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Students learn about heroes, unity

Nina Steinmeyer's first-grade students at Starke Elementary School learned about Patriot Day and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, during a weeklong discussion about heroes and the lives lost during those tragic events.

"My students were very engaged in our lesson, and even went home to ask their parents where they were on September 11th. I feel it is important for this generation and future generations to know about these events, and how we came together in unity as a country," Steinmeyer said.

Each student contributed a piece to a classroom poster commemorating the date.

"Our great nation came together after these events, just as my students did to honor all of the people affected," she said, adding the class has a new appreciation of what a hero is how people can come together and support one another.

"Our class motto is, 'We are a team, we stick together!' Just like our country pulled together and heroes from all walks of life ran toward the twin towers, our class collectively came together to honor them all."



First-grade teacher Nina Steinmeyer and her students: Elijah Barnes, Addisyn Barrick, Judson Carter, Kaiser Clark, Adeline Dekorver, Marley Hayes, William Kahakua, Emarae Koehler, Darren Mailey, Clark Mills, Jensen Nipper, Piper Pagan, Allison Pringle, Mason Rhoden, Serenity Rocca and Jazayla Wright.



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WORTH NOTING

Food distribution Thursday

There will be a food distribution at Starke Church of God by Faith, 730 Old Lawtey Road, on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drive-thru only. Distribution may begin earlier, depending on the arrival time of the Farm Share delivery truck.

Caring and Sharing Drive-thru event

Bradford County Faith Community Center at 721 Old Lawtey Road in Starke and Elder Options will hold a drive-thru event on Saturday, Sept. 17, to serve up hot fish and grits and distribute Covid-19 home tests and cleaning supplies. Vaccinations and booster shots will be available.

The event will take place from 3-6 p.m., weather permitting, or while supplies last.

Everyone is welcome!

Almost Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

The first Keystone Heights Junior Woman's Club Almost Fall Craft and Vendor Festival is set for Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, 6747 Woman's Club Drive.

More than 20 talented crafters will be there along with fun activities like face painting. The food truck lineup includes Groovy Grillers & More, Chef-X Chicago Style Gourmet Street Food, Repicci's Real Italian Ice, Gelato and Gelati, and Cosmo's Kettle Corn.

Shake a Leg with Lady Liberty 2.0 Dance

The Imposters return to Melrose for a fun night of live music featuring the songs of the Beatles and more! The dance is Saturday, Sept. 17, from 7:30-11 p.m. at Mossman Hall, 301 SR 26. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased by calling/texting 386-972-8975. Sponsored by the Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area.

Put on your dancing shoes and come have fun!

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Aircraft identified in fatal July crash near Melrose

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— The National Transportation Safety Board said the aircraft that crashed into a goat field near Melrose on July 30, killing two occupants, was a Tango 2 gyrocopter.

The NTSB issued a preliminary report on the crash, adding that one of the rotor blades on the vehicle was missing.

The report added that the missing rotor blade was found four days after the crash, about 312 feet from the main wreckage.

The two-seat gyrocopter is powered by a Yamaha, three-cylinder engine rated at 130 horsepower.

Vertical lift is provided by a 28-foot aluminum rotor blade, while forward propulsion is supplied by a 68-inch carbon fiber propeller, with a stainless-steel leading edge. The cruising speed of the aircraft is 70 to 75 mph.

The NTSB said that on impact, the aircraft caught fire.



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"Examination of the gyroplane revealed that the majority of the front and rear cockpits had been consumed by a post-crash fire," the NTSB said.

The federal agency reported that the pilot and instructor departed

Melrose Landing Airport (FD22) at an unknown time.

"After the departure from FD22, witnesses observed the gyroplane flying around the local area, with one witness observing and hearing

the gyroplane pass over an auto parts store, and another witness estimating that the gyroplane was operating at an airspeed of 20 to 30 knots, approximately 1,000 feet above ground level, while turning slowly to the northeast," the report states. "Later (just prior to the accident), a witness observed the gyroplane circling around the area, and then objects began 'falling from the sky.' The gyroplane then 'went down' and he could see smoke."

The crash occurred approximately six nautical miles from the Melrose Landing Airport.

The agency added that the two occupants lived in a hangar apartment at the airport. At the time of the crash, the instructor had been teaching the pilot how to fly the Tango 2.

"At the time of the accident, pilot logbooks indicated that he had given her about 9 hours of instruction in the gyroplane," the report states.

The NTSB will issue a final report on the incident later.

Football coach guilty in Union County sideline takedown

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER— A Union County jury convicted a Newberry High School football coach of three misdemeanors after a day-long trial in Lake Butler Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Geronnie Rollins was charged with trespassing, resisting an officer without violence, and interfering with a school function for his conduct during an Oct. 29, 2021, football game at Union County High School.

Jurors asked to see a video two times during deliberations before

convicting the coach.

The six-member panel had already viewed the recording of Geronnie Rollins as Assistant State Attorney Bruce Helling argued the defendant was guilty of the crimes.

Rollins' lawyer Dan Sikes also dissected the video for jurors while telling them his client was not guilty of the charges.

'You've got to go'

Helling bolstered his interpretation of the video with the testimony of

game referee Shawn Morrison and back judge Michael Christie.

Christie told jurors that during the first half, a man wearing all black, later identified as Rollins, had been berating officials from the Newberry sideline, but they did not know if the man was a coach or a fan.

Morrison testified that with 11 seconds remaining in the third quarter, he threw a flag and got between a Union County player and a Newberry player as they argued.

He added that Rollins then came onto the field, shouting obscenities

at him, and Morrison responded by flagging Rollins for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I told him, 'You've got to go,'" Morrison recalled, ejecting Rollins from the game.

Christie said that after the third quarter play, he saw Morrison's flag on the ground and approached the back judge to inquire about the penalty. He added that he saw Rollins on the field talking to Morrison but could not hear what he said. However, he could tell Rollins was berating the back judge by his body language.

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Water rising: Will frequent showers flood properties?

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Watching lake levels rise and the rain continue to fall, some fear flooding is on the way.

The Emergency Management Division of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office has two self-serve sandbag filling stations

open and recently restocked with sandbags. You will need to bring your own shovel to the fire stations in Heilbronn Springs (21312 NW S.R. 16) or Sampson City (13641 SW C.R. 227).

Emergency Management Director Brad Witt said the gates between Sampson Lake

and the Sampson River have been completely open since Labor Day, allowing water to drain from there into the New River and Santa Fe River. The county operates the gates in accordance with the guidelines of the Suwannee River Water Management District permit.

Witt said there had been no reports of any property damage, but they are keeping an eye on water levels. Prior to the recent rainfall, lake levels were low, he said.

Witt couldn't comment on complaints about debris in Alligator Creek that might be slowing drainage. Much of the creek borders private property, which makes evaluation difficult, he said, adding the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District does monitor the creek for blockages.

The conservation district board will meet at 9 a.m. Sept. 20 at the Bradford County Extension Office to discuss increased flood risks.

In the meantime, some are very worried, including 81-year-old widow Mary Bowles, who spoke to reporter Cliff Smelley on Tuesday. She remembers the water taking six months to recede following Hurricane Irma. After she and her late husband hauled five trailer loads of furniture and other belongings to the dump in 2017, she doesn't want to see her home flood again.

"We lost everything," Bowles said.

But, she doesn't see much help on the way. She said there is debris and vegetation that needs to be cleaned up at both the east and west ends of the lake. With more rain in the forecast, she

continues to watch the water rise, saying a concrete block she placed near a boat ramp is now completely submerged, and another placed closer to her house is nearly under water as well.

"I love it here. I love my lake, but I'm tired of (no action being taken)," Bowles said, vowing to paddle her boat to the eastside of the lake and take action herself if necessary.

"I'm going to start digging a trench to get that water out of the lake," she said. "I'm old stock. You do what you have to do."

While, thankfully, there hasn't been hurricane conditions, smaller amounts of rainfall are adding up. Rainfall at Louis Hill Tower in northern Bradford County showed 1.5 inches of rain over from last Tuesday through Monday, Sept. 12. The New

River Tower in western Bradford measured 2.17 inches of rain.

As for lake levels, the numbers from the water management district reveal deepening waters. Sampson and Crosby lakes each grew more than a foot since last Tuesday and were above 131 feet above sea level on Monday, as was Sampson River. New River was up less than a foot to 92.19 feet, but the Santa Fe River at Worthington Springs was up nearly two feet to 60.69 feet above seal level.

On the other hand, the numbers show Alligator Creek dropped nearly four feet after reaching 144 feet above sea level on Saturday.

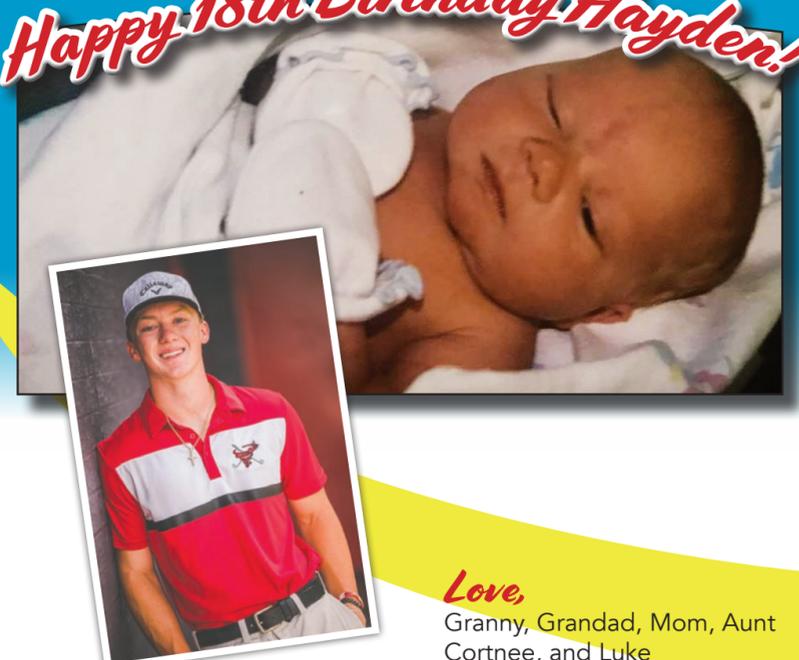
With more precipitation forecast nearly every day, only time will tell if short pauses are enough to allow the water to flow through the system.

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Two food distributions next week

Two communitywide food distributions hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry are taking place next week. The first will take place Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 9

a.m. at the Bradford County Fairgrounds. The second will take place Thursday, Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. at Philadelphia Baptist Church in Lawtey.

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

Player, cheerleader reunion

If you played football or cheered for Bradford High School prior to 1970, you are invited to join others at the Downtown Grill in Starke on Friday, Oct. 14, at 5 p.m. prior to the 2022 Homecoming game.



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BUDGET SUMMARY				
City of Starke - Fiscal Year 10/1/2022 - 9/30/23				
General Fund 4.8754				
Estimated Revenues	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage per \$1000				
Ad Valorem Taxes 4.8754	\$1,145,210			\$1,145,210.00
Local Option, Use, & Fuel Taxes	\$819,677	\$346,037		\$1,165,714.00
Utility Services Taxes	\$433,237			\$433,237.00
Communication Services Taxes	\$155,223			\$155,223.00
Local Business Taxes	\$34,411			\$34,411.00
Permits, Fees, and Special Assessments	\$236,558			\$236,558.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$2,162,134		\$4,000,000	\$6,162,134.00
Charges For Services	\$15,656		\$12,916,668	\$12,932,324.00
Judgements, Fines, And Forfeits	\$52,497			\$52,497.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$174,343	\$103,216	\$71,541	\$349,100.00
Other Sources			\$1,358,808	\$1,358,808.00
Total Sources	\$5,228,946	\$449,253	\$18,347,017	\$24,025,216
Transfers In	\$837,000			\$837,000.00
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$353,252	\$1,506,853	\$666,573	\$2,526,678
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$6,419,198	\$1,956,106	\$19,013,590	\$27,388,894
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	\$2,392,914			\$2,392,914
Public Safety	\$3,717,629			\$3,717,629
Physical Environment			\$18,176,590	\$18,176,590
Transportation		\$1,956,106		\$1,956,106
Culture / Recreation	\$308,655			\$308,655
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,419,198	\$1,956,106	\$18,176,590	\$26,551,894
Transfers Out			\$837,000	\$837,000
Fund Balances / Reserves / Net Assets				\$-
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES				
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$6,419,198	\$1,956,106	\$19,013,590	\$27,388,894

The tentative, adopted, and / or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.

CLAY

School employees complain about pay compression

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— Two Clay County School District employees told the school board that newly approved labor agreements unfairly penalize veteran employees. The workers said the new contracts, one for teachers and a second for support personnel, compensate new employees at the same rate as veteran workers.

Joel Miller said that when he started as a teacher at Oakleaf High School in 2007, minimum teacher pay was \$35,000, and today, starting teachers make \$47,500.

My pay today is \$47,841," he said. "There is something

wrong when I have been highly effective every year and I make \$341 more than minimum teacher pay."

Oakleaf Junior High food service worker Nicki Romig told board members that she has worked on the campus for nearly 18 years. "I'm kind of appalled at the fact that somebody coming in tomorrow is going to make as much as I am, and now we're equal," she said.

Superintendent David Broskie said the pay compression was due to state mandates that require a \$15 an hour minimum wage for new hires, state bonuses for new teachers and the district's limited budget.



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BRADFORD

Commissioners get pay bump

Base pay increasing more than \$5,000

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE— With all the recent negative talk about salary compression, one commission is actually taking action to provide more uniform compensation for its own members.

Increasing the base salary paid to Starke city commissioners by \$5,000 will provide most with a sizable pay raise. Instead of differentiating pay based on length of service, the change will squash the disparity between commissioners who have served several terms and those elected more recently.

