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Four critical after Keystone Heights DUI crash

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The Florida Highway Patrol said a two-car accident left multiple people in critical condition after a drunk driver in a black pickup truck collided head-on with a red SUV, shutting down State Road 21 at Spring Lake Road in Keystone Heights for several hours. Traffic was diverted to County Road 315C.

According to FHP, four people were in critical condition: two adults and two minors, and the impaired driver was in serious condition. The driver of the SUV sustained severe, life-threatening injuries.

The impaired driver, identified in an arrest report as Christopher Allen Kirkland, 22, was arrested on eight counts, including DUI with bodily injury, refusal to submit to a blood test, driving without insurance, and careless driving.

The injured parties were transported to various trauma centers by personnel from Clay County Fire Rescue.

A person posting on Facebook claiming to be a family member of the victims wrote that the drunk driver crashed head-on into an SUV, resulting in two minors and two adults sustaining life-threatening injuries.

She also claimed that a few hours before the crash, the defendant had been contacted by the Clay County Sheriff's Office due to intoxication but was subsequently released.

"CCSO had HIM at 630 pm on Saturday (drunk) trying to put his child in his trunk," wrote Jeannie Malone on Word of Mouth Keystone Heights. "The deputy let him go!!!!!!!"

"One last word to CCSO," Malone continued. "I'm not going to say the deputy's name, but I want him to never forget that he could have avoided all this. I mean, isn't there such a thing as disorderly intoxication? Breach of Peace?"

The Clay County Sheriff's Office stated, "At this time, we are looking into this matter and cannot comment further."

According to the arrest report, a deputy caught the defendant attempting to enter his car a few hours before the crash, but prevented



Christopher Allen Kirkland



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Kirkland from getting behind the wheel.

"It should also be noted that Deputy McClain with CCSO responded to a disturbance just a few hours before the collision, around 06:00-06:30 PM, on 09/20/2025, involving Mr. Kirkland," wrote the reporting officer in the arrest report. "Deputy McClain advised that Mr. Kirkland was intoxicated during their interaction and that Mr. Kirkland was attempting to bring his child into

his vehicle. However, CCSO put a stop to Mr. Kirkland getting in his vehicle due to his condition. No charges or reports were created relating to this incident."

The crash occurred at approximately 12:29 a.m. on Sunday, September 21. FHP determined that alcohol was a contributing factor in the accident.

All the parties were from Middleburg.

Union gas tax delayed, town halls scheduled

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Union County commissioners, during their September 15 meeting, began deliberating a county gasoline tax, allowed by Florida law of up to five cents per gallon, but not yet enacted in Union County.

Chair Channing Dobbs pushed for an enactment date of January 1, 2026, but his colleagues opted for a proposed date of January 1, 2027, giving the public time to respond to the proposal.

County Coordinator Jimmy Williams said the five-cent-per-gallon levy could generate around \$200,000 a year.

"It takes about \$500,000 to mill and resurface one mile of roadway," he said. "So, about every two years at that rate with the pumps that we have in place now in the county, I don't know what the future holds, but at where we are right now in the county, about one mile of road could be paved every two years."

County Attorney Russ Wade noted that state law restricts the use of money raised by gasoline taxes to capital expenditures. They cannot be used for routine maintenance and must be tied into the county's five-year capital improvements plan, which requires regular updates.

Commissioner Willie Croft stated that some of his constituents are under the impression that Union County already imposes a five-cent tax.

Dobbs added that neighboring Bradford County levies the maximum five-cent tariff, and gasoline in Starke is still cheaper than in Lake Butler.

Commissioner Donna Jackson said she favored the tax; however, she objected to the timing of the proposal, noting that for the tax to take effect on January 1, commissioners would have to enact it before October 1, only 15 days away.

"I'm saying we don't have enough time, in my opinion, to mount a full-scale campaign of notifying the public because I've said I think we need to

do that via conventional newspaper, but also Facebook," she told her colleagues. "I think we need to let people know of what we're planning on doing and give them an opportunity to be a part of the discussion, and 15 days just isn't a lot of time to do that."

Dobbs argued for implementation on January 1, 2026. He told his fellow commissioners that he had broached the topic in several prior meetings and that he preferred the tax to be in effect before new gasoline stations open in the county.

Now, a Wawa convenience store is in development in Lake Butler.

"Yes, we can sit and not do it now if that's the board's pleasure, because I think we need to have a public campaign on it," he said. "I respect that, but I brought it up over and over. I'm the kind of person who is going to field questions from my constituents, and I'm sure you do the same. That's really good enough for me, honestly, to go ahead and get this implemented. We're going to be (another whole

year, and that much further behind. That's my concern."

Instead of moving forward with a January 1, 2026, tax, commissioners agreed to convene a series of town hall meetings throughout the county to discuss the proposed tax, the need for road improvements, and other revenue opportunities, such as impact fees for new residents. Additional topics could include code enforcement and restrictions on residents permanently living in campers.

The town hall schedule, approved informally, is

- November 3: Raiford Community Center, 6 p.m.
- December 1: Lake Butler City Hall, 6:15 p.m. (tied to tree lighting)
- January 5: Worthington Springs Community Center, 6 p.m.
- February 2: Providence Community Center or Fire Station, 6 p.m.
- March 2: Palestine Fire Station, 6 p.m.

New Starke city clerk fighting for full authority

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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A day before she was to be sworn in as Starke's new city clerk, Chrissy Thompson was still fighting for the full power she says the city charter provides her position.

According to Thompson, the city — in its recent adoption of its city manager ordinance — had placed her on an island alone.

The ordinance, which eliminates the previous division of duties between a chief administrative officer and a general manager of utilities, restores Drew Mullins as city manager, but with all the financial oversight preciously given to the chief administrative officer. That oversight was once held by the city clerks who came before, including Thompson's husband, who served through 2021.

Earlier this year, in the absence of a clerk and the anticipation voters would eliminate the position from the charter, the commission assigned those duties to the CAO and have now assigned them to the city manager.

