maximum family income for households of 3 or more persons may not exceed 115 percent (140 percent with respect to residences located in Targeted Areas) of the applicable median family income, subject to adjustment for high housing cost areas. For a family of 2 or fewer persons, the maximum family income may not exceed 100 percent (120 percent with respect to residences located in Targeted Areas) of the applicable median family income, subject to adjustment for high housing cost areas. The current limits on annual gross income for households under the Program in each Participating County (after adjustment for high housing cost areas) are as follows:
Bradford County
Families of 1 or 2 persons
Non-Targeted Area
\$85,500.00
Targeted Area
\$102,600.00
Bradford County
Families of 3 or more persons
Non-Targeted Area
\$98,325.00
Targeted Area
\$119,700.00
These limitations are subject to adjustment periodically. Gross income includes salary and wages, including overtime, as well as dividends, alimony, public assistance, social security, unemployment compensation and investment income.
6. **One Family Home.** The residence financed in connection with the Program must be a one family residence. A one-family residence includes a detached home, one unit of a duplex, a townhouse or a condominium unit. Land adjoining the home is considered part of the home only if it maintains the home's livability and is not, other than incidentally, a source of income to the owner.
7. **Program Area.** In order to be eligible for a certificate, the home financed in connection with the Program must be located in a Participating County.
8. **Homebuyer Education Class.** Each Homebuyer must agree to participate in a Homebuyer Education Class approved by the Authority prior to being eligible to receive a mortgage credit certificate.
Under the Program, mortgage credit certificates will be issued to eligible borrowers on a first-come, first-served basis. The certificates are available in connection with only those types of new mortgages as discussed in paragraph 4 above. Any lending institution that signs a Participation Agreement or which otherwise confirms to the satisfaction of the Authority its agreement to follow Program requirements is eligible to provide mortgage loans in connection with the Program.
This notice contains only a summary of the requirements under the Program. Additional information about the Program is available from: eHousingPlus
15175 Ludham Road, Suite 203
Miami Lakes, FL 33014
Phone: 954-217-0817
email: sue@ehousing.cc
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and added that Phase 2 is in process.

Condon also discussed the waste management fee, which has increased for the first time in

years due to fuel, labor costs, and contract rates.

She also said millage rates will remain constant. Lastly, she informed the group that the county is putting together a strategic plan and that conservation efforts are underway to preserve the farms and forests.

Another official who attended

the meeting said the Lake Region should receive more attention from county leaders.

“Keystone Heights has a lot to offer, and for many years has had the stigma of being forgotten,” Chris Chambless, Clay County Supervisor of Elections, said. “I think this is wonderful, and

hopefully, we’ll further expand across the county.”

Overall, the meeting was well received. Attendees enjoyed a nice meal provided by the Clay Chamber and had a chance to network with everyone.

As County Commissioner Condon shared the new things

happening in Clay County, guests asked questions about projects and the county’s future actions.

Once the meeting was dismissed, everyone left feeling informed about the things happening in Clay County.

“It was definitely informational, and we have a lot

going on in our county,” Helana Cormier, an attendee, said.

For more information on the Clay Chamber Lake Region Prosperity Partners, visit <https://www.claychamber.com/>.

For more information on county events and projects, visit www.claycountygov.com.

Legal Notices

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Legals for the week of Aug. 31, 2023

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 09/15/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicles(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 1C4AJWAG5DL690087 2013 JEEP 1HD1KB4149Y612406 2009 HD 2T1BURHE7FC303759 2015 TOYT 4JGBB86E26A089072 2006 MERZ 5FNRL5H60FB083234 2015 HOND. This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 08/31/2023.

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NOTICE OF SALE

T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on September 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. 2016 Ford Vin# 1FTEW1EF4GFA00761

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 04-2022-CA-000427 DIVISION:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, PAUL G. FRIESE AKA PAUL GLENN FRIESE, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 24, 2023, and entered in Case No. 04-2022-CA-000427 of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida in which Bank of America, N.A., is the Plaintiff and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Paul G. Friese aka Paul Glenn Friese, deceased, Sandra Acree, Paul Glenn Friese, Jr. a/k/a Glenn Friese, Trust

Bank f/k/a Suntrust Bank, 5 Star Roofing Services, are defendants, the Bradford County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on online at in front of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091, Bradford County, Florida at 11:00 AM, E.S.T. on the September 21, 2023 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