An ordinance previously set

the salary for new commissioners at \$12,547 a year. The new ordinance sets the monthly salary at \$1,481, or \$17,772 a year. The number is quite close to the salary of Commissioner Wilbur Waters, the longest sitting commissioner who is retiring from office this year.

Waters' successor, Andy Redding, will start at \$17,772, joining the other commissioners who will receive raises of \$631 to \$5,226 when the vote is finalized.

The commissioners' current salaries, according to the city clerk's office, are:

Wilbur Waters	\$17,722.08
Daniel Nugent	\$17,141.29
Janice Mortimer	\$14,960.52
Shannon Smith	\$13,833.04
Scott Roberts	\$12,546.36
The increase to	\$17,772 is

effective upon final approval Sept. 20. As has been the case, commissioners are also eligible for the same cost of living increases given to general employees, which means commissioners will also receive the 3% additional compensation budgeted for employees when the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

For comparison, the mayor in Keystone Heights earns \$5,280 a year, and council members earn \$4,680. In Green Cove Springs, council members are paid \$6,000 a year, and the mayor receives an additional \$100 a month, or \$7,200 a year. Lake Butler pays its mayor \$11,343, its vice mayor \$11,009 and its commissioners \$10,674.

The ordinance was approved unanimously on first reading with little discussion.

Starke to consider use of remaining ARPA funds

Concerned Citizens and other groups eligible for funding

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE— A funding request from the Concerned Citizens of Bradford County is on hold pending the Starke City Commission's consideration of other potential requests for support.

Concerned Citizens President Alica McMillian approached the board Sept. 6 requesting \$200,000 in remaining ARPA funds to help renovate the RJE gymnasium.

The group previously received a promise of \$500,000 from Bradford County commissioners, a portion of the millions of dollars the county received from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Starke received around \$2.7 million over two years and has more than \$817,000 remaining uncommitted in next year's budget, according to City Clerk Jimmy Crosby.

As she explained to the county commission, McMillian told city commissioners that the 61-year old gymnasium — part of the historic RJE school campus — has only been renovated once since it was constructed. A center for youth recreation and community gatherings, the roof has failed and water infiltration has damaged the floors.

"You all know what the rain situation has been in the last two or three weeks. Well, you could put your boat in there if you wanted to. It was just that bad," McMillian said.

In addition, the building has never had air conditioning and the facility needs to be updated for disability access per the ADA. They also intend to "harden" the building so it can once again serve as a hurricane/disaster shelter for the community.

While generous, the county's contribution combined with the Concerned Citizens' fundraising will not be enough to accomplish the project given the increased cost of materials and labor, McMillian said.

"With that \$200,000 given to us out of your funds, it will put us where we can completely finish and harden that building so it can be a beacon of light in Bradford County once again," she said.

Acknowledging RJE's "rich history" in Bradford County, Mayor Janice Mortimer said he approved of the request. She said Concerned Citizens picked up the ball when the city gave up funding recreational programs years ago. That included the basketball, afterschool, summer and senior citizens programs.

"Had you not done that, those youth would not have had those recreational services," she said, praising the afterschool and youth programs as second to none. "It provides a service that is immeasurable, and you guys should be commended because you work on a shoestring budget

as it is, and you work with volunteers."

Commissioner Scott Roberts said setting aside 10% of the city's ARPA funding was not very much to ask in order to help out the Concerned Citizens.

Commissioner Danny Nugent supported the request but also wanted to see money contributed to the Boy Scouts for their clubhouse and perhaps other organizations. Mortimer said the door was open for requests from others as well.

Rather than move to award the Concerned Citizens' request, the city attorney recommended the commission wait since the first hearing on next year's budget had taken place and the budget can no longer be amended until after it is finalized.

Approval of the budget and the funding request is anticipated at the commission's next meeting on Sept. 20. At Commissioner Shannon Smith's request, the commission will also hold a workshop on how all of the remaining ARPA funds could be spent. Instead of singling out a single group, he said the city needs a game plan that includes input about the city's needs and other groups.

The workshop and meeting will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 20 following the 5:30 p.m. budget hearing.

Revival at Gadara

Gadara Baptist Church in Keystone Heights will hold revival with guest evangelist Gary Bolin from Summit, Mississippi. Special music performed by Cornerstone Praise Group.

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Hearing Aids Today: serving the Keystone area since 2014

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

For eight years, Hearing Aids Today has served Keystone Heights and the surrounding area, continuing a history helping people for more than 40 years.

Hearing Specialist Amos Melvin Jr., who co-owns the business with his sister, Stephanie Johnson, said the company was started by his father, Amos Melvin Sr., in Illinois 42 years ago.

"This big (hearing-aids) manufacturer called Starkey saw that he was really doing good in a small town in Illinois," Melvin said. "They said, 'How would you like to come down and have so much territory in Florida and open multiple offices?' We did that."

The business consisted of 13 offices in Jacksonville alone at one point, but Melvin's father retired and sold most of those locations.

Hearing Aids Today still has one office in Jacksonville along with one office in Orange Park and one office in Keystone, which is located at 450 S. Lawrence Blvd.

"This is the breadwinner of the three, honestly," Melvin said of the Keystone office, which opened in 2014. "We do a lot more business out here. There's not a lot of competition here. A lot of people live here who don't want to drive all the way to Jacksonville and Gainesville."

Melvin said the office sees people from places such as Interlachen, Melrose, Palatka and Starke as well.

It is recommended that people get their hearing checked at the age of 60 unless they're already experiencing such things as ringing or a plugged-up feeling in their ears.

Melvin said hearing loss can eventually lead to Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

"The brain needs our ears," he said. "When they're not working right, the brain is not working right. It's very important that if somebody is already experiencing symptoms, they get checked out right away."

A visitor to Hearing Aids Today can expect a screening first, which will then determine

the level of hearing loss and if a complete hearing test is warranted. A screening takes 15-20 minutes.

The visit could last up to an hour if a complete hearing test is necessary.

Melvin explained that the outer ear and middle ear transfer sound vibrations from the air to the nerve in the inner ear.

"My testing determines if there's a breakdown of that sound before it actually gets to the nerve," Melvin said.

If the hearing loss is due to a hole in the eardrum, a foreign object causing blockage, an infection or other medical issues, Melvin will refer a person to an ear, nose and throat specialist.

"If we know that person has loss in that inner ear where the nerve is — those are the types of problems I will help with," Melvin said.

Melvin said people may not like the idea of possibly having to wear hearing aids, but he said today's hearing aids are smaller than they used to be.

In other words, they're not like your grandparents' hearing aids.

"They're not big, bulky, huge things," he said, adding, "That should make people feel more comfortable."

Hearing aids come in many styles — on-the-ear, in-the-ear and invisible. Melvin said people can get "basic amplifiers up to the latest and greatest digital, programmable stuff." You can get hearing aids with Bluetooth technology, so they can connect to cell phones. You can even get hearing aids with health apps installed in them that'll help "you lead a happy, healthier life by having them," Melvin said.

Hearing Aids Today doesn't rely solely on one manufacturer for hearing aids.

"We don't believe in saying, 'Hey, this is all we sell or fit.' We believe in taking care of the person," Melvin said. "Whatever is needed for that person, we can get. I can get any kind of hearing aid, really."

"I believe that's important in taking care of everybody — having multiple options and multiple manufacturers to deal with."

Melvin said some good news is that insurance companies have started to provide coverage for hearing aids in recent years (though Medicare still doesn't provide any coverage).

It can become an emotional moment for Melvin to watch a person regain a level of hearing they hadn't been experiencing for quite some time.

"I've sat here and cried with many people," he said. "I try not to, but it's just hard not to sometimes. You take somebody who hasn't heard their wife speak, or they do, but it's just constantly asking for repeats. Now, all of a sudden, they can sit there with their back turned and have a conversation. They're smiling ear to ear."

"It makes me feel great to do what I do — helping people."

Hearing Aids Today in Keystone is normally open 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, though it's currently closed on Fridays until November, when Melvin's sister will return from maternity leave.

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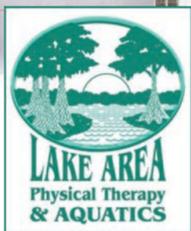


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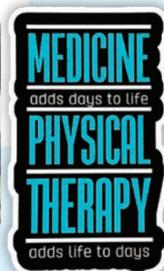
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"It's recommended by the Florida Health Department to have a yearly hearing test once you reach 60 years of age."

BRADFORD

Starke raising natural gas rates for years to come

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE— The Starke City Commission is set to raise natural gas prices for its customers by 5% now and for the foreseeable future.

The ordinance, which passed first reading on Sept. 6, calls for a 5% increase every year in the base rate and distribution charges until the commission decides otherwise. The rates will increase every Oct. 1.

Immediately when the ordinance is finalized, residential customers will see a \$2 increase in the ratepayer base service

charge to \$10. The base fuel charge is rising from 36.3 cents per therm to 64 cents, and the distribution charge is rising from 56 cents per therm to 72 cents.

The base service charge will be \$11 for residential customers outside the city limits, and the distribution charge will be 79 cents per therm.

The ratepayer base service charge for nonresidential customers will increase from \$17.50 to \$25. The base fuel charge will be the same as the residential rate — 64 cents per therm, up from 36 cents. The distribution charge will rise from

41 cents to 61 cents.

The base service charge for nonresidential customers outside the city limits will be \$27.50, up from \$19.25, and the distribution charge will increase to 67 cents per therm, up from 46 cents.

In a previous draft of the ordinance, the 5% annual rate increases would have sunset in Fiscal Year 2028-29. In the version voted on last week, the annual increases are perpetual, continuing until the commission decides to stop them.

The ordinance will be effective upon approval at the second reading in October.

Magnolia Missionary celebrates anniversary

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Raiford invites everyone to celebrate the church's 119th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker for the hour will Minister Latonya Johnson of Olivet Baptist Church of Lake City.

Democratic Women meet Sept. 22

The Democratic Women of the Lakes Area will meet at 7 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Historic Melrose Homemakers' Club, 25728 Park St. Doors open at 6:30. For further information, call 352-235-4161 or write cjhoooverowen@att.net.

The speaker this month is Lucia Valdivia-Sanchez, speaking from experience about the education system in Putnam

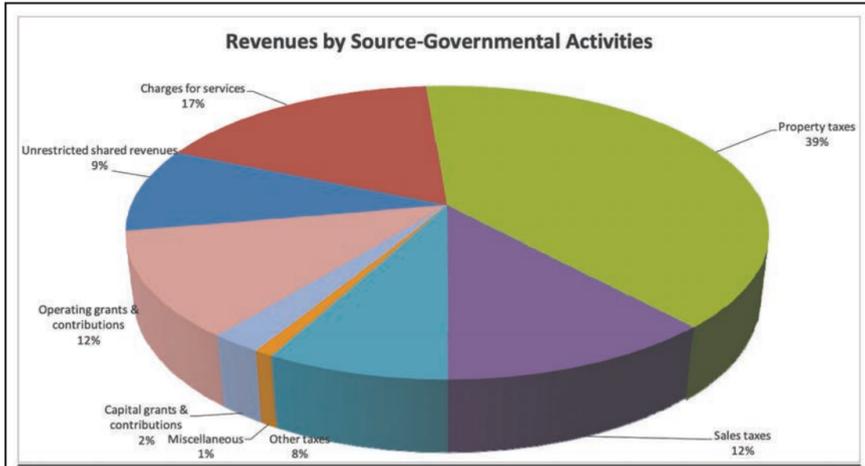
County, especially for people whose first language is Spanish.

Class of 1957 reunion

The Bradford High School Class of 1957 is planning a 65th anniversary reunion on Saturday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m. at Downtown Grill in Starke.

Further information will be provided to classmates by mail. If your contact information has changed since the last reunion, please reach out to Marvin Brown via his home phone or cell phone numbers, which have not changed.

CLAY



The county received 39% of its revenues from property taxes and an additional 17% by charging for services such as permits and garbage collection. Sales taxes and grants each contributed an additional 12% to county revenues.

Clerk: County finances in good shape

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS— Clay County Clerk of Courts Tara Green said external auditors gave the county an unmodified or clean opinion for the county's 2020-2021 financial statements.

Green said the county's financial position is strong with assets exceeding liabilities by \$464.5 million. The county also reduced its net pension liability to the Florida retirement system to \$47.2 million, down from \$112 million at the end of the previous year. Green said the pension liability decrease was due to market and investment conditions which she described as fluid.

County revenues exceeded expenditures by \$49.7 million, and the county's debts totaled \$228.5 million.

The county received 39% of its revenues from property taxes and an additional 17% by charging for services such as permits and garbage collection.

Sales taxes and grants each contributed an additional 12% to county revenues.

The county's financial statements highlighted several line items in which the county did not spend as much as commissioners budgeted. Those included:

—Professional services for the CDBG Voluntary Home Buyout was a positive variance of \$4,282,841 as the program carried over to fiscal year 2022;

—Anticipated repairs and maintenance expenditures in parks and recreation did not occur as COVID-19 projects took priority resulting in a positive variance of \$1,230,208;

—Anticipated repairs and maintenance expenditures in buildings and grounds did not occur resulting in a positive variance of \$1,204,877;

—Salaries and related benefits

were reimbursed for public safety from CARES Act funding generating the majority of the positive variance of \$664,435;

—Workers' compensation claims were 32% lower than fiscal year 2020 resulting in a positive variance of \$640,273;

—Capital expenditures in parks and recreation, building, fleet and fuel management did not occur resulting in a positive variance of \$1,849,206.

County departments spent nearly \$17 million on capital assets, bringing the county's total investment in capital assets, net of depreciation to \$383.7 million. The county's major capital expenditures for the year were:

—Purchase of three county buildings of \$5,469,747 to be used for various county facilities.

—Construction and improvements to county roadways of \$4,625,132 from funds other than bond funds.