Mullins said Monday that Thompson's role as city clerk would provide checks and balances on what takes place in finance in addition to her role as custodian of records and secretary to the board. She will have no staff of her own, he said. Instead, Lisa Heeder, who also ran to be



Judge Tatum Davis administered the oath of office to commissioners Janice Moritimer, and Dimple Overstreet and City Clerk Chrissy Thompson Tuesday night. While Moritimer is returning for another term, this is Overstreet's first. Thompson, a former commissioner, is now taking on the role of clerk and still trying to figure out what that role will be.

city clerk, will work under Finance Director James Hughes along with the other employees in the billing and payroll office.

Heeder, who worked for past clerks, was delegated charter responsibilities such as taking minutes at meetings and fulfilling public records requests. Mullins said Thompson would take over Heeder's roles. The clerk is the

custodian of records per the charter, but unlike past clerks, Thompson won't have staff to assign those responsibilities.

Thompson has repeatedly said she does not oppose the city manager or the ordinance reinstating the position, except as it relates to her charter assigned role as treasurer. She appealed again to the commission

Sept. 9 when the board finalized its adoption, saying as the city treasurer, she couldn't justify not having supervision of the finance department.

"As years have been passed, the clerk has always been over that department. If you solely give this position and all departments to Drew, then you have no checks and balances. Then I am not responsible to the people that voted me in," Thompson said. Voters chose to keep an elected city clerk, and if the commission wanted to change the clerk's charter duties, that should have been on the ballot as well, she added.

Thompson told the commission her attorney advised her to try and talk things out, but she would make a legal stand if that was not possible. She also read a letter into the record, saying she would not be signing any checks or authorizing any other transaction without working knowledge of the city's overall finances. Under the ordinance, she was not confident she would have that access.

"No responsible official would assume such a financial liability without the control and related processes to the personnel," she said, promising legal action if the ordinance was approved in its original form.

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WORTH NOTING

Hampton centennial seeks sponsors

Hampton is planning a centennial celebration for its citizens in October and is seeking sponsors to support the event. If you can contribute to the celebration, speak with Mary Lou Hildreth at 352-235-0519.

Veterans service office closed

The Bradford County Veterans Service Office will be closed from Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 and Oct. 6 to Oct. 9. The Union County office will be closed Oct. 1 and 8.

Normal hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays; 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays; and 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Tuesday hours vary. Please call 904-966-6385 or 904-263-0647 for more information.

Peanut Butter Challenge

From Sept. 30 to Oct. 31, 2025, Bradford County residents are invited to bring unopened and unexpired jars of peanut butter to the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke to help feed the hungry.

At the end of the collection period, the jars will be donated to the Bradford County Food Pantry. The collection is part of a friendly competition between UF/IFAS Extension offices throughout Florida. At the end of the collection period, jars will be counted, and bragging rights will be awarded to the offices that collect the most peanut butter.

"We thank the Florida Peanut Federation for their continued support and contributions," said UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office Interim Director Cindy Sanders. "These associations match our donations to go to local food pantries in Bradford County."

For more information about this program, contact the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224 or bradford@ifas.ufl.edu.

Roberts descendent at Historic Society

The Union County Historical Society will begin the 2025-26 program year with a discussion led by Sandra Wade. Wade, a descendent of the Roberts family, will talk about her family and her memories of growing up in Lake Butler. She will also lead a discussion with audience participation about Union County or family events and remembrances.

Please come and be prepared to share your memories with everyone. The program will be on Monday, Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Union County Historical Museum, 420 W. Main St. in Lake Butler.



Free car washes all day Saturday

Snappy's opened Tuesday, grand opening this weekend

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Brothers Matt and Landon Woodall are bringing their family's passion for clean cars and community connection to Starke with the opening of Snappy's Express Car Wash, a new venture that aims to stand out in an industry increasingly dominated by corporate giants.

The family-owned business, rooted in over 15 years of car wash experience, celebrated its soft opening on Tuesday, with a grand opening event planned for Saturday featuring free washes all day.

Matt Woodall said the family's journey in the car wash industry began as franchisees of Goo-Goo Car Wash in Georgia.

"We were with Goo-Goo for about 18 years," Matt explained. "They were one of the pioneers of express car washes."

After Goo-Goo sold to a large corporation, the Woodalls transitioned to their own brand, Snappy's, operating locations in Crawfordsville, Florida, and Albany, Georgia, before selling those to focus on new ventures like Starke and MacClenny, which Matt Woodall said is now in the permitting phase.

Unlike the corporate-backed car washes that Matt notes "go downhill pretty quick"



after private equity buyouts, Snappy's emphasizes a hands-on, customer-focused approach.

"We're not looking to sell," Matt said. "We're building these to grow and keep them operating smoothly."

The brothers, along with their father, aim to differentiate themselves from the "big

corporate conglomerates" by adopting a community-oriented business model.

"We like to be in these smaller cities," Matt added, highlighting their commitment to supporting local communities.

Located on U.S. 301 South, across the highway from Walmart, Snappy's is the only

express car wash in town, a contrast to larger cities where such businesses often compete across the street from one another.

The facility, which employs six staff members and operates from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, features modern technology, such as license plate readers, that streamlines the experience for customers with unlimited wash packages.

"That was a game-changer," Matt said of the subscription business model, which allows customers to pull up, have their plate scanned, and drive through without touching a screen.

The road to opening wasn't easy. Matt described a two-and-a-half-year permitting process, navigating challenges with the city and water management district.

"It's always something," he said, noting that smaller towns like Starke are preferable to larger markets like Gainesville, where regulations can be even more complex.

Despite these hurdles, the Woodalls said they are focused on fine-tuning their equipment during the soft opening phase to ensure a seamless customer experience by the grand opening.

Landon, Matt's brother and co-owner, echoed the family's commitment to quality and community.

"We're big into giving back to the community any way we can," he said, likening their approach to the customer service ethos of Chick-fil-A rather than a rigid corporate structure of McDonald's.

Palms Medical Group in Starke moving to new location

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Palms Medical Group in Starke is relocating its clinic from to a new site at 922 E. Call Street, Suite 100, set to open in mid- to late October.

This new location occupies the same site as the HCA Florida Starke Emergency Room, providing greater space for the clinic to expand services for the Bradford County community.

According to a Sept. 9 press release, Palms Medical Group will continue offering the same providers, nurses and staff that patients have come to trust, while accommodating growth to better serve the area. The group plans to recruit additional health care professionals to support its mission of enhancing health and wellbeing in the greater Starke area.