COMMENCE AT THE POINT WHERE THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTERSECTS THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR NO. 18, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 26' EAST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE WEST, AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE LAST COURSE RUN, A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET; RUN THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 26' WEST A DISTANCE OF 208.75 FEET, TO THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE; RUN THENCE EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE 208.75 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 6978 SW CR 18 HAMPTON FL 32044

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By: /s/ Nathan Gryglewicz Florida Bar # 762121 CT - 22-007861 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352)337-6237 within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, please call 1-800-955-8770.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: FMCE-23-009103 (33) FAMILY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD. RE: INFANT BOY GRIFFS AKA ZACHARIAH DALTON GRIFFS (DOB: JULY 26, 2023)

NOTICE TO APPEAR NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION

TO : Jeremy Stoddard ADDRESS: Last known address in Lake Butler, Florida PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Male, 33 years old DATE OF BIRTH: May 16, 1990 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights Pending Adoption has been filed in the above-styled Court for the termination of parental rights of Infant Boy Griffis aka Zachariah Dalton Griffis, a male child born on July 26, 2023 in Marion County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ellen M. Kaplan, Esq., The Law Offices of Ellen M. Kaplan, P.A., whose address is 9900 West Sample Road, Third Floor, Coral Springs, Florida 33065 and file the original with the clerk of

the above-styled court on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. There will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights Pending Adoption on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 8:45 AM before Judge Francis Viamonetes by Zoom (Zoom ID 562-237-373), from the Broward County Courthouse, 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Court has set aside five (5) minutes for this hearing. UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND PETITION WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE OR ASSERT REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 26th day of August, 2023. Brenda D. Forman, Clerk of Court By: /s/ Deputy Clerk Ellen M. Kaplan, Esq. Law Offices of Ellen M. Kaplan, P.A. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 0875228 9900 West Sample Road, Third Floor Coral Springs, Florida 33065 Phone: (954) 341-1309 Fax: (954) 510-2292

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In the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 22000028CAAXMX CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON; DARREN E. WORTHINGTON; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

(Publish in the The Union County Times)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2023 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 24, 2023, entered in Civil Case No.: 22000028CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, and ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON; DARREN E. WORTHINGTON, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Front Lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 AM, on the 9th day of November, 2023, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 20'12" EAST A DISTANCE OF 22.30 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A DISTANCE OF 281.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47" EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A

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If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org. WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on August 28, 2023. KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES CLERK OF THE COURT BY: Crystal Norman Deputy Clerk Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 8/31 2tchg 9/7-UCT

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Baker County quarterback Davion Dean (center) tries to avoid getting sacked by Torin Brazell (far right). Photo by Cliff Smelley.

2 big plays, defense lead BHS to win over Baker

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Two big plays turned a defensive slugfest between longtime rivals in Bradford High School's favor as the Tornadoes opened the football season with a 12-0 win over visiting Baker County on Aug. 25.

Willie Pollard returned the opening kickoff 84 yards for a score, while quarterback Dae'Jon Shanks hooked up with Chalil Cummings for a 49-yard touchdown in the second quarter. Outside of Cummings' reception, the offense of both teams combined for approximately 150 yards. The Wildcats finished with only 43.

"The defense was relentless," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "We had a good package. They didn't see us blitz very much at all last week (in the preseason classic against Chiefland). We blitzed almost every down tonight. We caught them off guard, I think, early. Then we had the momentum."

Bradford, which travels to play Baldwin on Friday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m., sacked Wildcats quarterback Davion Dean five times and made eight total tackles behind the line of scrimmage. Baker drove past midfield only twice.

It was the second shutout in the last three games Bradford and Baker have played each other. The Wildcats put 17 first-half points on the board against Bradford in last year's Region 2-2S championship game, but the Tornadoes have now not allowed a point to Baker in six straight quarters.

"It's always fun to leave them with a zero on the scoreboard," Rodgers said. "It's hard for them to win if they don't score."

Bradford is coming off a season in which its defense recorded a school-record nine shutouts.

"As a defensive unit, we're special," defensive lineman Torin Brazell said, adding, "We intend to break that record (again). I want to hold the record two times."

Shutouts have become common at BHS. So, too, have kickoff returns for touchdowns.