—Public safety equipment of \$2,057,830 consisting of one firetruck and seven ambulances.

—Fifty-eight Sheriff's Office vehicles for a total of \$1,905,184.

—Radio Tower upgrades of \$1,847,508.

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BUDGET SUMMARY UNION COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Proposed Millage Levy
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Voted Fund 0.500

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Estimated Revenues:			
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1.000		
Ad Valorem Taxes	10.000 2,972,320	-	2,972,320
Ad Valorem Taxes (Voted)	0.500 -	162,692	162,692
Sales, Use, Utility & Fuel Taxes	884,989	642,405	1,527,394
Licenses and Special Assessments	103,000	600,000	703,000
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,877,807	10,994,044	15,871,851
Charges for Services	113,000	913,500	1,026,500
Fines and Forfeitures	-	6,000	6,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	42,025	77,250	119,275
Total Sources	8,932,408	13,395,891	22,328,299
Less: 5% of Estimated Revenue	(375,630)	(103,223)	(478,853)
Transfers In	72,840	727,576	800,416
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-
Fund Balances Carried Forward	3,721,328	3,565,151	7,286,479
Total Revenues, Transfers & Fund Balances	12,350,946	17,585,395	29,936,341
Estimated Expenditures:			
General Government	3,074,612	2,519,297	5,593,909
Public Safety	3,380,666	6,356,419	9,737,085
Physical Environment	219,801	455,500	675,301
Transportation	10,500	5,065,593	5,076,093
Culture and Recreation	2,825,840	418,746	3,244,586
Human Services	297,260	616,889	914,149
Debt Service	-	76,558	76,558
Total Expenditures	9,808,679	15,509,003	25,317,682
Transfers Out	760,638	47,600	808,238
Fund Balances	1,781,629	2,028,792	3,810,421
Total Expenditures, Transfers & Reserves	12,350,946	17,585,395	29,936,341

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The **Union County Board of County Commissioners** has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy \$2,713,757
 B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes..... \$(223,452)
 C. Actual property tax levy \$2,937,209
 This year's proposed tax levy \$3,128,758

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Monday, September 19, 2022
5:30 at
The Union County Courthouse, Meeting Room 101
55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL
A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

To complete the above *Notice of Proposed Tax Increase* advertisement, use the information from the following forms:

Last year's proposed tax levy:

A. \$2,713,757 Prior year Form DR-420, line 25
 B. \$(223,452) Subtract line C from line A to calculate line B
 C. \$2,937,209 Current year Form DR-420, line 11 (sum of all Forms DR-420 line 11 if you have MSTUs or dependent special districts)

This year's proposed tax levy:
\$3,128,758 (current year's tentatively adopted millage rate x current year gross taxable value) ÷ 1,000 (line 4, current year Form DR-420)

If the tentatively adopted millage rate is the same as the proposed millage rate, use the current year Form DR-420, line 25, as shown on next pages.

UNION

Ag Education Center ready to grow and offer youth more

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

The Union County Agricultural Education Complex has shown itself to be an asset to the entire community, offering meeting space to a fundraiser for St. Jude's, Project Grad, a Florida Crown Workshop on helping seniors deal with COVID, a REDI meeting, Union County Livestock Association meetings and events, 4-H activities and a gathering spot for the Union County Beekeepers to hold their monthly meetings.

Soon, the complex will have even more to offer, as a newly approved Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) in the amount of \$750,000 has been awarded to the county with the purpose of doubling the size of the facility. This grant has no required matching funds, so the expansion will cost the county nothing.

The original idea for the facility came from a conversation between County Commissioner Jimmy Tallman and then UF-IFAS Extension Agent Basil Bactawar. Both saw the need for a better home for the Union County 4-H and other extension-related uses. At the time, the extension office was located on Northwest First Street in Lake Butler in a circa-1940's building that was once a hospital. (The Union County Commission Office and Union County Building Department are still located in the aging building.)

After much conversation, Tallman asked Bactawar to explore what might be available in grant funding for creating a new agricultural center for county residents, with a focus on youth activities and education. Bactawar found a grant that would fit the bill but told Tallman that he thought that asking for \$80,000 would be acceptable (based on similar previously awarded grants). Tallman disagreed and said the county needed more. The application, dated Sept. 17, 2014, asked FDACS for the sum of \$480,000,



The Union County Agricultural Education Center, home of the UF IFAS Extension Office and much more, soon will double in size to provide area youth with more learning opportunities.

after the commission had approved the application after it validated the need for the project with public hearings.

The county was notified of the grants approval on May 19, 2016, but only in the amount of \$200,000 for the 2016-17 fiscal year, but FDACS supplied an additional grant of \$280,000 the following year to make up the total. Once assured the funds were coming (in July 2016) the commissioners started the process of taking bids on the design and engineering for the project and then published a request for bids for the various aspects of the complex.

Part of the preparation work the commission implemented was the creation of a community committee to establish what the needs of the county were in the complex. Tallman, Colin Coody and several other community members worked to establish what was needed and how to get the best value for the funds. Somewhere during their sessions, committee members discovered that \$480,000 was not really that much money but were determined to make it work.

"We all wanted a better place for the kids, more than anything and never lost site of the primary goal," Tallman said.

The community came alive in support of the project. Community members volunteered to help in any way possible, logging hundreds of hours on the project. County employees and equipment were utilized for the needed land clearing, dirt work and tree removal. In the end, Robbie Worrell ended up doing the site prep at a reduced rate that saved the county money. Union Lasteel, of Lake Butler won the bidding for the building, but their bid reflected less than their usual pricing for the construction. Avery Roberts helped the county in finding the funding for the agricultural accoutrements for the facility (feeders, watering stations, etc.) and Bart Andrews also pitched in and helped out a great deal. Union County Building Inspector Wilson Whidden volunteered his own time to lend his building experience to the project.

The grant mandated project completion date was June 30, 2017, but the county asked for and received a revised maximum construction completion date June 30, 2018, a deadline that was extended at the commission's request to Dec. 31, 2018. This extension was necessary due to difficulties in getting bids

for the interior and external finish work on the project. This second deadline was met without problem.

Around the time the complex was complete, a group of local farmers and cattle ranchers got together to form the Union County Livestock Association and then decided that the county should have its own fair (at least in the area of 4-H and FFA livestock and related competitions). The idea was to make it easier and more affordable for families with youngsters raising and showing animals to get to and from competition without having to drive to the Bradford County Fairgrounds, transporting their animals and then making the trip daily for animal care and fair activities. County residents supported the idea and the Union County Agricultural Fair became a reality. Using the arena area of the complex, which was originally conceived as being a place young people could come and practice their showing skills, the event was a success from the first year.

After that first event, in 2019, UCLA members decided that there was not sufficient space for holding animals before and after their appearances in the ring and getting them ready for show prior

to the event...so they built what was needed. Two projects were undertaken by UCLA to correct the deficiency, financed by community members and UCLA members themselves, and the work was all done on a volunteer basis. A number of different people quoted a total figure of that UCLA and the community spent on the two projects, all of varying amounts, but the most common figure agreed upon was about \$70,000.

When the building was complete, the UF-IFAS Extension Office moved in and brought the 4-H with them. The new building provided a large meeting room, complete with a kitchen, that made it ideal for presentations and meetings. The beekeepers buzzed in right behind the kids. The county commission officially named the complex as the Union County Agricultural Education Center.

"This project was so necessary for the county," Tallman said. "We wanted the kids to have the opportunity to show the animals they work so hard to raise for longer than 15 minutes a year. With teaching and practice shows they have multiple opportunities of shine and build confidence. Doing the animal projects teach them so much. They learn

responsibility, record keeping and agricultural finances. People outside the activity think these kids are in it for the money they sell their animal for at the end of the project, but that is not the case. Most of the kids spend their own money on supplies and feed for their animal, although most parents do help. The kids are the ones that have to care for and clean up after their animal and they are the ones that get run over, stepped on and kicked in the process. Some manage to break even on the sale, but in the case of an animal that dies they are out everything they have put into it. It helps kids grow up to be better community members."

Now, the county has decided that the complex needs to be bigger to meet all the communities needs. The county has been granted \$750,000 by FDACS to double the size of the facility. This will provide more show space, more display space for fair exhibits of arts and crafts, more kitchen space and, most importantly, more education space.

The contract between the county and FDACS has been signed and commissioners are waiting for the notice of commencement for the project from the state. Then comes the planning, (with the county hoping to update the plans used for the original complex and create a mirror image of the first section). There will be meetings, public comments and suggestions, calls for bids and all the rest of the lawful administration of the grant funds. And with all this activity there will, no doubt, be some delays and obstacles to completion but the volunteers are already gathering and are ready to assist in any way possible.

"The community support for this projects, and the excitement already building for this second phase, is truly amazing," Tallman said. "And the focus for everyone is on the young people and what benefits we can provide them."

LAKE REGION

Lake Region remembers 9/11 during ceremony

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—AMVETS Post 86 in Keystone Heights hosted a ceremony for Lake Region residents to remember the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Event organizer Cindy Lee enlisted the help of area leaders to speak during the service because some of the scheduled speakers for the memorial failed to show up.

Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake said the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania 21 years ago united the country.

"These are the kinds of events that show us that everyone is equal," she said. "Everyone shares the same hurts when something like this happens."

Lake said it is essential to remember 9/11 every year, to thank first responders and express appreciation to members of the armed services.

AMVETS Post Commander Bob Beinlich added that the events on 9/11 made the country stronger and made citizens aware of the heroics firefighters perform daily.

He added that the amphibious transport dock USS New York (LPD-21) was made from the steel of the World Trade Center. "For the men and women on that ship, I'm sure today is a special day," he said.

School Board member Tina Bullock, well known for reciting her original poems at public events, delivered her composition entitled "9-11-01."

"On September 11, 2001, the United States of America was changed forever,

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(Right) AMVETS Post 86 Commander Bob Beinlich and



Keystone Heights High School JROTC color guard members (l-r) Kaitlyne Cooke, Sylvia Hunter, Emily McFarland, Reagan Sames and Trista Harrison.

an empty Pennsylvania farmer's field.

As brave passengers became heroes with Let's Roll by charging the terrorists,

Their fate was sealed.

Almost 3,000 innocent people lost their lives that day,

And to the world, we declared never again, and you will pay!

So today, 20 years later, we pay tribute to those brave victims of 9/11

You're forever in our hearts and we will never forget what was done.

God bless America."

Attendees observed two moments of silence during the ceremony. One at 8:46 a.m. commemorating the moment American Airlines Flight 11 hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. The second moment of silence was observed at 9:03, the time at which American Airlines flight 175 hit the south tower.

County Commissioner Betsy Condon noted that the Keystone Heights High School JROTC color guard members who participated in the ceremony were not alive at the time of the 2021 terrorist attacks.

"So, it is so important," she told event organizers, "and I thank you so much that you have ceremonies like this to bring together the community to honor those who were lost and to remember so that our young people are continuously taught not to forget."

Retired Lt. Col. Richard Hall, the advisor to the high school JROTC brigade, thanked the crowd for gathering to honor the victims of the attacks.

"The best way to honor those who were lost is to take care of those who are here now," he said. He added that threats to freedom still exist and that most people, even the students he encounters daily, are often engaged in some personal trauma.

"There is an opportunity for each of us to reach out and help those who are here today," he said.

Be in Union's Homecoming parade

Union County High School's 2022 Homecoming parade will take place Friday, Oct. 7, and parade entry forms and rules are available in the front office.

Lineup will begin at 10 a.m. at Sprinkle Field and begin at noon. This year's theme is "The Happiest Place on Earth."

Float requirements limit height to 11 feet tall (from the ground up). Class floats must have handrails on the trailer for support and riders must remain seated inside the railings. Elementary and middle school floats require a minimum of two adults riding and two adults walking beside the float.

While the parade will end at Sprinkle Field, floats cannot be disassembled there.

Pickups, cars and other vehicles may only be operated by drivers 21 years of age and older. Licenses, registration

and proof of insurance must be provided. Truck riders may not sit on the side of the truck.

Animals may only be ridden by their owner or an immediate family member. Children under 12 must have an adult on the animal with them.

Candy cannot be thrown be thrown from floats. Student walkers may distribute candy. Candy can be disbursed a safe distance from floats or vehicles apart from lollipops and similar candies with sticks as they pose a safety hazard when tossed. Candies with peanuts/nuts are prohibited.

Participants are required to collect and remove all trash from their assigned area at Sprinkle Field. The field will be open to parade vehicles only. Cars will not be permitted to drop off students or participants.



Attendees of a 9/11 ceremony at AMVETS Post 86 in Keystone Heights thank members of Clay County Fire Rescue Station 11 crew members for their service (l-r) Jason Arzie, Brian Eberhardt, Ron Brown, Dallin Crews and Daniel Lazzaro.

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

Dana Nicole Bacon, 35, of Lake Butler was arrested on Sept. 5 for an out-of-county warrant.

Dewayne Tyrone Clark, 65, of Lawtey was arrested on Sept. 7 for probation violations and failure to appear.

Brea Legree Hankerson, 28, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 6 for battery.

Derek Timothy Harper, 38, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 9 for probation violations.

Cornelius Davon Henderson, 31, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies and Starke police on Sept. 6 for sexual assault and a probation violation.

Nelson Henderson, 28, was arrested on Sept. 3 for driving with a suspended license, possession of cocaine and an out-of-county warrant.

Thomas Andrew Hollifield, 32, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 9 for an out-of-county warrant.

Shaunte Tracy-Shakia Hyman, 34, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 7 for a probation violation.

Robert Wayne Masey, 34, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 5 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Dwight Delano Parker, 47, of Macclenny was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 8 for out-of-county warrants.

Leroy Curtis Ping, 41, of Bronson was arrested on Sept. 7 for a probation violation.