Palms Medical Group, a not-for-profit organization, claims more than 50 years of experience delivering affordable, quality primary and preventive care across north Florida, operating 13 locations. The expanded space at the new site will provide room to grow both clinical staff and health care services, continuing Palms' commitment to patient-centered care with same-day scheduling, flexible hours, and bilingual staff, according to the press release.

Palms has been located at 550

Georgia St., and the new facility at the HCA Florida Starke Emergency Room site on East Call Street marks a strategic move to improve access and capacity for local patients.

For more information or appointments, patients can visit www.palmsmg.org.

Bradford legislative delegation hearing

State Rep. Chuck Brannan, chair of the Bradford County Legislative Delegation, announced that the annual legislative delegation hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 23, at 10 a.m. The hearing will be held at the commission meeting room at the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Ave. in Starke.

The legislative delegation holds a public hearing each year to afford local officials, members of the public and other interested parties the opportunity to present legislative proposals or press opinions on state issues.

The Bradford County legislative delegation includes Brannan and Sen. Jennifer Bradley. The 2026 regular session of the Florida Legislature will convene on Tuesday, Jan. 13, in Tallahassee.

For additional information or to be placed on the agenda for the hearing, contact Brannan's office at 386-400-1980 or email jason.carter@flhouse.gov.

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"If the ordinance is proceeded in the second reading under current its form, I will be left with no choice but to formally have litigation against the city of Starke commissioners for violation of city charter. I want to make it very clear that I want what

is absolutely best for the city of Starke now and for generations to come. My intent is not to create conflict, but to protect the integrity of our charter, maintain checks and balances and ensure no single individual in this city has unchecked control over multiple departments."

Commissioner Bob Milner recognized the commission needed to comply with the

charter but also supported the ordinance, saying the question would be how to apply it practically. Commissioner Janice Mortimer acknowledged things have worked differently in the past, but things changed under the former CAO for the sake of "efficiency and accountability."

"Just because we've been doing it that way for all these years isn't exactly what the

charter is saying," she said.

Commissioner Danny Nugent, who has supported restoring past authority to the city clerk, said that long past is why Thompson's argument will stand up in court.

"I think it's going to hold up in court. They're going to be right and we're going to be wrong," he said.

"Wagons worked in 1870, but people aren't riding in wagons now," Mayor Andy Redding responded. Things evolved as they did in the absence of a city clerk, he said. But the duties of treasurer, which belong to the clerk, are different from charting the financial course of the city, which is the job of the city manager, he said. The treasurer keeps track of the money but doesn't have a role in deciding how it is spent.

"Ordinances and even the charter have not been updated and reviewed and kept up to date, right? Because, like I said, we rode in wagons at one time, and they work, but we're not in a wagon now. Our city is now at a budget of \$54 million and it shouldn't be up to the clerk to keep up with everything," he said. "That's why we have a city manager now."

The ordinance passed 3-1, with Nugent dissenting.

Thompson said a meeting Monday with Mullins, their attorneys and a government attorney, did not shift the city's position.

"I just told them as plain as I could that I'm just there to defend the charter and what I was elected for. The citizens wanted a clerk," she said, saying she is

the one requiring there be checks and balances.

"Anybody with any good sense or any good public servant would not sign something they don't have access to," she said of signing checks. Their response, she said, was to suggest the city manager be allowed to sign checks going forward as he has while functioning as interim clerk.

"And I said, 'Have you absolutely lost your mind?' Because that would give ultimate control. And we're not a dictator. That's not how city government works," she said.

Thompson was waiting on correspondence from the city attorney outlining the duties assigned to the clerk. She had already received a flow chart which assigns new titles to the finance employees and places them under the manager's supervision. The incoming clerk said she has been placed on an island by herself.

"I'm not saying I have to have a big staff. I'm not saying I have to have a whole lot of anything. But I do have to have access to what I can see, and I can't have one person over everything that is just showing me what they want me to see. It has to be the big picture. Everybody has to be able to see it all. And it should be everybody," she said.



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Lawtey changes employee insurance policy

Election qualifying opens

BY MELISSA PYLE
Special to the Telegraph

Lawtey City Council amended employee benefits this month and set new base salaries for two offices open for election this year.

Starting salary for the city clerk's position was approved at \$35,000, while base pay for police chief going forward will be \$40,000. These positions and council seats 1, 3 and 5 are up for election on Dec. 2.

Qualifying for the Lawtey election began at noon on Sept. 22 and ends at noon on Sept. 26.

Councilwoman Amy Blom presented the council her proposal to give the city employees a stipend for health insurance instead of paying the current high costs. She said after going over the numbers discussed at the recent budget workshop she was convinced the stipend was the most cost-effective way for the city to move forward.

According to Blom, the current health insurance coverage is for two elected officials (clerk and police chief) and five full-time employees: one administrative assistant, one maintenance supervisor, and three police officers. Blom went on to explain the cost of insurance per year would be \$15,273 per employee. That's a yearly total cost of \$106,911 under the proposed 2025-26 budget.

In contrast, Blom said the health stipend would be \$7,200 per year, per employee, costing only \$50,400 per year. This change would cut the city's budget by \$56,511.

She said she understood that suddenly cutting health benefits could cause hardship and said there would be a grace period: staff would be allowed to keep their coverage if they wanted to for two more months.

She said employees could be given the option to opt out as soon as October if they'd like to: the current coverage for city employees is a monthly policy, not annual.

There was pushback on Blom's proposal from Council Member Virginia Warner, who said this was not what they discussed at the budget workshop. She said she wasn't aware the policies were up for debate. City attorney Dan Sikes suggested the employees should have enough notice to

plan for their coverage and voice their opinion to the council before there are votes to change to the stipend.

Warner suggested having workshops to discuss various health insurance plans with employees. Blom said pushing things down the road for more workshops and discussions has historically left Lawtey without any progress.

Blom grew frustrated, saying, "I've seen it too many times when I bring up policies and procedures, everything gets pushed back ... just keep pushing everything back and not moving it forward."

Blom made a motion to move forward with the stipends. Council, except for Warner, voted to approve the stipend option. Employees will be given the option to opt out of current coverage and begin the stipend or keep their current contract until the end of the year. Council clarified that new employees do not receive the stipend until 90 days of employment are complete.