Pollard's return marked the third straight game (not counting the spring and preseason games) and fourth game in five in which the Tornadoes have taken a kick back the distance.

Pollard said the team has been practicing the middle return, so he knew it would eventually prove to be something special. He didn't have to wait long.

"When I caught it, I ran down the middle," Pollard said. "I saw that crease open up to the left. I just had to hit it and get going and show what speed really is."

Jeremiah McKenzie's pass on the two-point conversion was incomplete, but the Tornadoes led 6-0 before either offense had the chance to take the field.

"Huge way to get it started," Rodgers said.

The Bradford defense then showed immediately what the Wildcats were going to have to deal with. Brazell and Trente Jenkins made tackles behind the line of scrimmage on Baker's first two plays, while on the third play, Brazell pressured Dean into throwing an incompletion.

"The way I thought our

defense had a chance to play tonight, I knew it was going to be tough sledding (for Baker)," Rodgers said.

A sack by Duke Lewis and a tackle for no gain by Chason Clark helped force Baker to punt from its own 12 on its second possession. Shanks' return set the Bradford offense up at the Wildcats' 28.

Shanks ripped off runs of 12 and 11 yards on the first two plays, but was then dropped for a 6-yard loss on first-and-goal from the 5. After Pollard was tackled for a 7-yard loss, the Tornadoes were penalized for holding, backing them up to the 17. Shanks was then sacked twice for a total loss of 15 yards.

Baker had yet to pick up a first down when Bradford added the game's final score. The Tornadoes began a drive at their own 38 and converted a third-and-9 play on an 11-yard Cummings reception. It was third-and-7 from the Baker 49 when Shanks, who finished 8 of 15 for more than 135 yards, hit a wide-open Cummings in stride for a touchdown at the 9:34 mark of the second quarter. McKenzie's run on the two-point conversion came up short.

Cummings finished with four catches for 77 yards.

The Tornadoes threatened on their next possession when a 26-yard reception by Elijah Kellum resulted in a first down at the Baker 27. The drive ended, however, when Hudson Register intercepted a Shanks pass.

Baker found itself inside the Bradford 40-yard line after a pass-interference penalty. A reception by Register moved the Wildcats to the 30, but a fumble two plays later was recovered by Bradford.

The first half ended with Baker's offense having generated only 3 yards, but in the second half, Bradford's offense was held to 8 yards. The Tornadoes finished with approximately 150 yards and managed only 10 yards rushing.

"It's a good feeling that we won, but I definitely feel like most of us wish we would've won in a better way," said Clark, who plays on both sides of the

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Chalil Cummings prepares to catch what would be a 49-yard touchdown pass — the only offensive score of the game.

Tigers have no trouble with Interlachen, win 43-0

BY ANTONIO HENDERSON
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

A ferocious defense and a 100-plus-yard, two-touchdown night from running back Thomas Williams resulted in a 43-0 season-opening win for the Union County High School football team over visiting Interlachen on Aug. 25.

The Tigers, who travel to play Columbia on Friday, Sept. 1, at 7:30 p.m., scored 30 points in the first half.

Gavin "G-Man" Jenkins started the game off with a hug kick return, taking it 50 yards. The Tigers' first two plays were runs that gained 5 yards each carry, giving them a first down. The next play, running back Thomas Williams broke for a 40-yard touchdown. Dayquan Diston came right back with the two-point conversion, putting the Tigers up 8-0.

The Union defense started off by forcing a three-and-out and making the Rams punt.

Quarterback Trenton Klein snuck for a 15-yard gain to get the Tigers' offense rolling again. The Tigers went back to Williams on the next play for a 10-yard run. Klein overthrew a wide-open Jenkins for what would've been a touchdown, but the team came back with its run game, which resulted in Williams breaking free for another touchdown. However, the referee threw a flag for holding.

Klein broke free for a 16-yard gain, setting up third-and-4. The Tigers ended up fumbling, but recovered. They went back to Williams, who gained a first down, but the run was called back for a chop block, making it fourth-and-25. Klein threw a jump ball to Jenkins in the end zone, with Interlachen's corner getting called for pass interference. That set up fourth-and-3.

Williams got another carry, gaining 3 yards to give the Tigers a first down. On the very next play, Bobo Woodall took a handoff for a touchdown. The Tigers went for two, but got stopped in the backfield, leaving the score 14-0.