Aaron Scott Pons, 33, of St. Petersburg was arrested on Sept. 7 for probation violations.

Gina Beth Price, 46, of Ocala was arrested on Sept. 9 for a probation violation.

Robert Randall Ramsey, 51, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 7 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Kelly Ann Rench, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Sept. 7 for an out-of-county warrant and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Kevin Sampson, 57, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 9 for possession of a weapon by a felon or delinquent and destroying evidence.

Jamey Lee Thompson, 44, of Jacksonville was arrested on Sept. 7 for an out-of-county warrant.

Travis Wynn Trail, 25, of Glen St. Mary was arrested on Sept. 7 for an out-of-county warrant.

Ronald David Waters, 61, of Gainesville was arrested on Sept. 7 for failure to appear.

Union

Clint Felton Andrews, 27, of Brooker was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 10 for a probation violation.

Frederick A. Battle, 27, was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 12 for aggravated stalking and use of a two-way communications device to commit a felony.

Thomas Robert Bruce, 37, was arrested by Union deputies on

Sept. 10 for resisting an officer.

Michael Anthony Fernandez Sr., 44, of Brooker was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 12 for a probation violation.

Jose Dean Gonzalez, 28, was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 6 for burglary and petit theft.

Jennifer Leigh Hall, 30, of Jacksonville was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 11 for disorderly intoxication.

Kelly David Hall, 32, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 8 for aggravated assault.

Morgan Rachele Ritchie, 26, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 10 for aggravated assault and criminal mischief with property damage.

Joshua Cole Shadd, 38, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 7 for aggravated assault, improper exhibition of a firearm, possession of more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Jason Charles Shockley, 24, of Lulu was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 12 for a probation violation.

Clay

Christopher Lee Hogg, 45, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 6 for aggravated assault, false imprisonment of an adult and possession of a firearm by a felon or delinquent.

Dawn Renee Bowling, 49, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 7 for battery.

Shaun Devon Rhodes, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 7 for violating a stalking injunction.

Guilty of murder, sues sheriff's office

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—A man who pleaded guilty to the beating death of a Lake Region man in 2019 is suing the Clay County Sheriff's Office in federal court, claiming that deputies used excessive force when arresting him.

In a federal lawsuit, Travis Roe claims he did not resist nor pose a threat to officers when he exited his truck with his hands in the air after deputies rammed his vehicle during a felony



Travis Roe

stop. The complaint adds that deputies unnecessarily beat and kicked him.

Roe, along with six others, was charged in the beating death of Stephen Perry in 2019. Prosecutors said the defendants beat the victim into a coma with baseball bats. The victim was later taken off life support and died.

Roe pleaded guilty to second-degree murder last October in the case. He has yet to be sentenced.



Newberry football coach Geronn Rollins points out his actions on a video showed to jurors during his trial in Union County for trespassing, resisting without violence and interfering with a school function. Also pictured are (left) Assistant State Attorney Bruce Helling and (center) County Judge Mitchell D. Bishop.

COACH

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"He was not the head coach," Christie said. "He should not have been on the field."

Christie said that while attempting to find Johnson and officially notify him of the ejection, Rollins ran up to him, shouting profanities, while other coaches tried to restrain him.

The referee used a radio to summon security to the sidelines.

He said he saw deputies approach Rollins. Seconds later, the officers and the defendant went to the ground.

"Something started happening on the Newberry sideline," Christie recalled.

Newberry fans started pouring onto the field. A deputy on horseback rode into the area.

"Our first goal is the safety of everyone," Christie told Helling. "Once the mounted patrol came onto the field, and Newberry fans started coming onto the field, I told the Union County coach to get his team off the field."

The game was finished.

"I put him on the ground because he wasn't complying"

Helling then called the two Union County deputies who detained Rollins on the sideline: Travis Rimes and Andrew Johnson.

Rimes said that when he first approached the defendant, Rollins shouted, "I'm not (expletive deleted) leaving."

"I touched him on the arm," Rimes recalled. "He threw his arms up and said, 'Don't F'ing touch me.' I grabbed his upper body. I lost my grasp, but I still had his hand."

Johnson testified that he approached the pair when he saw Rimes and Rollins struggling.

"He was saying I'm not leaving," Johnson recalled. "Don't put your (expletive deleted) hands on me."

Johnson added that he took

Rollins down when he reached the two.

"I put him on the ground because he wasn't complying," the officer said.

Deputies said Rollins was released to Alachua County law enforcement.

Union Sheriff Capt. Lyn Williams testified that on the Monday following the game, he received the video of the game's ending and instructed Rimes and Johnson to complete their reports of the incident.

The office later forwarded the report to the State Attorney's Office, which charged Rollins with the misdemeanors.

Never talked, never walked, never refused to leave

Sikes called two Alachua County deputies to the witness stand, Col. Chad Scott and Sgt. Eric Hester.

Scott testified that he was the officer Union deputies released Rollins to after the game. Scott said he had known the defendant for most of his life and told Union officers he would escort Rollins to his car.

Hester told jurors he was in the visitors' stands during the game. Hester said he went to school with Rollins and had three boys who played football on the Newberry team. The sergeant told Sikes he never saw Rollins run onto the field nor saw the defendant refuse to leave.

Sikes also called Johnson, Newberry coach Henry Jackson and player parent Tiffany Phillips. The three told jurors they never saw Rollins refuse to leave the field, never saw him run onto the field, and never heard him hurling profanities at officials or deputies.

Rollins also took the stand in his defense. He told jurors he never argued with officials throughout the game, never walked onto the field, and never refused to leave.

During the State's case, Sikes repeatedly pointed out that when deputies took Rollins down, the

defendant was walking toward an exit gate.

He produced photos of the defendant's feet on the stadium's track, which was between the playing field and the exit.

Sikes also said the sheriff's office only pursued charges against the defendant after Rollins and other Newberry fans complained about deputies' treatment of the coach.

Sikes asked County Judge Mitchell D. Bishop to toss the trespassing charge and the misdemeanor of interfering with a school function. The lawyer argued that according to a Florida Supreme Court ruling, a trespass could only occur if the school's principal or her designee first warned the defendant. He added that the principal never designated game officials and deputies to act on her behalf, so the trespassing charge was invalid. Sikes said that in another court case, justices held that for the interference of a school function charge to stick, the State must prove the defendant intended to interfere with the activity. He said that since the State entered no evidence of Rollins' intent to stop the game, the judge should acquit Rollins on that charge.

Bishop denied both defense motions.

Home-field advantage

After the trial, Sikes said his biggest concern going into the proceedings was the fact that his defendant and witnesses were all from Alachua County. At the same time, the State relied on Union County law enforcement testimony, and jurors were likely to believe their local officials over the out-of-towners.

"We were always concerned about their home-field advantage," he said of the State's case.

Helling declined to comment for this story and only said after the trial, "the video speaks for itself."

Union and Bradford reject 1 ballot each, Clay 350

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE—Union County Supervisor of Elections Deborah K. Osborne said the county's canvassing board rejected one ballot for the Aug. 23 primaries. The Bradford County Board also rejected one ballot, while the Clay County canvassing board tossed 350 ballots.

Under Florida law, the canvassing board in each county is responsible for testing tabulation equipment, overseeing vote counts, adjudicating provisional ballots, certifying

election results and supervising post-election audits.

Osborne said the canvassing board in Union, which consisted of herself, County Judge Mitchell Bishop and County Commission Chair Jimmy Tallman, rejected the mail-in ballot because the signature on the ballot's return envelope did not match the signature on file with her office. Since the voter failed to provide proof of authenticity within the two-day deadline, the canvassing board rejected the votes.

Bradford man voted in wrong primary

Bradford elections chief Amanda Seyfang said the rejected ballot in her county occurred because a voter insisted on voting in one party's primary while he was registered for a different party.

The Bradford elections chief said the canvassing board, consisting of herself, County Commission Chair Chris Dougherty and County Judge D.

Tatum Davis, also accepted two provisional ballots.

Seyfang reported that the signatures of two mail-in ballots did not match the signatures on file with her office. However, in both cases, the voters provided documentation proving the authenticity of the mail-in ballots.

Late returns for mail-in ballots

In Clay County, 350 ballots were rejected. Elections chief Chris Chambless said the majority: 291 were mail-in ballots that were either mailed or received by his office after the 7 p.m., Aug. 23 deadline.

Seventeen mail-in ballots were rejected because the voter did not sign the return envelope. Five mail-in ballots came in from previous elections and were tossed. One voter, who had moved out of the county before the Aug. 23 primary, sent in a Clay County mail-in ballot, and the canvassing board rejected those votes.

In addition to Chambless, County Commission Chair

Wayne Bolla and County Judge Tim Collins comprised the canvassing board.

One ballot was rejected because the voter who signed the envelope did not request the ballot.

One mail-in ballot was rejected because the word "deceased" was written on the signature line of the return envelope mailed back to the Supervisor of Elections office.

Audits verify accuracy

State law requires that each county randomly select one precinct from one race after every election and compare a hand recount to the machine count results.

All three elections chiefs said that their audits resulted in a perfect match between the machine counts and the hand recounts.

Clay County's Republican primary for Agriculture Commissioner in Precinct 400 was selected for audit. Precinct 400 was located at the Orange Cove Seventh Day Adventist

Church in Fleming Island.

The Bradford audit recounted the Republican primary for U.S. Congress in Precinct 3, located at the county's senior center on U.S. 301.

The Union County audit reviewed the county commission primary in Precinct 4B, located at the Providence Community Center.

Soil and water group meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office.

There will be a discussion about the recent rain events and conditions of Alligator Creek, Lake Sampson, Lake Crosby, and the Sampson Canal, and the increased risk of flooding that may result from blockages in the drainage system. The group would also like to receive information about any flooding that has occurred recently anywhere in Bradford County.



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Mahailya Reeves (left) and Courtney Comer compete at the IPF Sub-Junior and Junior World Championships in Istanbul.

Lifters share thoughts on competing at worlds

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Mahailya Reeves and Courtney Comer, who helped Bradford High School win the 2021-22 girls weightlifting state championship, didn't enjoy the best circumstances when competing for Team USA at the International Powerlifting Federation Sub-Junior and Junior World Championships, but they still excelled, coming home from Istanbul with a total of five gold medals and three silver medals.

The Telegraph-Times-Monitor chronicled the young lifters' accomplishments in the Sept. 8 issue, but had its first opportunity to interview them on Sept. 7. Both were grateful for being able to compete on the world's stage and for the monetary support of so many who made the trip possible, but they aren't so keen on ever going back to Istanbul.

"It was a good experience — one that a lot of people haven't had," Comer said. "I'm glad I got to experience it, but I would never go back to Istanbul, Turkey."

Reeves said, "I'll remember it for the rest of my life, but I will not go back there."

For starters, the two, who were accompanied by Reeves' mother, simply couldn't warm up to the food that was available to them. They both lost weight, with Comer saying that before

she competed, she weighed in at 5 pounds less than when she arrived.

"The fries — those were the only things that were good there," Reeves said.

Comer added, "I think we ate so many potatoes, we turned into potatoes."

Though she admitted the bread was OK, Comer said everything else left a lot to be desired. A Caesar salad there, for example, was nothing but lettuce, a cut-up cherry tomato and mayonnaise, she said.

Reeves said she was so hungry she ate her food, her mother's food and Comer's food during one of their flight layovers on the return trip. However, when she gave the matter more thought, she said she did enjoy something in Istanbul other than the fries.

"The peaches are actually good there," she said. "They're big."

Their accommodations weren't very accommodating. Comer said the lobby of the hotel they stayed at was nice, but it wasn't an indicator of what their room would be like.

"Our AC didn't work. The electricity didn't work," Comer said. "Also, the bathroom stayed flooded the whole time we were there."

Wi-fi was hard to access during most of their trip and was non-existent in their hotel room.

"When it was time to go to bed, it was time to go to bed," Reeves said, alluding to the fact they couldn't do any quick browsing before eventually getting some sleep.

They had an eventful ride to the airport when it was time to leave. The bus they were supposed to ride on was full of passengers and luggage. Arrangements were made for them to ride a taxi, but the driver paid little attention to the road.

"On the way there, he just wanted to keep talking," Reeves said.

For the driver to carry on a conversation with his riders, a phone had to be passed back and forth for translation purposes. Comer said the vehicle was riding in the middle of the road throughout all of this.

As if that wasn't enough, the car experienced transmission troubles.

"We were sitting in the back, and we smelled something burning."

They did make it to the airport, but they said if they had to walk there, they would've done it. They were determined to get home.

"I'm so glad to be back in my bed," Comer said.

Next year's world championships will be held in

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Taylor Gainey enjoying the thrill of pro wrestling

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Taylor Gainey is like a kid at an amusement park who's having fun and doesn't want to leave.

Gainey, a 2019 Union County High School graduate, has been keeping busy most weekends as she pursues her dream of making a name for herself in professional wrestling.

"It's been going great," she said. "It's like a never-ending roller-coaster ride, and I love roller coasters."

That ride has taken her to two championships: one in Georgia's Southeastern Wrestling Association and one in Florida's Freedom Force Wrestling.

Gainey wrestles under the moniker of T-Gainz, which is a variation of the nickname T-Gain that was given to her by Coach Bryan Griffis when she was a member of the UCHS girls weightlifting team. Some also know her as Quadzilla" a reference to the quad muscles she's developed through weight training. That was a nickname given to her by a coach during her time as a high-school weightlifter as well.

Quadzilla is also what Gainey calls her finishing move in the ring. She gets an opponent up on her shoulders and does a couple of squats — just as she would with a set of weights — before dropping them.

"I want to keep it close to my roots," said Gainey, who won the Class 1A state championship in the 169-pound class during her senior year at UCHS.