In other business:

—council voted to approve Resolution 25-01, maintaining current flood insurance.

—council voted to approve Resolution 25-02, a recreational grant application, a possible \$200,000 available for both Lawtey parks.

—The recreation department announced a fall event schedule to host Bingo Nights Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., a Fall Festival on Oct. 31, and Family Movie Nights on Nov. 8, 15 and 22.

—the next council meeting is Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

Bingo for schools

Bradford Community for Schools will host another Bingo Night at The Downtown Grill in Starke on Monday, Sept. 29, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Cross Church, participants can play 10 games for \$20, with the last being a blackout game for \$100.

All proceeds and 20% of food and beverage sales will support keeping kids in school. Call early for reservations: 904-964-9253.

Starke developing a plan to fund water improvements

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Engineers for Starke have been developing funding strategies for major capital improvement projects, with particular focus at a recent meeting given to drinking water projects.

Justin de Mello, a vice president and professional engineer for Woodward and Curran, presented a Drinking Water Financial Improvement Plan for the commission to consider. The plan takes the capital improvement plan for the city's water utility and overlays it with funding opportunities.

In an "exhaustive" list of agencies, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had 11 different funding programs. USDA and legislative initiatives have also been successful for the city. Other agencies included Suwannee River Water Management District, Florida Rural Water Association, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, U.S. Department of Commerce and the Florida Department of Emergency Management.

DeMello said the city can improve the appeal for funding by presenting projects from multiple angles, promising they will provide reliability and resiliency, address climate concerns, make storm water improvements, etc.

Woodward and Curran and Starke have been successful receiving nearly \$19.8 for multiple utility projects, including upgrades for the sewer collection system, drinking water storage and treatment and downtown revitalization.

DeMello said they are putting in requests for more than \$100 million in additional funding, with most of that being for

water, wastewater and storm water resiliency and redundancy. Multiple sources will be tapped for drinking water system improvements.

Revisiting the drinking water alternatives presented in July 2023, the commission opted for partial improvements to both water treatment plants; a new elevated storage tank, water main and distribution system upgrades; and upgrading to advanced metering.

With \$4.5 million secured and 90% of the design completed, deMello said the city needs another \$15.1 million for those projects, which can be conducted in phases.

Woodward and Curran had calculated a financial improvement plan prior to the most recent \$2 million state award. It included options for issuing a bond or financing through FDEP's SRF loan program. It also looked at combining programs. If the city could get a partial FDEP grant, for example, it could finance the rest through SRF. Impact fees and developer agreements were also part of the calculations.

The additional cost for customers for the various alternatives ranged from an additional \$1.51 a month for two state funding programs with low annual repayments to more than \$52 a month for a bond issue with the current high interest rate and an annual debt payment of more than \$1.7 million.

"The intent of this is not to show you, hey, this is concrete, and this actually happened. The only thing concrete is the four and a half million that we've secured to date, right? The rest of it is still, hey, let's roll up our sleeves together. Let's continue the partnership. Let's go out and find you grants, because your range of this project could be anywhere from \$0 for existing customers all the way up to \$52 for the existing customer, and it could fall anywhere in between," deMello said. "I think very confidently that we can get to something very achievable here without going back to your rate payers and saying, 'Hey, we have to borrow \$17 million at 7% and

it's going to increase your water bill, just your water bill alone by \$50.'"

There are a lot of water projects to undertake, both because of delayed maintenance and future growth, deMello said. The water utility needs the same commitment to the wastewater system is receiving. Woodward and Curran will help execute that strategy, pounding the pavement to leverage grant opportunities and alternative financing. An impact fee analysis is underway, and forging agreements with developers to pay their share is also being discussed.

City Manager Drew Mullins said a new metering system would also increase utility revenue before rates are even touched. In a previous town he managed, revenue jumped 15% after replacing 3,000 meters. DeMello said 15% more revenue can leverage a lot of borrowing potential.

Revival at Johnstown Baptist

Johnstown Baptist Church will host its annual revival Sept. 24-27.

Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening with Bro. Caleb Lindsey preaching. On Saturday, services will start at 5 p.m. with a meal.

The revival will also feature singing and fellowship, and the community is invited to attend.

Almost Fall Festival at KH Woman's Club

The Keystone Heights Woman's Club will host its fourth annual Almost Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 6747 Woman's Club Drive in Keystone Heights. The festival will feature crafts, unique items, face painting and food vendors. Parking is available at the Friendship Bible Church recreational field at State Road 21 and Orchid Avenue. A golf cart shuttle will be provided to the event.

Bradford High School Class of 1980

Thursday, Oct. 16

7 p.m. Sitting together during Tornado Whirl!

Friday, Oct. 17

1 p.m. Riding together in the homecoming parade

7:30 p.m. Special section reserved during the homecoming game

Saturday, Oct. 18

6 to 10 p.m. Reunion at the Starke Woman's Club



Reserved tickets for the reunion are available through Oct. 1 are \$35 each or \$50 for a couple. Tickets at the door are \$35 each (cash only). Scan code to purchase reserved tickets.



"Autumn"

*Tis autumn time of the year again,
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THE RENEWAL OF THE CHRISTIAN MIND

would like for us to go into more detail today with a verse we find in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." First, I want to point out to you that Paul is writing this letter to the church at Rome. He begins his letter by stating in Romans 1:7, "To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints." We see from this verse that the Holy Spirit through Paul is telling these born-again, Spirit filled believers that it is of necessity that they have their minds renewed. Now I want to point out that in order to begin the scriptural process of mind renewal there is something that we are told we must do first and foremost. Romans 12:1 begins by saying, "I beseech you therefore brethren. . ." The word beseech here means to appeal to, to call upon, to urge, to plead with. Here, Paul is emphasizing the importance of presenting or offering our bodies a living sacrifice to God. Think about it. We as Christians have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus our Savior, forgiven of all our sins and are now the children of God but yet we are told to do something with our bodies. We are to present our bodies and our lives to God. God does not do this for us and He does not make us do it. This is something we must be willing to do. Many who are saved have never really surrendered their all to Jesus. They might be saved and make heaven but they are not the least bit surrendered to God or His Word. Many think that because they are saved but

not changed, God will help them fulfill their goals, ambitions and plans. That is wrong thinking. It is wrong because their mind has never been renewed with the Word of God. Since we are talking about the mind, let me blow your mind with a verse of scripture that most Christians do not realize is in the Bible or else they ignore it. 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For you are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." Now that God has bought us with the Blood of Jesus, you and I belong to Him. We no longer belong to ourselves, the world or the devil. Talk about needing the mind renewed, that is a powerful Word. It is our duty and obligation as a Christian, which the Holy Spirit through Paul is pleading with us, to bring and offer ourselves to God a living sacrifice.