The defense made a great stop with another three-and-out.

Union went back to the ground game, giving it to



Thomas Williams runs through two Interlachen defenders for a touchdown. Photos courtesy of 1stWayShots.

Williams, who broke a run for a 45-yard touchdown. Toren Tyson converted the two-point conversion, making the score 22-0.

Williams, who rushed for 124 yards on seven carries, gave props to the linemen as well as the coaches for their play calling.

The Rams tried to go deep on first down, but the play was broken up by Jenkins. On second down, the Rams tried to get the run game going, but the Tigers' stingy defense was all over it. Interlachen went back to the air on third down, but the pass was tipped by Deonte Jones and picked off by Blake McCoy.

Klein broke a 7-yard run for the Union offense, but the play was called back on a holding penalty. Klein then went deep to Jenkins for a 60-yard touchdown bomb, adding to the Tigers' already large lead. Running back Ashton Newsome added the two points on the conversion attempt, making the score 30-0.

Klein went 2 for 4, with both completions going to Jenkins for a total of 76 yards.

Union's defense continued its strong play, with Anthony Holmes making a tackle for a loss. After an incomplete pass on second down, the Interlachen quarterback dropped back, looking to connect on a deep ball to get the Rams' offense rolling. The quarterback took a big hit

on a safety blitz, which resulted in him leaving the field with an injury and a roughing-the-passer penalty.

The Rams, with the rain starting to fall, had a first down, but Klein came up with back-to-back tackles for losses. On third-and-12, the Tigers brought the pressure with a corner blitz, which resulted in a big hit delivered by Jenkins. Interlachen went back to punt, but it was blocked, with the Tigers recovering the ball on the Rams' 4-yard line.

Union's offense came out with a handoff to wide receiver Brycen Boney, who scored a touchdown to make it 36-0 in the third quarter.

On their next drive, the Rams finally got a first down without any help from the officials by getting the Tigers to jump offside on fourth-and-4. Interlachen then tried a running back sweep, but safety Jones came up to make a tackle for a loss. A fumbled snap on the next play was recovered by the Tigers.

Quarterback Nelson Tambling entered the game in place of Klein. He dropped back and, off his back foot, threw a dime to wideout Jesse Chaikin for a 31-yard touchdown. Williams kicked the extra point to make it 43-0.

The Rams' offense started taking kneel-downs early in the fourth quarter to keep the clock running. However, they did attempt a fake kneel-down and threw a deep pass. McCoy, who plays safety, wasn't fooled, intercepting a tipped pass and taking it back for a 73-yard

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Wide receiver Gavin Jenkins (right) breaks a tackle to score a touchdown.

BHS game has new date and location, UCHS game called off

Hurricane Idalia affected the Friday, Sept. 1, Bradford and Union County high school varsity football games, but the Tornadoes are still playing, with their game at Baldwin now moved to Starke and played on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m.

The Tigers were scheduled to play at Columbia, but that game has been postponed and possibly canceled if no make-up date is agreed upon.

KHHS game unaffected

As of deadline, the Keystone Heights High School's varsity football season opener was still on for Friday, Sept. 1. The Indians will host Eastside at 7:30 p.m.

Keystone's had a bye during week one of the season after defeating Ridgeview 27-26 in an Aug. 18 preseason kickoff classic.

Eastside, which defeated the Indians 26-0 last season, is coming off a 28-9 win over Inlet Grove.

BHS-UCHS JV game a no go

Bradford High School was supposed to host Union County in a junior varsity football game on Thursday, Aug. 31. That game has been postponed and possibly canceled if no make-up date is agreed upon.

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Tigers sweep Tornadoes in volleyball, improve to 2-1

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team won its second straight match, defeating visiting Bradford 3-0 (25-13, 25-23, 25-18) on Aug. 28.

The Tigers (2-1) led 9-6 when they scored five points with Layla Barber serving. Barber had an ace during the sequence, while Indi Knox and Rylie Parrish each had one kill.

Bradford (1-1) got blocks from Ar'Nayshia Griffin and Ajaya Jackson to force two side-outs late in the set, but the Tornadoes couldn't take advantage of those opportunities, committing service errors immediately following each side-out.