From in front of the TV to inside the ring

Gainey, the daughter of Mitchel and Theresa Gainey, was watching wrestling on TV with a cousin of hers when she became intrigued with the idea of becoming a wrestler herself. She was 12 at the time.

Making that dream come true



Taylor Gainey (left), who's also known as T-Gainz or Quadzilla, takes down an opponent. Photo provided courtesy of Gainey.

began by attending Flatbacks Wrestling School in Orlando.

The transition from training to become a wrestler to participating in actual matches has been easy, Gainey said. The adjustment has been stepping into a ring surrounded by 200-300 people when you're shy and have battled insecurities in the past.

"The first time I came out, I was awkward," Gainey said. "It's so funny watching my start and then watch where I am now. I can see the nervousness and the awkwardness because I wasn't used to having that attention on me."

Anxiety is something Gainey deals with prior to every match. She said she paces in the locker room before it's her time to wrestle, going over the match in her head and thinking about how it might play out.

Gainey said anxiety should be a part of wrestling.

"I feel like if I ever get to the point where I'm not worried, or I'm not having that nervous feeling before I go through the curtain, then I need to check something," she said. "I feel like those nerves, those butterflies,

should always be there."

Once she steps through the curtain to enter the arena, the butterflies disappear. As a matter of fact, everything surrounding Gainey disappears in that moment. The match is the only thing she sees and the only thing she hears. She relies on her family to tell her what the atmosphere was like because she blocks it all out.

Well, almost all of it. Gainey admitted she can't help but hear her father, who's her "number-one fan."

"He's always the loudest person in the room," Gainey said, adding, "Right when my (entrance) music hits — a millisecond in — he's already standing up and screaming. He's getting other people hyped up and excited."

Properly earned title

Gainey won a Southeastern Wrestling Association championship on Jan. 15 and a Freedom Force Wrestling championship on Aug. 6. She was actually presented with the

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Hampton has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A.	Initially proposed tax levy	11,981.00
B.	Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	(337.00)
C.	Actual property tax levy	\$12,318.00

This year's proposed tax levy \$16,758.00

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

September 20, 2022

7:00 p.m.

at

City Hall

5784 Navarre Ave

Hampton, FL 32044

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF HAMPTON FISCAL YEAR 2022 – 2023

*THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON ARE 63.7% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>WATER FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CASH RESERVE CARRY FORWARD	\$473,210.88	\$74,040.00	\$547,250.88
ESTIMATED REVENUES			
TAXES MILLAGE RATE AD VALOREM @ 1.50 (Per \$1000)	\$15,920.10		\$15,920.10
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		\$110,040.00	\$110,040.00
SRWMD GRANT		\$245,800.00	\$245,800.00
SEARCH GRANT		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$173,160.00		\$173,160.00
LICENSES & FEES	\$20,064.00		\$20,064.00
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$600.00		\$600.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$432.00	\$30.03	\$462.03
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$210,176.10	\$355,870.03	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND RESERVES	\$683,386.98	\$459,910.03	\$1,143,297.01
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$126,281.40	\$59,052.00	\$185,333.40
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT \$180,120.00	\$114,000.00	\$66,120.00	
TRANSPORTATION	\$59,280.00		\$59,280.00
CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$10,200.00		\$10,200.00
SRWMD GRANT		\$245,800.00	\$245,800.00
SEARCH GRANT		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$309,761.40	\$410,572.00	\$720,333.40
CONTINGENCY RESERVES	\$373,625.58	\$49,338.03	\$422,963.61
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$683,386.98	\$459,910.03	\$1,143,297.01

THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED/ AND/OR FINAL BUDGET ARE AT THE TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS FOOTBALL CONTEST

YOU COULD WIN \$50 CASH FOOTBALL CONTEST!



<p>1</p> <p>PENN ST. NITTANY LIONS VS. AUBURN TIGERS</p>  <p>Craig Falstreux 228 S Walnut St. • Starke (904) 964-2241</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FSU SEMINOLES VS. LOUISVILLE CARDINALS</p>  <p>Reddish & White 134 East Call Street • Starke (904) 964-7555</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BRADFORD TORNADES VS. EASTSIDE RAMS</p>  <p>Miracle Automotive 620 N. Thompson. St. • Starke (904) 368-1114</p>
<p>4</p> <p>GEORGIA BULLDOGS VS. SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS</p>  <p>Duval Chevy 1018 N Temple Avenue • Starke (904) 964-7500</p>	<p>5</p> <p>UTAH UTES VS. SAN DIEGO ST. AZTEC WARRIORS</p>  <p>Norton Telecom LIC. # EG13000304 864 N. Temple Ave • Starke (904) 964-4580</p>	<p>6</p> <p>IMPACT CHRISTIAN LIONS VS. KEYSTONE INDIANS</p>  <p>Bryan's Ace Hardware 1101 South Walnut St. Starke 904-964-4642</p>
<p>7</p> <p>TROY TROJANS VS. OLE MISS REBELS</p>  <p>Durrance Pump 864 N Temple Ave. • Starke (904) 964-7061</p>	<p>8</p> <p>OKLAHOMA SOONERS VS. NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS</p>  <p>Evan Douglas Construction 16139 NE 15th Place • Starke (352) 745-0935</p>	<p>9</p> <p>HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VS. FIRST COAST CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS</p>  <p>Revels Fast Lube 2111 N. Temple • Starke 904-964-1111</p>
<p>10</p> <p>TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS VS. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS</p>  <p>Community StateBank 811 South Walnut Street, Starke (904) 964-7830</p>	<p>11</p> <p>OLD MISS REBELS VS. GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS</p>  <p>KLC Floors & More 1365 S. Water St. • Starke 904-964-8347</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MIAMI DOLPHINS VS. BALTIMORE RAVENS</p>  <p>Sonny's BBQ 230 S Temple Ave, Starke, FL (904) 964-8840</p>
<p>13.</p> <p>MICHIGAN ST. SPARTANS VS. WASHINGTON HUSKIES</p>  <p>Dink's Place 117 S Thompson St. • Starke (904) 964-5010</p>	<p>14</p> <p>FRESNO ST. BULLDOGS VS. USC TROJANS</p>  <p>North Florida Pharmacy 405 S Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights (352) 478-2057</p>	<p>15</p> <p>UNION COUNTY TIGERS VS. P.K. YOUNG BLUE WAVE</p>  <p>Spires IGA 610 SW First St, Lake Butler (386) 496-3361</p>

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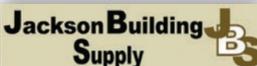
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Sumpter, Armstead to wed Sept. 17

Milton and Judy Sumpter proudly announce that their daughter, Rekeila (Kiki) Sumpter, and Cory Armstead are getting married Saturday, Sept. 17, in Las Vegas.

Johnson-Underhill family reunion to be held Sept. 24

The Johnson and Underhill family reunion will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, at noon at the Lake Butler Community Center.

Please bring a covered dish, a dessert and drinks.

Bradford 4-H to host auction on Oct. 7

The Bradford County 4-H auction is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke.

For more information, please call the Extension Office at 904-966-6224.

Beef/forage workshop to be held Oct. 4 in Starke

UF/IFAS Extension of Bradford County will host a beef and forage workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Topics include bull management, reproductive management of cow-calf operations and winter grazing.

Guest speakers will include Lizzie Whitehead of the Bradford County Extension Office, Dr. Cindy Sanders (Alachua County Extension director and livestock agent) and Dr. Marcelo Wallau (forage specialist).

Pesticide CEU will be applied for at this program.

The cost to attend is \$20 at the door or \$10 if you pre-register. Please call the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6299 by Tuesday, Sept. 27, to RSVP.

For more information, please contact Whitehead by calling the Bradford County Extension Office or by emailing her at liz.whitehead@ufl.edu.

Starke Kiwanis Club to host poker tourney on Sept. 16

The Kiwanis Club of Starke's next scheduled Patsy Welch Memorial Poker Tournament is Friday, Sept. 16, at The Downton Grill. Registration begins at 6 p.m., followed by play at 6:30 p.m.

Buy-in is \$60, which includes high hand.

Cash prizes are awarded for first, second and third places.

Proceeds will go toward the Colonel Arley W. McRae Bradford Food Pantry.

Tornadoes beat Broncos 21-0 in shortened game

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's football team took advantage of a short field twice and got a score on special teams for the second straight week in a 21-0 weather-shortened victory over visiting Class 3S Middleburg on Sept. 9.

The Tornadoes (2-0) will travel to Gainesville to play fellow Class 2S team Eastside (2-0) on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at Citizens Field.

Bradford's defense has yet to allow a point this season. Middleburg (0-3) gained 59 yards on four possessions (not counting the two plays the

Broncos ran at the end of the first half).

During halftime, a heavy rain accompanied by lightning began to fall. With the weather not projected to improve throughout the remainder of the evening, the game was called. Since an entire half was played, the result is official, unlike week one's Baker County game, which was halted with 4:42 remaining in the first half.

The Tornadoes received the ball to open the game. On the first play from scrimmage, Jeremiah McKenzie, playing quarterback for the injured Dae'Jon Shanks, completed a 16-yard pass to Chalil Cummings, putting

Bradford at the Middleburg 40. A 13-yard pass to Jametrius Pringle and a couple of runs by Manny Covey helped the Tornadoes move to the 19, but a sack and fumble ended the drive.

Bradford's defense forced the Broncos to go three-and-out on their first series. A short punt and a personal-foul facemask penalty had the Tornadoes starting their second drive at the Middleburg 15.

A 9-yard run by Covey set up first-and-goal at the 4. McKenzie would eventually score on a 1-yard run with 5:17 left in the first quarter. Hayden Hughes added the PAT for a 7-0 lead.

Another three-and-out series followed for the Broncos. The punter's knee touched the ground as he tried to field a low snap, giving the Bradford offense the ball at the Middleburg 16-yard line. Two plays later, Cummings caught a tipped pass for a touchdown. After Hughes' extra point, the Tornadoes led 14-0 with 3:05 to play in the opening quarter.

Cummings finished with two catches for 29 yards, while McKenzie completed 5 of 6 passes for 52 yards.

Despite a muffed kickoff that had the Broncos starting a series at their own 10, they put together a drive that saw them cross midfield. Middleburg picked up its initial first down on a pass-interference penalty before picking up two more as the Broncos moved to their own 49. A 7-yard run by T.J. Lane and an offside penalty resulted in a first down at the Bradford 39. Lane was then dropped for



Jarrin Alexander (right) heads upfield after making a catch.

a 4-yard loss by Dejon McBride before quarterback Jaybo Jenkins, under heavy pressure, threw two incompletions. The Broncos punted.

Neither team's offense did much the rest of the way, but the Tornadoes increased their lead anyway. A group of Bradford players waited for a Bryson Bowen punt to roll dead at the Middleburg 30-yard line. A Broncos player apparently thought the play had been blown dead for he casually picked up the ball without making any effort to run with it. He promptly had it knocked from his hands, with the result being that Bradford's Cole Crosby picked the ball up

and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown with 55 seconds left in the half. Hughes added the PAT to complete the night's scoring.

McBride recorded a sack on the final drive of the half. He and Bowen each finished with one.

This week's opponent, Eastside, was trailing Class 4S Buchholz 7-0 on Sept. 9 when the game was called in the first quarter due to the weather. The Rams opened the season with a 48-21 win over Class 1S P.K. Yonge and then defeated Keystone Heights (one of Bradford's District 6 opponents) 26-0.

Cole Crosby picked the ball up



Bradford's Chason Clark (left) harasses Middleburg quarterback Jaybo Jenkins in the Tornadoes' 21-0 win. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Snap issues plague Indians again in loss to Fort White

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

After his team's 28-0 loss at Fort White on Sept. 9, Keystone Heights Head Coach Chuck Dickinson said his offense isn't going anywhere until it can straighten out its center-quarterback exchange.

The coach said his team dropped eight snaps during the game, in addition to six more center-quarterback miscues in the prior week's matchup at Eastside High School in Gainesville.

"That's a quarter of our offensive plays," Dickinson said. "We can't keep putting the ball on the ground."

The coach added that after the Eastside game, he focused on improving snaps throughout practice. The additional reps appeared to pay off before Friday night.

However, in Columbia County, the dropped snaps resurfaced in a game that featured a steady rain.

"We've got to clean that up," Dickinson said, adding that even when his team recovered the lost snaps, the errors killed offensive drives.

"Last year, we lost one fumble in nine games," Dickinson said. "We've got to play penalty free and secure the football."

Dickinson acknowledged that a wet ball contributed to both the

Eastside and Fort White fumbles and that his offensive starters are inexperienced.

However, with an entire game plan built around ball control, drive-killing fumbles can wreak havoc not only with the offense, but also with the Indian defenders.

Fort White (1-1) scored on its opening possession, with running back Najeeb Smith breaking free on runs of 20 and 32 yards before scoring on a 6-yard run with 9:38 left in the first quarter.

Smith led Fort White with 150 yards rushing and four touchdowns on 14 carries.

A Keystone 5-yard punt set up Fort White's second score.

From the Keystone 24, Smith ran off tackle to his right for a 12-yard gain to the 12. He then repeated the off-tackle run for another 6 yards, losing his helmet in the process. After sitting out one play, on which Fort white was penalized 15 yards for a personal foul, Smith returned to the field for a second touchdown, darting off left tackle and avoiding two Keystone defenders for an 18-yard score. The extra point put Fort White up by 14 with 8:30 left in the third quarter.

Clayton Philpot set up Fort White's third score with a 38-yard completion to Tafari Moe midway through the fourth

quarter. On the next play, Smith reached the goal line on a 10-yard sprint to the right sideline, but a holding penalty nullified the score and pushed Fort White back to the 25. Penalties on both squads advanced and pushed back the ball until on third-and-9 from the 9, Smith scored his third touchdown with 4:21 left in the game.