Our Father God will not force us to give our all, we still have a free will but we should be willing to give our whole life to the Lord. The latter part of verse 1 says, "which is your reasonable service", or rational, intelligent service and spiritual worship. After all that Jesus has done for us, the least we can do is give him our entire life totally and completely. The renewal of the mind can only begin after we surrender our all to Christ by saying "Lord Jesus, I belong to you, here I am, not my will but your will be done." Once we have made this kind of heart commitment to the Lord, the renewal of the mind and true transformation can begin.

Next week we will dig deeper into Romans 12:2. Until then, may the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. -Pastor Rick

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125 years at Brooker Baptist

Members, former members and friends of Brooker Baptist Church will come together to celebrate 125 years of ministry on Sunday, Oct. 12. Phillip Harrington, regional catalyst from the Florida Baptist Convention, will be guest speaker during the worship service, and gospel singer and songwriter Ben Davis will provide special music.

Church history and testimonies will be shared at 10 a.m. along with music from the past and present. The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. The meal will follow in the fellowship hall

following the service, featuring a centennial video and musical performances. Bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share; entrée and beverages provided.

Please contact Pastor Dave Teems Sr. for more information at 352-485-1875. RSVPs are appreciated.

Mosaics at Melrose Art Walk

“Piece Out: The Art of Community Mosaic!” opens at Melrose Bay Art Gallery, 103 State Road 26, with an Artwalk event from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 3. The exhibition continues through Oct. 26, with gallery hours Saturdays

10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 1-5 p.m. For more information, call 352-475-3866.

Linda Zidonik, who discovered her passion for mosaic after attending school in Ravenna, Italy, in 2001, is joined by 11 of her students in a show inspired by birds and the natural world. Artists include Karen Kearney, Steven Johnson, Linda Thomas, Barb Chapin, Jean Starobin, Beth Gibson, Debra Rowley, Tatiana Staloff, Randi Faris, Shandi Green and Mary Witoszynsky.

Zidonik holds open studio hours Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church in Gainesville and is a member of the Melrose Bay Art Gallery.



Athlete of the Year Rashay Miller-Hampton and his sister, Katina, are joined by Disney's Lilo and Stitch at a Special Olympics gala.

Named top athlete by Special Olympics

Rashay Miller-Hampton was named Bradford County's Athlete of the Year at the

Special Olympics Florida Championships Gala on Sept. 20 in Orlando at the Four Seasons Resort at Walt Disney World Resort. He was accompanied by his sister, Katina Hampton, and they enjoyed a lovely dinner and dance. Afterwards they were accommodated with a night's stay at Westgate Vacation Villas & Town Center Resort.

Rashay participates in basketball, softball and bowling with Special Olympics. They also do Bocce Ball. Anyone interested in these rewarding activities can contact Evelyn or Jonathan Martinez at The Arc of Bradford County or Braxton Britt or Coach Lacie. (Submitted by Linda Hampton.)

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

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

Last year's property tax levy

A. Initially proposed tax levy\$527,494

B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board And other assessment changes\$147,670

C. Actual property tax levy\$379,824

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$383,496

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

**Monday, September 29, 2025
6:00PM
at
Council Chambers, City Hall
555 South Lawrence Blvd.
Keystone Heights, FL 32656**

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

Letters

'Right will always be right, and wrong will never be right'

Dear Editor:
I will not comment on the specifics of the current ongoing investigation involving the Bradford Fair Association and the nonprofit Friends of the Bradford County Fair. However, the accusations Bob Milner directed toward the detectives handling this matter and the slander of competence directed at the Bradford County Board of Commissioners should not and will not go unaddressed. It was Milner himself who contacted the local newspaper and directed them to contact FDLE in an attempt to steer the writer to a positive conclusion for himself. It is only my opinion that this is because no matter how you try and shape it, the optics of what has been done to our community is inexcusable.

I was present in many meetings where there was deep concern about losing the fairgrounds due to the mismanagement of the then-current fair board leadership and President Bob Milner. The fairgrounds are home to the only county certified storm shelter, which serves residents and those with specific medical needs during times of disaster. This is a multimillion-dollar, state tax-funded facility that our community cannot afford to lose. The county stepped in — not out of malice or personal gain — but out of a true obligation to protect both a critical public safety resource and a vital agricultural institution for our children.

It is troubling that a former sheriff, by his own words, now criticizes a thorough investigation and questions

the time needed to complete it. Yes, subpoenas were issued because detectives had not received all relevant documents, nor were those records on the seized computer. In his own one-page response, “From the desk of Retired Sheriff Bob Milner,” he admitted resigning from both boards and disposing of all related documents. That admission directly contradicts earlier statements that “all the Sheriff's Office had to do was ask.” As any detective knows, when truthfulness is compromised in small matters, it casts doubt on larger claims of honesty.

It is also worth noting that search warrants are not issued without cause, yet one was issued for accounts tied to the boards under investigation. Mr. Milner's own words describe a plan — if not a scheme — to deceive the county commission and their attorney, boasting that they were “not smart enough” to recognize the deception during negotiations regarding control of the fairgrounds. That does not sound like someone acting with the best interests of Bradford County citizens at heart. Instead, it reflects self-serving motives and a sense of entitlement. Did I mention as he did, sought criminal representation?

In closing, I assure the residents of Bradford County that this investigation is being conducted thoroughly and completely. The Department of Agriculture has already cited and fined the Friends of the Fair for violations. Our detectives are in active consultation with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Agriculture, and the Eighth Judicial State Attorney's Office. We have an obligation to determine whether these violations amount to criminal conduct or remain civil matters.

At the conclusion of this important process, I will address our community publicly. Taxpayers have a right to know. Let me be clear — regardless of the outcome — I will never be embarrassed for doing what I was elected to do: serve and protect the citizens of Bradford County.