Leading 23-13, the Tigers closed it out with Kamryn Southerland serving. Both points came off errors, with Knox making a nice dig of a Bradford attack for the 24th point.

A pair of Reagan Harris kills with Kinley Burkhalter serving gave the Tornadoes a 9-8 lead in the second set. Barber and Parrish then had kills to help Union go up 13-11.

Simmons had a kill during a three-point stretch with Jurney Crim serving as the Tigers took a 16-11 lead. Bradford rallied, scoring five points with Raelynn Moore serving to go up 17-16. Moore scored one point off an ace, while Jackson recorded a



Union's Jailyn Simmons (left) attempts to get the ball past the block of Bradford's Ar'Nayshia Griffin. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

kill for another point.

Union trailed 19-18 before scoring five points with Knox serving. Barber had two kills as the Tigers went up 23-19.

A Chloe Anderson ace was one of two points the Tornadoes scored to make it a 24-22 game before a service error gave Union the win.

Jackson had a kill and two blocks for Bradford early in the third set, but the Tigers held a slim lead before scoring five points with Barber serving.

A Barber ace and a Knox kill helped Union go up 14-8.

Kills by Griffin and Jackson, as well as a block by Jackson, prevented the Tornadoes from falling further behind. Bradford trailed 21-16 before scoring two points with Harris serving.

The Tigers closed out the match with three straight points off a Knox kill, a Parrish tip and a Barber ace.

Simmons and Knox led Union in kills with nine and eight, respectively. Simmons also had three aces, as did Barber.

Jordan Hendricks and Southerland had 11 and nine assists, respectively, while Crim led the Tigers in digs with 12. Bella Johns added eight digs.

Bradford got 11 blocks and 12 kills from Jackson, while Griffin had six blocks and six kills. Rylie Blankenship had 16 digs.

Due to Hurricane Idalia, the Tigers' Thursday, Aug. 31, match at Dixie County won't take place. Union returns to action on Tuesday, Sept. 5, with a home match against Keystone Heights at 7 p.m. The junior varsity teams play at 6 p.m.

The Tornadoes (unless after

school activities are canceled due to Hurricane Idalia) travel to play Fleming Island on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., following a 6 p.m. JV match.

Prior to playing Bradford, the Tigers played a pair of road matches, beginning with a 3-0 (25-8, 25-10, 25-12) loss to Baker County to open the season on Aug. 22. Southerland had nine assists and six digs, while Barber and Simmons each had five kills.

Crim recorded seven digs, while Hendricks and Johns each had five.

Union bounced back with a 3-1 (27-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-23) win over Lafayette on Aug. 24. Simmons and Barber recorded 14 and 13 kills, respectively, with Simmons also leading the team with five blocks and four service aces.

Southerland and Hendricks had 18 and 16 assists, respectively, while Crim led the team in digs with 23. Johns and



Union's Indi Knox makes a pass from the back row.

Southerland added 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

The Tigers also got eight kills



Union's Jordan Hendricks settles under a ball.

from Knox and two blocks from De'ashia Gainer.



Bradford's Rylie Blankenship makes a play in the back row.



Reagan Harris goes up for an attack for the Tornadoes.

Indians defeat Country Day, Ridgeview, move to 7-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's boys golf team improved to 7-0, defeating Ridgeview and St. Johns Country Day in an Aug. 28 home match.

The Indians had a team score of 160, which was 15 strokes better than Country Day and 16 strokes better than Ridgeview.

Connor Guy, who had two birdies and shot par on five holes, finished as medalist with a score of 37. Alex Addington, who had a birdie and made par on four holes, shot a third-place score of 39.

Nick Binet and Ty Mitzel each shot 42 to tie for sixth. Each made par on four holes, with Binet also making a birdie.

Jacob Beach shot par on four holes to place eighth with a score of 44, while Shepherd Rozier, who shot par on two holes, placed 12th with a score of 47.

KHHS boys win 2 matches hosted by BHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's boys golf team won its last two matches — both of which were hosted by Bradford High School — to improve to 5-0.

On Aug. 22, the Indians had a team score of 159 to finish 54 strokes ahead of the Tornadoes.

The Indians' Connor Guy shot par on all nine holes to finish as medalist with a score of 36. Nick Binet had a birdie and made par on five holes for a second-place score of 39.

Bradford's Charles Zink had a third-place score of 40, making one birdie and shooting par on five holes.