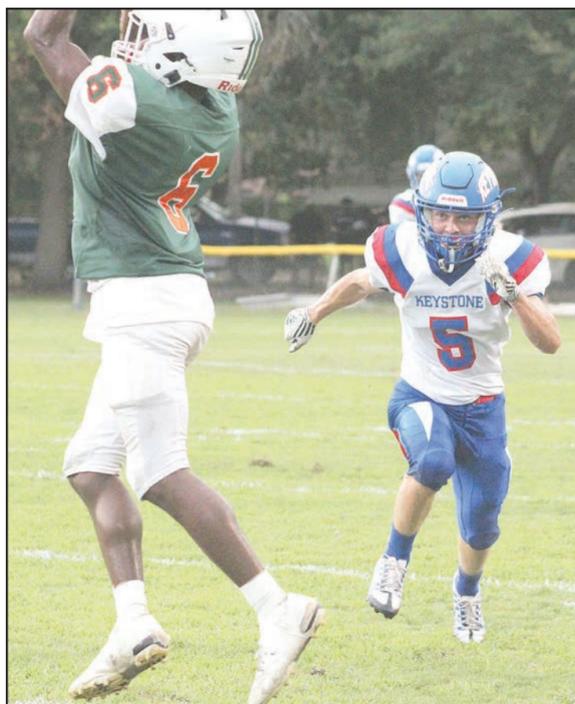
Fort White recovered a dropped snap on Keystone's subsequent drive, taking over on Keystone's 22.

Three plays later, Smith beat the Keystone defense to the right sideline from 5 yards out for his fourth touchdown, which, with the point after touchdown, gave Fort White its 28-0 win with 1:14 left in the game.

Cartz Daniels led Keystone in rushing with 55 yards on 12 carries. Trey Jeffries ran for 8 yards on three carries. Ben Ulsch and Bryar Schenck had 6 yards each on six carries. Darrion Grady also had a kickoff return of 25 yards.

Ulsch led the Indians in tackles with eight, followed by Bo Overton with seven stops and Wyatt Van Zant, Reid Begue and Jeffries with six tackles each.

Keystone (0-2) opens its home schedule Friday, Sept. 16, with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff against Jacksonville's Impact Christian



Reid Begue (right), pictured in the Sept. 1 game vs. Eastside, was one of five players with at least six tackles in the Sept. 9 loss to Fort White. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

Academy. The Lions will bring a 1-1 record to Keystone with a 38-22 opening win against Trenton's

Riverside Christian and a 20-6 loss to Jacksonville's Harvest Community.

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Romania.

"Hopefully, that'll be way better," Reeves said.

Not the same as other meets

Comer and Reeves did well and have a lot, certainly, to be proud of. Reeves won all three events in the Junior 84+ kilogram class, giving her the overall gold medal for her class. Comer won one event and placed second in the other two to take the overall silver medal in the Sub-Junior 76 kg class. Each lifter established a world record in her class in the bench press. (The Sept. 8, 2022, issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor incorrectly reported that Comer hadn't set the world record for her class.)

Still, they weren't comfortable with how they were treated

at the event and wonder how things might've turned out if they had been able to enjoy their normal routines. For example, they weren't allowed by Team USA coaches to warm up in the way they're used to in regard to weight and reps.

Also, the lifters weren't allowed to do the weights they wanted to on their openers.

Reeves said during warm-ups, she couldn't even listen to music, which she uses to get hyped.

"We were very restricted there," Comer said.

Raiford Wreckshop's Bryan Griffis, who trains Comer and Reeves and who coached them at both Bradford and Union County high schools, said the Team USA coach "didn't understand what they were capable of doing."

Griffis' wife, Tammy, said, "They wouldn't let them (do what they were used to doing), so what were they going to do? They realized they're teenagers, they're talking to an adult and this was their first experience (at the world championships)."

Bryan Griffis, who wouldn't have been allowed to do any coaching at the event, watched from home via the internet. He could tell that Comer and Reeves weren't their usual selves.

"There was no fire in either's

eyes," he said. "When they lift for me, there's fire. There's that anticipation of what's fixing to happen."

Comer admitted the experience "set me off."

"I was aggravated with the coaching," she said.

That included the decision to have her go for 430 pounds on her final deadlift attempt. A successful lift would've given her the overall gold medal in her class, but it was a total Comer had never done before. She wanted to attempt a lower total that would've given her the gold medal in the event.

Reeves said the coaches even asked her what she thought Comer should attempt, but they didn't listen to her.

"Just because you're planning to try to win it all — it's something the kid's never pulled before and never even tried before," Griffis said. "When they send her out there to do that?"

Comer and Reeves said they'll attempt to be more assertive with coaches if they're fortunate enough to compete at the world championships again.

"I'm going to have to stop them and tell them I'm going to warm up and do my ways because that's what's worked," Comer said, adding, "(The

coaches are) going to have to work on their communication. I was communicating with them, but mainly they have to take my things into consideration, like how to warm up."

Perhaps the next world championships will prove to be a better experience, but the first one they competed in was pretty darn good overall, with Comer and Reeves proving what so many people around here already know: They're two of the strongest women in the world. Each experienced an Olympics-type moment, standing on a medal platform with competitors from other countries.

For Reeves, it was extra special. Since she was the overall winner in her class, the United States' national anthem was played as she stood on the podium with the silver and bronze medalists.

"It was really just breathtaking," Reeves said.

Celebration planned

A celebration for Comer and Reeves will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Raiford Community Center.

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Jaycee Davis (left) sends the ball over the net in the Tigers' 3-2 loss to Baker County. Union and the Class 4A Wildcats have played two five-set thrillers this season. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

Tigers lose again to Baker, but Davis celebrates 1K kills

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It wasn't the way she wanted to celebrate, but Union County High School senior volleyball player was happy to have surpassed 1,000 kills for her career in the Tigers' 3-2 (25-18, 18-25, 25-16, 18-25, 15-7) loss to visiting Baker County on Sept. 12.

Davis entered the match needing just 14 kills to reach 1,000.

"As an outside hitter, I've really worked hard to try to find open holes on the court and just put the ball down," she said, adding, "I'm super excited. I'm glad I finally made it."

Davis, who also has 1,000-plus digs in her career, said it's hard to believe she's made that many kills, noting that she's not the only player who has the ball set for her. She said that's even more true this season.

"I think our team has done a good job spreading the ball around this year. That's helped a lot," Davis said. "I've had a lot less swings, but to reach 1,000



Senior Jaycee Davis surpassed 1,000 kills for her career against Baker County. She also has more than 1,000 career digs.

kills before my senior year is even close to ending is super exciting."

Baker, which is ranked sixth in Class 4A, is the only team to have beaten the third-ranked, Class 1A

Tigers (6-2) this season, having also won a 3-2 mtach on Sept. 6.

After dropping the first set of the Sept. 12 match, Union scored four straight points with Davis serving to take an 8-4 lead in the second set. Jailyn Simmons and Emily Wilson each had a kill during that span, while a dump by Layla Barber earned the Tigers another point.

Union never trailed in the second set after that, with a Rylie Parrish kill resulting in the winning point.

Baker led from start to finish in the third set. The highlight for the Tigers was scoring five straight points with Simmons serving to make it a 14-12 game. Simmons had an ace during that span, while Parrish had three kills.

The Tigers led 7-6 in the fourth set before scoring four points with Simmons serving. Two kills by Wilson helped Union go up 11-6.

It was a 20-16 game in the fourth set before the Tigers scored four straight points again

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Indians defeat Oakleaf, now 4-2

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's volleyball team snapped a two-match losing streak, defeating Class 6A Oakleaf 3-2 (25-19, 25-23, 27-29, 25-27, 17-15) on Sept. 8 in Orange Park.

The Class 4A Indians (4-2) got 11 kills, seven digs and four service aces from Kamryn Eatmon, while Riley Barry and Sarah Siebert made their presence felt at the net with five and seven blocks, respectively. Barry also had eight kills, while Siebert had seven.

Kori Jennings recorded 25 assists, while Jules Padgett had nine to go along with her team-high 13 digs. Kadence Carlton added six digs, while Taylor

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Kamryn Eatmon (far left) and Sarah Siebert (center) ready for attack opportunities off a Kori Jennings set. File photo by Cliff Smelley.

BHS volleyball team falls to 1-3 after 3-1 loss to Columbia

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Visiting Columbia recorded nine service aces in the fourth set en route to defeating the Bradford High School volleyball team 3-1 (25-21, 25-20, 17-25, 25-19) on Sept. 8.

The Tornadoes (1-3) were coming off their first win of the season and seemed to have some momentum after a third-set win. Columbia, though, scored the first five points of the fourth set and never relinquished its lead.

Bradford took the early lead in the first set, scoring the first three points with Takeirra Bakken serving. They then scored three straight points with Kencie Wainwright serving to go up 7-2.

The Tigers used an 8-0 run to take the lead, which they held the rest of the set. It was close throughout, though. Arnayshia Griffin helped the Tornadoes' cause with a couple of kills, while Reagan Harris had a kill as well.

Columbia led 11-8 in the second set before the Tornadoes scored six straight points with Harris serving. Griffin had two kills and a block during that span.

The Tigers would retake the lead, but Bradford stayed close, thanks to three kills by Ajiyah Jackson. Bradford then tied it up at 20-20, scoring two points with Rylie Blankenship serving, but kills by Columbia's Autumn Jones and Sinei Wood, along



Rylie Blankenship gets low for a dig as Kencie Wainwright (background) looks on. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

with several attack errors, helped the Tigers close out the set with a win.

Bradford scored the first five points of the third set with Bakken serving, while kills by Harris, Jackson and Brooklynn Reddish helped the Tornadoes

keep their lead. The Tornadoes led 21-17 when they scored four straight points with Reddish serving to earn the win. Reddish had an ace during that span.

Jackson and Reddish each had

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BHS golfers drop close match against Santa Fe

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Hayden Knight and Cody Spratlin tied for fourth in the Bradford High School golf team's Sept. 6 outing against Santa Fe at Turkey Creek Golf and Country Club.

The Tornadoes finished with a team score of 201, which was nine strokes behind Santa Fe.

Knight and Spratlin each shot a 49, with Knight making par on one hole.

Charles Zink, who made par on one hole, and Jacob Brugh, who made par on two, finished sixth and seventh, respectively, with scores of 51 and 52. Troy Smith was ninth with a score of 63.

Jackson leads KHHS girls golf team in loss to Suwannee

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Candace Jackson finished two strokes behind medalist Ryan Donaldson of visiting Suwannee as the Keystone Heights High School girls golf team lost by 13 strokes on Sept. 8.

Keystone, which finished with a team score of 207, was led by Jackson's score of 38. She had three birdies and made par on

two holes.

The Indians got fifth-, sixth- and seventh-place finishes from M.J. Rivera, Mia Rivera and Rexi Lewis with scores of 53, 57 and 59. M.J. Rivera and Lewis each made par on one hole.

Keystone, which played Columbia this past Tuesday, will host Middleburg at the Keystone Golf and Country Club on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. The Indians will take part in a tri-match at Fleming Island Golf Club on Monday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m.

Union golfers finish 2nd in Sept. 12 match

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Caleb Zapp came close to being match medalist for the third straight match, but he wound up settling for second overall as the Union County High School golf team placed second in a tri-match at Lake City's Quail Heights Country Club on Sept. 12.

Madison County placed first with a team score of 176, followed by Union (195) and Branford (213).

Zapp shot a 40 to finish two strokes behind Madison's Bryson Olive. He had a birdie and made par on three holes.

Colby Dukes and Caleb Ripplinger were sixth and seventh, respectively, with scores of 49 and 50. Dukes had a birdie, while Ripplinger made par on one hole.

Tucker Williams had a 10th-place score of 56, while Grant Dicks and Eli Elixson were 12th

and 14th, respectively, with scores of 58 and 61.

The Tigers (3-10-1) placed third behind Madison and Lafayette in a Sept. 1 at Madison, finishing with a team score of 211. That left Union 22 strokes behind Madison and 14 strokes behind Lafayette.

Zapp made par on three holes to finish with a fourth-place score of 47. Ripplinger was eighth at 51, while Williams and Dicks placed 10th and 11th, respectively, with scores of 56 and 57. Williams made par on one hole.

Zoe Elixson, who made par on one hole, had a 15th-place score of 65, while Patrick Maxwell had a 16th-place score of 70.

Union picked up its first win during a Sept. 6 home match. Taylor County won the match with a score of 206, but the Tigers had a score of 215 to finish six strokes ahead of Branford.

Zapp made par on four holes to finish as medalist with a score of 44, while Dicks was fifth with a score of 55.

Williams and Ripplinger finished in a four-way tie for ninth at 58. Dukes and Eli Elixson were 13th and 15th, respectively, with scores of 60 and 61.

Zapp was the medalist again

when Union defeated visiting First Christian Academy on Sept. 8. Zapp had a birdie and made par on three holes to finish with a score of 41.

The Tigers' team score of 211 put them in first by 41 strokes.

Ripplinger, who made par on three holes, placed third with a score of 47, while Jordan Seay and Zoe Elixson were fourth and fifth, respectively, with scores of 61 and 62.

Braden Adams shot a 66 to place sixth, while Maxwell had the eighth-place score of 68.

Thomas, Reddish lead BHS runners at invitational

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School's Natalie Thomas and Alissa Reddish placed in the top half of the field in the junior varsity girls race at Ridgeview High School's Bob Hans Invitational, which was held Sept. 10.

Thomas and Reddish finished 31st and 35th, respectively, out of 152 with times of 26:49 and

26:54.

Layne Loper (35:58) and Mackenzie Austin (37:18) also ran in the race.

Bradford had two compete in the 209-member JV boys race: Koy Hartley (30:48) and Kayden Lee (31:54).

KHHS' Griffin places 11th out of 210 at Bob Hans meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tyler Griffin earned an 11th-place finish for Keystone Heights at Ridgeview High School's Bob Hans Invitational, which was held on Sept. 10.