Respectfully,
Sheriff Gordon Smith
Bradford County, Florida

approached before the 20 mph ahead sign is seen, the legal speed limit is 45 mph. With the speed limit at 45 mph just before the school speed zone is entered, the driver does not have time to slow down before getting into that school zone in most cases. And just with one very small sign, the 20-mph sign, could easily be missed by a driver in the left-hand lane with a vehicle to the right.

The school speeding zone is indeed very short at only 127 yards. Before the 20 mph sign ahead mentioned above, there was nothing on the roadside suggesting a school speed zone ahead. And yet on the right before the 20-mph sign, the school sports field and Adams Road have had already been passed. Both can be easily accessed by students.

The object of this note is to explain to the people of Bradford County, the Lawley town commissioners and the police force that the signage present does not produce enough safety for the children and is also grossly unfair to those driving through town.

My proposal:
There should be two signs saying the speed zone speed limit is 20 mph placed 150 yards before the sports field. They should have blinking lights, and one should be on each side of the road heading south. Similar signage should also be present heading north from the south side of the town. There is island space for these signs so that one would be to the right and one to the left going in each direction. This would allow the drivers to have time to slow down well before the school property. The present cameras could be left where they are now since obviously the most congested area and chance for accident or injury is at the junction with Lake Street.

Also, I would place another blinking 20 mph speed sign between the initial double sign and the overhead sign which is already present. Certainly, more signs showing students walking would be appropriate. This would require a total of six speed limit signs with blinking lights. The blinking lights would only function during school hours. And they could be powered by solar panels with battery backup.

School speed zone signs are also needed on Lake Street on both sides of the railroad tracks, especially related to the streets that run perpendicular to Lake Street and head toward the school.

Also, before each double sign going both north and south, it is recommended that there be a sign reading “Welcome to Lawley, Florida,” and below that text would say “School Speed Zone Ahead.”

The new signage would decrease the income of those recipients who gain from the video system. But much more importantly, the students would be safer, and Lawley would completely lose the moniker Speed Trap.

The request of this letter is that the city council commissioners of Lawley, Florida, with the assistance of the police department and the county authorities make changes in the signage on Highway 301 for one reason, two protect the students at Lawley Elementary School. Income to all of those who benefit from these speed cameras would undoubtedly be decreased, but isn't it the object of the entire program to increase the safety of all the children?

And what town wants to be called a speed trap?

Sincerely,
Stewart Harley

BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The proposed operating budget expenditures of the City of Keystone Heights are 16.0% more than last year's total operating expenditures.

General Fund	Millage Rate	3.6422						
ESTIMATED REVENUES	General Fund	Special Revenue CRA	Enterprise Fund Cemetery	Enterprise Fund Airport	Capital Projects Infrastructure	TOTAL ALL FUNDS		
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	3.6422	364,321				364,321		
Sales and Use Taxes		423,500		810,000		1,233,500		
Charges For Services		130,556		39,300	475,671	645,527		
Intergovernmental Revenue		172,114	110,000			595,789	313,675	
Miscellaneous Revenue		40,320	3,000	9,500	27,660	92,980	12,500	
Licenses And Permits		9,000				9,000		
Grants						0		
Internal Service Charges		402,000				402,000		
TOTAL SOURCES		1,541,811	113,000	48,800	1,313,331	3,343,117	326,175	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		758,077	377,142	480,449	743,478	3,253,655	894,509	
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS, & BALANCES		2,299,888	490,142	529,249	2,056,809	6,596,772	1,220,684	
EXPENDITURES								
Culture & Recreation		166,600						
General Government		1,041,800	38,000	16,050	725,800	1,831,650	10,000	
Public Safety/Code Enforcement		34,500				34,500		
Human Services		46,000				46,000		
Transportation		100,937			555,318	656,255		
Personnel Services (Public Works)		216,000				216,000		
Capital Outlay			423,000	73,000		1,241,000	745,000	
Debt Service						0		
Economic Development						0		
Grants						0		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		1,605,837	461,000	89,050	1,281,118	4,192,005	755,000	
Transfers Out		0	25,000	52,000	32,213	414,213	305,000	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		694,051	4,142	388,199	743,478	160,684	160,684	
Total Appropriated Expenditures Transfers, Reserves & Balances		2,299,888	490,142	529,249	2,056,809	6,596,772	1,220,684	

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

Place school safety before profit

Dear Editor:
I am not against cameras catching speeders in a school zone, nor am I against towns making an income with this technique. I am against school zones not protecting the children, and I am also against any system that is unfair to those travelers by truck or car that are driving through the school speed zone.

On Jan. 31, 2025, I was observed by camera driving 33 mph in the school zone in Lawley. Several weeks later I received a violation notice and an amount due of \$100. Of course, I did not realize I was speeding and was quite surprised to receive the notice. I decided to check into the issue more closely.

From online videos, which were not dated, taken on Highway 301 going south through Lawley, in front of the school, there is one small sign on the right which says there is a school speed zone ahead of 20 mph. After that, there is a sign showing two students walking, another announcing video cameras, and a third stating speeding tickets would be doubled. As the school zone is

Lake Region

Fall festival features new basketball courts

BY JENN SAMSEL
Special to the Monitor

On Saturday, September 20, the City of Keystone Heights and the Clay Chamber of Commerce celebrated the reopening of the municipal basketball courts with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The residents of Keystone Heights frequently use the courts, but they were in desperate need of resurfacing.

After the ribbon-cutting, the Legacy League hosted basketball clinics for all ages, followed later in the day by a 3-on-3 tournament.

"We are celebrating the town of Keystone's outdoor city courts being resurfaced. Our community also supports our schools, as well as our basketball program, in which I participated when I was a kid. Keystone Heights High

School has a history of basketball, and these courts are going to be the start of building our program back," said Laurie Burke, Principal of Keystone Heights Junior Senior High School.

The three alumni won against the college students in the 3-on-3 tournament.

"I'm really happy to see what's going on, and I thank our city staff for doing everything to get this done and all the hard work they put in," said Elston Kussler, Vice Mayor and City Councilman.

The Fall Festival featured 38 vendors, live music, and five food trucks, which attracted a large crowd.