Keystone's Alex Addington and Ty Mitzel finished tied for fourth, each shooting a 42. Addington had a birdie and made par on three holes, while Mitzel made par on five holes.

The Indians' Jacob Beach and Will Begue were sixth and seventh, respectively, with scores of 45 and 51. Beach had a birdie and made par on one hole.

Bradford's Jeffrey Brugh and Robert Halsey were eighth and ninth, respectively, with scores of 56 and 57. Halsey made par on one hole.

Avery Burgin was 10th for the Tornadoes with a score of 60, followed by teammates Jaylen Hampton (63) and Kaylee Devore (64).

The two teams met again on Aug. 24 in a match that also included Columbia. Keystone placed first with a score of 161, which was two strokes ahead of Columbia. Bradford had a score of 196.

Mitzel finished five strokes behind medalist Connor Williams of Columbia. Mitzel made par on six holes for a score of 39.

Guy had a birdie and made par on three holes for a third-place score of 40, while Addington and Binet each shot 41 to tie for fourth. Addington made par on six holes, while Binet made a birdie and shot par on four holes.

Beach and the Tornadoes' Zink each shot 43 to tie for eighth. Beach made par on three holes, while Zinke made par on four.

Brugh and Burgin each had a score of 50 to tie for 12th. Burgin made par on three holes.

Halsey and Keystone's Hunter Sheppard each shot 53 to finish tied for 14th. Sheppard made par on one hole.

The Tornadoes' Hampton and Devore were 16th and 17th, respectively, with scores of 57 and 59. Hampton made par on one hole.



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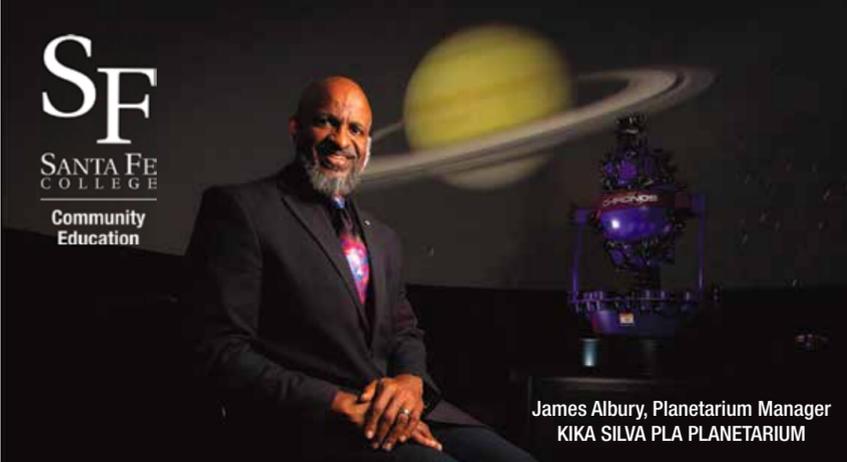
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ball. Rodgers said the offense needs to produce more on first-down plays. The Tornados averaged 1.2 yards per first-down play. In the second half, that average as

minus-2.3 yards. "Our offense is based off positive gains on first down, getting us into second- and third-and-short," Rodgers said. "We didn't do that very much tonight." Rodgers said he's certainly not panicking, noting that it's just week one. "We've got good coaches.

We've got good players," he said. "I suspect we're going to figure things out, and things will look a lot better next week." It's a lot better knowing you have to improve while still putting a mark in the win column. "All in all, it was 12-0," Rodgers said. "We got a win against our rival. We're 1-0. Half the state's 0-1 tonight. We're not

one of them." The next opponent also isn't "one of them." Baldwin opened his season with a 40-3 win over Wolfson. Baldwin, which also plays in Class 2S, went 9-3 last season, advancing to the Region 2 semifinals. One of the Indians' losses was to Bradford by a score of 35-0.

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touchdown. A pass-interference penalty, though, brought the play back, leaving the final score at 43-0. Erich Seager led the Union defense with five tackles, while Klein and Johnte Nichols each

had four. Columbia, the Tigers' next opponent, is a Class 3S team that advanced to the Final Four last season. Columbia opened its season with a 41-13 loss to Class 4S Buchholz. Union won the meeting between the two teams last year in Lake Butler by a score of 31-27.

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