Griffin, one of 210 runners, crossed the line in 17:57.

The Indians' Ryder Thomas finished in the top half of the field, placing 88th with a time of 20:59.

Also competing for Keystone in the boys race were Shepherd Rozier (22:23), Jaden Park (22:46), Anthony Peak (24:26), Liam Callahan (24:40) and Josiah Durrenberger (25:19).

The girls team's Olivia Griffin placed 65th out of 162 with a time of 24:59. Teammates Alexis Taylor and Ella Hutchins ran times of 29:30 and 31:26, respectively.

Keystone competed in the Eddie Mingle Open on Sept. 6 at Etoniah Creek State Forest in Florahome, with Tyler Griffin placing third out of 63 and Olivia Griffin placing 15th out of 52.

Tyler Griffin finished with a time of 18:48, while Durrenberger and Park were 28th and 32nd, respectively, with times of 25:09 and 25:29.

Olivia Griffin posted a time of 28:12 and was joined in the race by the following teammates: Taylor (32:08), Kendall Gagnon (35:44), Rigby Morford (36:58), Hutchins (37:11), Clara Beth Robinson (38:58) and Shaylyn Williams (40:10).

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Obituaries

John David Francis

John David Francis, 55, born in Gainesville and raised in Starke, passed away on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 at Haven Hospice in Gainesville. He was born on April 23, 1967. As a boy, John David excelled at academics and athletics; and loved playing the piano. Described as rambunctious, he once jumped off the roof of his house "just to see what it felt like." As he grew older, he became a gifted athlete; playing all sports, lettering in football, baseball, and basketball as a Bradford High School student. Following high school, he became a place kicker for the University of Florida as a walk-on, beating out many other athletes for the job, following in the footsteps of his mentor, David Hurse, who also kicked for the Gators many years earlier. He would eventually earn a full scholarship as a Gator. Throughout the years, John David taught at Brooker Elementary School, and worked in the communication industry laying fiber optics in Colorado, as well as being in the property recovery business.

Surviving members of his immediate family are his mother, Charlene Hardy Francis; sister, Beth Francis (Scott) Isabel; brother, Donnie Francis; and stepdaughter, Kayla Dreyfuss of Denver, Colorado. Preceding him in death was his father, Charles Francis.

A celebration of his life will be held at the First Baptist Church of Starke on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m. to be followed by visitation afterward.

PAID OBITUARY

Norma Hoffman

Norma Edenfield Hoffman, 89, of Keystone Heights passed away comfortably at her home Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Fort Myers on Sept. 20, 1932, to Ervin E. and Alita (Yomans) Edenfield. She graduated from Ft. Myers High School in 1950 and earned her master's degree in education with honors from the University of Florida. Prior to retirement from teaching at Gainesville High School (teaching business and vocational skills), she coordinated the Competency-Based Education (known as CBE) and sponsored FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). In 1998, she joined Trinity Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school and was active with the Silver Saints. She was a member of Sisters of The Lake, Red Hat Society, and remained very involved in the Altrusa House of Gainesville throughout her career and well into retirement. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Faye Henderson; and son-in-law, John Henderson.

Her survivors are her loving and devoted husband of 72 years, Jerome Hoffman of Keystone Heights; and their children, Jay (Glennie) Hoffman of Jupiter, and Ervin "Keith" (Lisa) Hoffman of Bonita Springs. She was lovingly called "Nanny" by nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Brandon Denmark and Pastor Scott Stanland officiating. There will also be services held at First Baptist Church of Estero, with Pastor Frank Brand officiating at a later date (to be determined). Entombment will follow at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers. The family would prefer memorial donations be made to the Altrusa House of Gainesville, 2002 NW 36th Ave., Gainesville, 32605, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. Visit www.jonesgallagherfh.com for updates and additional information.

PAID OBITUARY



Allen Smith

Allen Lang Smith, 88, died at Community Hospice in Jacksonville on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion/Swift Creek Cemetery immediately following the service.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008.



Andy Jarrell

Andy William Jarrell, 46, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully at Chiefland Hospice on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022, following a brief illness. He was born Feb. 9, 1976, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was a kind man who loved to fish, play X-box and watch Alabama football. He met the love of his life, Mary, and the two wed in 2020. Although their time together was brief, they had made a family and he adored her son, Jesse. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Christine Jarrell; and his brother, Clyde Baham.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Jarrell; son, Jesse Nicholas Tinsley; brothers, Randy Lawrence (Mary) Jarrell of Arkansas, John Clifton (Dara) Baham of Arkansas, and Jerry (Mary) Pulliam of North Carolina; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A funeral to honor his life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home in Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Zion/Swift Creek Cemetery immediately following the service. Brother Jimmy Scott of New River Congregational Methodist Church will officiate the services.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Archer-Milton Funeral Home, Lake Butler. 386-496-2008. www.ArcherFuneralHome.com

PAID OBITUARY



Mary E. Page

Mary E. Page, 89, of Keystone Heights died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at Park of the Palms' Willey Manor. She was born Sept. 26, 1932, in Providence, Rhode Island to Owen Francis Sr. and Elizabeth Veronica (Melville) O'Neil. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Lester A. Page Sr.

Her survivors include her son, Lester A. (Gail) Page Jr. of Keystone Heights; a brother, Owen O'Neil Jr. of Providence, Rhode Island; and her two grandsons, Lester "A.J." Page III and Chad Page. She was particularly close to her cousin Paul (Nancy) McEnany.

There are no scheduled services at this time. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights, 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com



Annetta Varnes

Annetta Sue Rose Varnes, 75, of Folkston, Georgia passed away on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri on March 8, 1947, to the late Arthur Lester Rose and Lucy Marie Robertson Rose. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Elton Varnes; and six siblings, Lottie Albericci, Eugene Rose, David Rose, Arthur Robert Rose, Rebecca Rathfelder and Thomas Rose.

She is survived by her daughter; Rebekah (Michael) Warren of Folkston, Georgia; her son, Kenneth E. Varnes Jr. of Hampton, Florida; seven siblings, Brenda Shaw, Mary Rose, Jonathan Rose, Sharen Gann, Lillie Goode, Bonita Hernandez and Clara Stansbery; seven grandchildren, Hannah Smith, Hayden Warren, David M. Warren, Kenneth (Taylor) Varnes III, Camden Varnes, Connor Varnes, and Morgan Nicole Varnes; a great-granddaughter, Shiloh Varnes; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorialization will be by cremation. A private ceremony will be held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest registry at www.shepardrobersonfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Shepard-Roberson Funeral Home, Folkston, Georgia.



PAID OBITUARY

Louise Wilkison

Louise (Lois) June Wilkison, 88, of Georgia passed away at Effingham Care Center on Friday, Sept. 9, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born in Fernandina on June 22, 1934, to the late Hosea and Annie Vanzant. She was a member of the Sampson City Church of God until 2016, when she moved to Georgia to be cared for by her children. She then attended Rincon Church of God. She enjoyed crocheting and working out in the yard, but most of all, she enjoyed reading her Bible. She was known to most as "Granny." She was preceded in death by her parents, Hosea and Annie Vanzant; her husbands, Woodrow Smith and Paul Wilkison; her siblings, Carl (Myrtle) Vanzant, Hazel (Arthur) Bread, Myrtle (Glen) Smith; her children, Susan (Andy)Wilkerson; and grandchild, Dennis Malott.

She is survived by her children, Daniel (Cheryl) Smith and Barbara (Dennis) Malott; her grandchildren, Danny (Heather) Smith, Tommy Pomerleau, Matt Smith, Angel (Rodger) Moore, Brandi (James) Spratlin, Chrissy (Wayne) Morton, Chris Lanier, Jennifer (Brad) Wright; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, Sept. 12, at Raiford Calvary Temple Church of God in Raiford with Brother James Spratlin officiating.

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



UCHS

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with Simmons serving. Parrish had a block that helped Union go up 24-16 before they earned the win off a Baker service error.

Baker scored the first six points of the tiebreaker set. There were few bright spots for Union, though they scored three straight points with Davis serving that left them trailing 13-7. Simmons blocked attacks by the Wildcats' Camryn Chick twice — once for a point and once to keep play alive for an eventual Davis kill.

Official stats weren't available by deadline.

In the teams' first meeting on Sept. 6, the Tigers won the first two sets before losing 3-2 (24-26, 22-25, 25-21, 25-12, 15-7).

Davis recorded 27 kills and 24 digs. Kamryn Southerland had 21 digs and 21 assists, while Jordan Hendricks had 18 digs and 14 assists. Journey Crim added 17 digs, while Wilson had nine.

Simmons had a solid outing as well with six kills and two blocks.

Union played Pierson Taylor this past Tuesday and will play in a tournament hosted by Bell

High School on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17. The Tigers will play Trenton and Lafayette at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sept. 16. Union will play Columbia at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 17.

The Tigers travel to play Bradford on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. before returning home to play Keystone Heights on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m. JV matches will be played prior to each match at 5:30 p.m.

Tigers defeat Hornets for 3-0 record in District 6

Union hosted Lafayette on Sept. 8, defeating the Hornets 3-0 (25-12, 25-22, 25-12) to improve to 3-0 in District 6.

Davis recorded 12 kills, 11 digs, four service aces and three blocks. Simmons had nine kills and four blocks, while Morgyn Kirby and Wilson had three and two blocks, respectively. Wilson also had 14 digs.

Southerland and Hendricks tallied 13 and 12 assists, respectively, with Hendricks also recording eight digs.

Crim had eight digs, while Parrish had eight kills.

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The Young family wishes to thank everyone for their love, thoughtfulness and prayers after the passing of Mrs. Linda Young.

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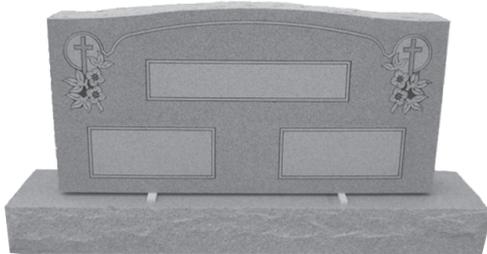
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BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD 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: 976
 Year of Issuance: 2015
 Parcel Number: 04246-0-00000
 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0014
 Description of Property: LOT 3 OF BLOCK SIX (6) E. W. HAYES' SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 32 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK TWO (2) ON PAGE 48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Name in Which Assessed: ROBERT L CLARKE
 Name on last tax roll, if different: ROBERT L. CLARKE ET AL.
 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 12/14/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida S BY: Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain amount necessary to redeem.
 DATED: August 18, 2022
 DATE OF PUBLICATION: August 25, 2022; September 1, 2022; September 8, 2022; September 15, 2022
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate Number: 415
 Year of Issuance: 2015
 Parcel Number: 01575-0-00000
 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0012
 Description of Property: The East half of the South East quarter of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section Twenty six, Township Five South of Range Twenty two East and containing five acres more or less.
 Name in Which Assessed: MARION SAMS
 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 12/14/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 Denny Thompson,

Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY Kanetra Jenkins Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain amount necessary to redeem.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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 Certificate Number: 420
 Year of Issuance: 2015
 Parcel Number: 01599-0-00000
 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0005
 Description of Property: The North 110 feet of Lot 4, of Otts Subdivision, as per plat, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 8 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.
 Name in Which Assessed: DENTON I 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 12/14/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
 Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Bradford County, Florida By Kanetra Jenkin Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain amount necessary to redeem.
 DATED: August 18, 2022
 DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 25, 2022; SEPTEMBER 1, 2022; SEPTEMBER 8, 2022; SEPTEMBER 15, 2022
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 Certificate Number: 766
 Year of Issuance: 2015
 Parcel Number: 02708-0-00000
 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0009
 Description of Property: Commence at the Northwest Corner of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, run East 672.5 feet for point of beginning, thence continue East 198 feet, thence South 55 feet, thence West 198 feet, thence North 55 feet to Point of Beginning and lying in Northwest Corner of North Half of Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter, Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and containing 0.25 acres.
 Name in Which Assessed: HORACE ROYAL
 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 12/14/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain amount necessary to redeem.
 DATED: August 18, 2022
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 Inquiries Aaron Mathews Director of Procurement & Contracts Florida Gateway College 149 SE College Place Lake City, FL 32025 P: (386) 754-4381 E: aaron.mathews@fgc.edu Date & Time Bids Due: Friday, September 30, 2022 Must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST)
 Place for Receiving Bids: Bids will be received electronically via FGC Dropbox with instructions provided in the Bid Documents. Bids must be electronically submitted to the FGC Dropbox prior to the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 30, 2022. The College will not be responsible for delays that cause a Proposal to arrive after the designated submission deadline.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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 Certificate Number: 412
 Year of Issuance: 2015
 Parcel Number: 01565-0-00000
 Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0010
 Description of Property: TDA NUMBER: 513TDA ACCOUNT NUMBER: R 01565-0-00000
 Legal Description Commencing at the North East Corner of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section Twenty-Six Township Five South of Range Twenty-two East and

reversing South on section Line dividing Sec. 25+26 and hundred + Fifty seven feet to a point of beginning, thence reversing South One hundred + Fifty Four feet, travel West Two Hundred + twenty Six feet Thence South Two Hundred + Twenty Four feet, thence Easterly to the point of beginning being in section Twenty-Six Township Five South of Range Twenty five East, and Containing one acre more or less.
 Name in Which Assessed: ABEL SAMS
 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 12/21/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: L Brannon Deputy Clerk DATED: August 26, 2022 9/1 4tchg 9/22-BCT

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

CASE NO.: 04-2022-CP-99 PROBATE DIVISION
 IN RE: ESTATE OF CAROLYN BALDWIN, Deceased.
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 The administration of the estate of CAROLYN BALDWIN, deceased, File Number 04-2022-CP-99, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands

against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is September 8, 2022
 PAUL SANDERS, P.A.
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 Florida Bar No: 557463
 115 E. Call St.
 Starke, Florida 32091
 MARTHA MEFFORD
 Personal Representative
 49500 S. 618 Rd.
 Colcord, OK 74338
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2022-CP-78
 In Re: The Estate of: RONALD ALAN HAVERKATE Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RONALD ALAN HAVERKATE, deceased, whose date of death was June 25, 2022, and whose last four digits of his social security number are 3038, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 904 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and 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 the 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 September 8, 2022.
 Attorney for Personal Representative: KYLE D. MACCOMBER, ESQUIRE
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 303 State Road 26
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 Telephone: 352/475-1611
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Public Meeting Notice Bradford and Union County Local Working Group Meeting

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Legals for the week of Sept. 15, 2022

BRADFORD

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on August 15, 2022:

Bradford County Fair Association, 2300 N Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091-1614 has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit application number ERP-007-207168-6. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 1.8-acres.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-2020-CA-000360-CAAM

COMMUNITY STATE BANK, a Florida corporation,
Plaintiff,

The unknown heirs and devisees OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA MOCK ARNOLD, deceased, as their interests may appear; UNKNOWN PARTIES in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Defendants, the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of the Estate of Patricia Mock Arnold and Unknown Parties in Possession and their personal representative, curators, executors, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, directors, officers, general managers, cashiers, business and registered agents or other claimants claiming under them and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Plaintiff, Community State Bank is seeking, *inter alia*, to foreclose on certain real property more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

You are required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon Ryan J. Mittauer, Esquire, 50 North Laura Street, Suite 1200, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action. Otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Verified Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 8th of September, 2022.