There was something for everyone to enjoy.

The Clay Impact Train also took part in the festivities held at Keystone Heights High School.

Plans are underway for future basketball fundraisers, as well as hosting the second annual Fall Festival in 2026.



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Rotary President Todd Beals, Kathryn Wills of the Clay Chamber, and Keystone Heights Interim City Manager Jamie Booth.

KH council minutes tell fascinating story of changing times

Celebrating 100 years of Keystone Heights history

BY LINDA WHARTON
Special to the Monitor

(This article was reprinted from the 110th-anniversary issue of the Telegraph in 1989.)

The "Great White Way" was the name given to the main street, Lawrence Boulevard, in the early days after the city fathers agreed to purchase 52 lamp posts at \$10 each.

The posts were bought from Ed Wiggins, owner of the first light and water company in Keystone Heights, to illuminate the main thoroughfare of the quiet community.

It was just one of the many decisions and steps the early council members made in setting the foundation for the community, which the residents of Keystone Heights are proud to be a part of today.

Ironically, many of the problems faced by the first mayors of the town and their cohorts are still valid today in our modern society.

Ordinances had to be made back as early as 1925, providing for the arrest of "rogues, vagabonds and dissolute persons." Although the wording in the ordinances was not quite as strong as those used today, such as vandals, thieves, and robbers, the end result is still the same.

Traffic, parking, and a budget deficit

It is hard to believe, but back in 1927, Keystone had a traffic problem. That year, the presiding marshal was instructed to ask all owners to park their cars on the right side of the streets, at a right angle to the curb. Quoted from the minutes of this meeting, parking of vehicles "promiscuously" was discussed.

"Police officers are still having parking problems along the busy streets," the minutes recorded, "but it would be impossible today to notify all the owners personally as to how to park their cars."

During the first years, the city experienced a "deficit of funds" in auditing the treasurer's books.

This occurred in 1928 when the city's funds were found to be \$137.16 short. Minutes state that the "former" treasurer was notified to clear up this shortage within 30 days.

Two or three meetings were called to discuss the deficit, but on Dec. 28, 1928, the former treasurer appeared and said he "didn't acknowledge any shortage - but was willing to settle with the council on the basis of 50-50, and the amount was set straight."

No Jews allowed

The city fathers were constantly plagued with complaints by citizens regarding cattle and swine tramping through their gardens, eating their vegetables, and ruining their plants until late 1946.

Fences enclosing the city limits of Keystone were in constant need of repair, along

with the cattle gaps located at each town entrance.

One of the first controversial subjects brought before the council as early as 1926, which took much letter writing and discussion, was about a construction company in the city limits that housed a mule team.

A motion was finally passed to have this company relocated as "far north of the tracks as possible." On May 12, 1926, it was reported back to the council that the mule team had been moved.

As late as 1941, the council passed an ordinance (later omitted) excluding anyone other than the Caucasian race from dwelling in the City of Keystone Heights.

According to the minutes, Mr. E.W. Burch had written a letter about renting his house to Hebrews. The end result of this letter was not learned.

Firefighters appreciated, peddlers not

Fire protection for the town and keeping fire equipment in good order were also constant problems for city fathers.

The first fire truck was purchased in 1927 for \$125 with a down payment of \$25. The fire truck was listed on the council's agenda for years as needing new tires or drastic repairs. In 1928, H.B. Terrell was appointed fire chief and paid \$5 monthly. The first discussion was held on securing a siren for the water tower on June 10, 1928.

The firemen were complimented on their quick response to the first fire in Carr's Store on Jan. 9, 1928.

Outside peddlers were apparent nuisances, and during Mayor F.M. Walrath Sr.'s term in 1928, he called for an ordinance to charge outsiders who wished to peddle their wares within Keystone city limits a fee. Walrath called this an "injustice to merchants of the town." A \$25-a-year permit was suggested, but the request was tabled indefinitely, according to the minutes of that meeting. The peddling ordinance was not adopted until 1935.

Illegal fishing, first female council members

Under the term of Mayor Louis A. Miller, 1934, it was suggested that the entrance to the town be made more pronounced, and there was a request to the state road department to provide signposts for the intersection of Highway 28, now known as State Road 100.

During G. Wiggins' term of office in 1935, illegal fishing was reported in Lake Geneva and other lakes in the area. Evidently, poachers were getting a good price "for the big black bass they were catching."

The first city election held, with two candidates vying for the mayor's seat, was in December 1936, for the 1937 term.

Earl Mecklem beat out John C. Bird for the post, 9-6. This same year, Helen Demery was elected as the town's first councilwoman.

Margaret Tracy was the second woman to sit on the council when elected Aug. 3, 1938, in a special election.

Petitions submitted to the council in December 1938 started one of the hottest political campaigns seen by the city of Keystone Heights.

F.M. Walrath, Sr. announced his candidacy against G.E. Wiggins. The men wouldn't speak to each other for several years.

Wiggins came out on top during this election with four votes over Walrath, 39-35.

Telephone service, alcohol sales

Noted in the minutes was the long and drawn-out process of getting Southern Bell to agree to a franchise in the Keystone Heights area. Telephone service was a complete failure for many years until around 1940, when a special meeting was called to pass an ordinance granting Southern Bell the franchise.

Another item found in town records was the application of "Son" Thompson in 1940 to purchase land for a filling station and lunchroom.

The council opposed Thompson erecting a dance hall or selling any intoxicating liquors.

Thompson assured the council there would be no liquor sold on the premises and that he would do nothing that would be "detrimental to the Heights."

He told the council he wanted to build a lunchroom with a beer permit and a filling station.

During the discussion, the council stated that "it was not our intention in any way to block Thompson's enterprise, but the future of the Heights and the protection of our children are our first considerations."

This establishment concerned city council members in 1940, as the Holiday Lounge was located just north of "The Great White Way."

Escape from Nazis, beach cleanup

The first tie during an election was noted in 1940 between D.E. Pangborn and G.E. Wiggins with 35 votes each. This required a special election, and it was set for Dec. 3. During this election, Pangborn beat out Wiggins, 46-27.

Pangborn was asked if he could remember any highlight of his career as mayor of Keystone.

"The only highlight I remember, said Pangborn, "was that I was elected."