DENNY THOMPSON

As Clerk of the Court

By: K. Jenkins

Deputy Clerk

cc:

Ryan J. Mittauer, Esq.

The Liles Firm, P.A.

50 North Laura Street, Suite 1200

Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Jonathan S. Bense, Esq.

The Law Office of Jonathan S. Bense, PLLC

4731 Northwest 53rd Avenue, Suite 2

Gainesville, Florida 32653

The Unknown Heirs and Devisees

of the Estate of Patricia Mock Arnold

10902 SW 105th Street

Brookier, Florida 32622

Exhibit "A"

Lot 47, River Bend Estates, an

unrecorded subdivision, as per plat

attached in Official Records Book

1272, Page 470. Said lot being

conveyed with a right of ingress and

egress over easements as shown on

plat.

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Notice is hereby given:

Stacy R. Jenkins

Last known address of:

572 NE 218th St

Lawley FL 32058

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eligibility to vote is in question. You

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of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later

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Amanda Seyfang

Bradford County Supervisor of

Elections

P. O. Box 58

945 N. Temple Ave., Suite C

Starke, FL 32091

Date: September 9, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE

DIVISION
File No. 2022-CP-000081
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF APRIL CATHY LEE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of APRIL CATHY LEE, deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 North Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: September 15, 2022.

Robert D. Hines, Esq.

Attorney for Personal Representative

Florida Bar No. 0413550

Hines Norman Hines, P.L.

1312 W. Fletcher Avenue, Suite B

Tampa, FL 33612

Telephone: 813-265-0100

Email: rhines@nhh-law.com

Secondary Email: jrvera@nhh-law.com

DALTON LEE

Personal Representative

5087 SE 109th Street

Starke, FL 32091

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Notice is hereby given:

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Last known address of:

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City of Starke Commission

Workshop

There will be a workshop of the City

of Starke Commission to discuss ARA

plans on September 20, 2022 during

the regular meeting that will begin at

5:45 pm. The meeting will be held at

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Notice is hereby given:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that ATCF II

FLORIDA-A LLC the holder of the

following certificate has filed said

certificate for a tax deed to be issued

thereon. The certificate number and

year of issuance, the description of

the property, and names in which it

was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 94

Year of Issuance: 2020

Parcel Number: 00597-0-00301

Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0016

Description of Property: A parcel

of land lying in the N 1/2 of the SE

1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36,

Township 5 South, Range 21 East,

Bradford County, Florida said parcel

being more particularly described as

follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner

of said SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and run

South 01 degrees, 32' and 40" East,

along the Westerly boundary thereof

441.73 feet; thence North 88 degrees,

49' and 27" East, 468.41 feet for the

Point of Beginning. From Point of

Beginning thus described run North

01 degree, 47' and 15" West, 369.55 feet thence North 88 degrees, 53' and 16" East, 219.58 feet; thence South 03 degrees, 33' and 46" West, 380.44 feet; thence North 81 degrees, 15' and 31" West, 57.21 feet; thence South 88 degrees, 49' and 27" West, 127.85 feet to Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO:

A 20.00 foot easement for ingress and egress lying 10.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline; Commence at a concrete monument found at the NW corner of said N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and run South 01 degree, 32' and 40" East along the Westerly boundary thereof 441.73 feet to a found concrete monument, thence North 88 degrees, 49' and 27" East, 401.97 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 01 degree, 30' and 36" East, 15.00 feet to a set iron rod, thence North 88 degrees, 35' and 24" East, 178.72 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 01 degree, 02' and 43" West 87.67 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 85 degrees, 53' and 03" East, 47.66 feet for the Point of Beginning of said centerline. From Point of Beginning thus described, run North 29 degrees, 59' and 55" East 99.00 feet, thence South 81 degrees 15' and 31" East, 936 feet more or less, to the Westerly boundary of the right of way of NW 37th street (a county graded road) and the end of said centerline.

Name in Which Assessed: GORDAN CRAWFORD

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 12/21/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,

Clerk Of The Circuit Court

Bradford County, Florida

BY: Kanetra Jenkins

Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk

Contact the Tax Deed Office at

904-966-6280 to obtain the amount

necessary to redeem.

DATED: September 7, 2022

DATE OF PUBLICATION:

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022; SEPTEMBER

22, 2022; SEPTEMBER 29, 2022;

OCTOBER 6, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST

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: 1249

Year of Issuance: 2015

Parcel Number: 05551-0-00701

Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0017

Description of Property: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND IN TRACT 2-C OF MT. PLEASANT ON SILVER LAKE, PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 45 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 'N' OF ADAM'S UNRECORDED REPLAT OF TRACTS 1-C AND 2-C.

A parcel of land situated in Tract 2-C of "Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake", a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 45 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Tract 2-C of said Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake and run

Southerly along the East line of said Tract 2-C a distance of 210.00 feet; thence run Westerly parallel with the North line of said 2-C a distance of 450.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 00°05'00" East, and parallel with the East line of said Tract 2-C, 150.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00°05'00" East, and parallel with the East line of said Tract 2-C a distance of 165.00 feet to a concrete monument on the North right of way line of Linda Street; thence run North 88°38'43" West along said North right of way line, 160.00 feet; thence run North 00°05'00" West, 165.00 feet; thence run South 88°34'25" East, 160.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

*Less & Except ORB 1287 Page 234

Name in Which Assessed: KELLY E LISH & JUANITA G LISH

Name on last tax roll, if different:

JUANITA G LISH (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 01/11/2023, 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

DATED: September 7, 2022

DATE OF PUBLICATION:

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD

GAINEY

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Freedom Force belt after a match before Aug. 8, but she refused to accept it because she hadn't earned the victory.

Gainey was taking on Lexi Gomez in two-out-of-three-falls match on July 2 in Panama City. It wasn't supposed to be a title match.

"At the last minute, they brought this belt out," Gainey said. "They had just made it and turned the match into a championship match."

Each wrestler had recorded a pin over the other when a third wrestler became involved. Emily Locke jumped into the ring with the championship belt and, with the ref being distracted, hit Gomez with it. Locke then took an exhausted Gainey, who was unaware of what was going on, and placed her on top of Gomez. The ref counted to three, with the result being that Gainey was credited with the pin and the championship.

Gainey said she didn't want the belt after she came to her senses and learned of what happened.

"In the record books, it showed that I had won that night, but I knew I didn't want to become a champion that way," Gainey said. "Right after the match, I immediately turned around and relinquished it and left (the belt) there. I told them I wanted to have a triple-threat match with us three — that we'd have a champion that way."

When that triple-threat match

took place on Aug. 6 in Panama City, it was Gainey coming out on top, earning the belt the way she wanted to and becoming Freedom Force Wrestling's first-ever female champion.

"It was an amazing night," Gainey said. "We were the main event that evening. The fans were into it. Everyone loved it. The adrenaline was just pumping the entire time."

Fan interaction

For Gainey, wrestling is more than just what happens inside the ring. After winning the Freedom Force title, she exited the ring and found the six daughters of the Rib Crib owners, who co-sponsored the event. She gave each one a hug.

Gainey enjoys being around children. In fact, when she's not wrestling, she's either working as a nanny or substitute teaching at Starke's Southside Elementary School.

When she enters the arena prior to a match, Gainey said she likes to pick a corner and tell the children in attendance to all meet her there for a group hug.

"I always leave a show in tears because I love kids," Gainey said. "I tell people every job I do revolves around them — the nannying, the subbing, the wrestling. I'll have kids run up to me and tell me how much they love me and that they're cheering for me. I'll have parents tell me their kids have my pictures up on their walls."

Gainey said she's had girls tell her they want to follow in her



Taylor Gainey displays her Southeastern Wrestling Association and Freedom Force Wrestling championship belts. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

footsteps and become wrestlers themselves. Some will tell her they don't think they can do that, though, because they're shy, for example.

"I'll take a second and talk to them and tell them, 'Hey, I was in the same shoes you are.' I tell them things that helped me get over that hurdle," Gainey said.

She likes children, but Gainey relishes the opportunities to talk with anyone of any age. The topic of conversation doesn't always have to be about wrestling. In fact, Gainey has a podcast (QuadPod) on which she'll talk about various experiences in her

life or about her relationship with God. She'd love to have a blog, too, if she can one day fit it into her schedule.

As Gainey put it, she wants to share her heart with people.

"I just love that deep connection (with people)," Gainey said, adding, "They're strangers, but they're also someone of meaning to me."

Moving up

She's enjoying the roller-coaster ride now, but Gainey would love to be able to move up to either the AEW or WWE.

One thing that could possibly benefit her is her Quadzilla finishing move. The move shows off her leg strength, but more importantly, it's something that's unique.

"We're always picking each other up and doing stuff to each other, but holding someone and squatting them? I was really excited to make that my thing," Gainey said, adding, "I'm constantly thinking of what I can showcase. What does make me different?"

Gainey said it's up to her to actively promote herself to AEW and WWE by utilizing social media. Other than that, all she has to do is keep wrestling and to do it in such a way that shows she's serious about it.

"You're constantly proving yourself as to why you should have the spot that you do, why you should be a champion and why you should be here," Gainey said. "It's showing up, being consistent and always working and grinding. Then you get rewarded for it."

Imagining herself on the AEW or WWE stage is enough to give her butterflies, Gainey said.

As for her father, she said he'd "lose his mind."

"I know that he's going to be texting everybody who he knows. 'Hey, turn on your TV at this time. You're going to see Taylor.' I know that he's going to be on cloud nine," Gainey said.

Gainey would love the opportunity if it happens, but that'd just be a bonus. She's already doing what she set out to. "When I was a kid, I told

myself I wanted to be a wrestler," she said. "When I stepped into the ring for the first time, I accomplished that. Now, it's like everything else will be icing on the cake."

Showing support

Whether you call her T-Gainz, Quadzilla or simply Taylor, you can keep up with what she's doing by following her on Facebook (TGainz), Instagram (@t_gainz) and Twitter (@t_gainz). She also has a website: taylorgainey.wixsite.com. The website and social-media accounts contain links to her podcasts.

Of course, she'd love to have people cheering her on during her matches. She wrestles in Georgia as part of Southeastern Wrestling Association events, while Freedom Force Wrestling matches take place in the panhandle. Gainey does wrestle in other parts of the state with other promoters and has even taken part in events in Jacksonville.

Gainey now has a line of merchandise available at events.

If you attend a match, Gainey promises you'll see her give 100-percent effort. She said she's always been "a shy and quiet girl," but when she enters the ring, a switch flips.

"I promise pure aggression," Gainey said, adding, "The biggest thing I want people to see is the fight that is in me. When I come out, I'm going to give these people a reason to believe in me and to cheer for me."

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two kills during the fourth set, with Jackson also recording a block, but the Tornadoes couldn't overcome Columbia's fast start. Bradford opened the season with a 3-0 (25-20, 25-16, 25-20) loss at Union County on Aug. 23,

followed by a 3-2 (25-14, 26-24, 14-25, 18-25, 15-12) loss at Baldwin on Aug. 25.

The Tornadoes hosted Baldwin on Sept. 6, winning 3-1 (26-24, 25-16, 26-28, 27-25).

Bradford hosts Union County on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m.

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Marquart had four aces.

Keystone suffered its first loss on Sept. 1, falling 3-1 (25-20, 13-25, 25-17, 25-21) to visiting Bolles. Jennings had 34 assists to go along with six kills and four aces, while Eatmon led the

team in kills with 10. Siebert and Kiersten Shaw each had eight kills, with Siebert also recording four blocks. Barry had six kills.

Padgett recorded 19 digs, while Kaitlin Brown had two blocks. Carlton and Marquart had four and three aces, respectively.

The Indians hosted Class 5A Clay on Sept. 6, losing 3-0 (25-

20, 25-20, 25-17). Siebert had six kills and four blocks, while Barry and Shaw each had five kills. Jennings had 20 assists and two blocks, with Padgett adding 11 digs and three aces.

Keystone, which played Newberry on Sept. 13 and Palatka on Sept. 14, will play in the Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball

Association River City Classic on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17, at the JJVA Training Center at 8457 Western Way in Jacksonville.

The Indians travel to play Union County on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m.

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