In Sidney Church's reign as mayor, beer was allowed to be served in the city limits, but at the same time, as noted in the



Helen Demery, Keystone Heights's first female council member with her husband Tom.

minutes, peace and order were at all times to be observed.

During his term, a meeting was held at the Women's Club with the speaker to inform the people of Keystone Heights what they should do in the event the "Nazis would get to us here in Keystone Heights."

Under James Houser's mayorship in 1943, the Keystone Beach, under lease by Mr. Doying, who also ran the old hotel, was a problem to the council.

In 1943, a town clean-up was negotiated with the help of the Garden Club.

Milk supply threatened, beach lease switched

Being wartime, a matter of great concern came before the council. It was learned that the milk supplier to Keystone, Frank A. Cox, was classified 1-A on the

draft list.

In fear of the milk delivery cut off to Keystone, councilmen formed a committee to see if the draft board would consider a deferment for Cox.

The outcome of this predicament was not noted in the minutes of any further meetings.

In December 1943, F.E. Stichberry was elected to serve for the 1944 term. He served for five years.

The Keystone Beach was still a bone of contention with the council. A Mr. Baker (Probably T.W. Baker) spoke to the council and "considered it most unsatisfactory."

He also suggested the lease be broken with the Keystone Inn.

Apparently, Mr. Doying, president of Keystone Inn, Inc., had not done his part to repair or see that sanitary conditions had been kept in accordance with the lease.

During this time, an effort was made to secure a public bus route to Jacksonville. Petitions were circulated through Keystone and Melrose to secure this arrangement.

In 1946, R. Lindsay Walker and Frank Walrath Jr., a councilman and city attorney, verbally applied to the city council to take over Keystone Beach for the coming season. A written application was called for, and the lease was granted to Walker and Walrath.

Lake Geneva flooding, airport acquired

In 1946, it was noted from the minutes that the high-water mark in Lake Geneva had reached its peak, flooding many homes on its shores.

D.E. Pangborn, a Clay County commissioner at that time, was invited to attend the meeting to inform the council about what steps had been taken to relieve the present conditions of high water in the lakes.

Stitchberry, during his term of office, was also noted as paying much attention to the roads and general cleaning up of Keystone.

Two others opposed Stichberry for mayor during the 1947 election. Stichberry won over Pangborn and Walrath Sr. with 59 votes to Pangborn's 30 and Walrath Sr.'s 10.

A resolution was passed to acquire the airport property, formerly the Keystone Army Airfield.

In 1949, the regular meeting night, upon request of Camille Stewart, then a council member, was changed so she could listen to the Fibber McGee and Molly radio program. The city received a plaque as a thank you from the show's producers after they heard of the change in meeting nights.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Bradford County Value Adjustment Board, in compliance with § 196.194, Fla. Stat., will conduct hearings in the County Commission Chambers located in the North Annex of the Courthouse at 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, to hear objections to the valuation placed on real estate and tangible personal property, on the following date:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Separate lists of applicants for exemption that have been wholly or partially approved by the Property Appraiser and of applicants for exemptions that have been denied by the Property Appraiser are maintained for public viewing in the Property Appraiser's Office, located in Suite A in the south annex of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please call the Property Appraiser's Office at (904) 966-6216. The lists may include applicants for the following exemptions or classifications:

- Homestead-all categories
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- VA Partial Disability exemption
- VA Discount exemption
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- Totally & Permanently Disabled persons
- Tangible Personal Property exemption
- Exemption for Nonprofit home for aged
- Affordable Housing property exemption
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- Widower exemption
- Property of persons Totally & Permanently Disabled
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Denny Thompson, Clerk of the Circuit
As Clerk of the Value Adjustment Board

UNION COUNTY

Honoring those who have gone before

Raiford woman finds her calling cleaning the gravestones of veterans and others

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A Raiford woman who has been tending to her parents' graves for 29 years, this year discovered that honoring those who have gone before is her calling and has cleaned 238 gravestones, 113 of which have belonged to veterans, since April. Mendy Whitaker said her mother died 29 years ago and her father passed two decades ago. Since that time, she has visited her parents' graves at Raiford's Sapp Cemetery at least twice a year, cleaning their graves and replacing flowers.

"I've always cleaned my parents' graves," she said. "It's just been dear to my heart, taking care of who took care of me."

This personal ritual evolved about three years ago when she attended a Memorial Day service in Lake Butler.

Inspired to honor veterans, she began placing flags at their graves in Sapp Cemetery, where she discovered approximately 160 veterans are buried.

Her initiative took a deeper turn after watching a YouTube video by Trae Zipperer from ByMemorialDay.org, which highlighted the neglect of

veteran headstones in smaller, private cemeteries compared to those in well-maintained national cemeteries.

"I started looking at my cemetery, and I'm like, oh yeah, I see what he's saying. These stones are not being taken care of," Whitaker recalled.

She added that after cleaning her first headstone, she knew she had found her calling.

"I was searching for what God was calling me to do," she said. "When I cleaned that first headstone, I knew that this was what He wanted me to do. Not for selfish reasons but as a way to give back to my community. Cleaning these headstones is a joy and honor for me."

'Her veterans'

Whitaker added that when she cleans gravestones, she is making their memories visible again and honoring the lives they lived.

"Some of the stones cannot be read, so when they are cleaned, you can see 'them' again," she explained. "You can say their name, and for that brief moment, they are remembered. Families of these people move away or pass away, and the deceased stay and need tending."

Whitaker refers to the veterans she tends to as "her veterans."

"My veterans have a special place in my heart," she said. "They made the decision, whether they saw combat or not,

to give up their life and freedom to serve this great country to ensure we stay free, and for that they deserve honor and respect, and the very least I can do is to clean their headstones and place a flag at their gravesites."

The Raiford woman's work has concentrated at Sapp Cemetery, but she has also rehabilitated stones at Douglass and Dekle cemeteries in Lake Butler, Elzy Chapel in Worthington Springs, South Prong in Sanderson, Crosby Lake and Dyal Cemeteries in Starke, and Ben Smith and the Beams Cemeteries in Kentucky.

She added that she doesn't touch a gravestone without the permission of either the cemetery or the deceased's family.

She also said she strictly follows cleaning guidelines issued by the Veterans Administration's National Cemetery Administration, which prohibits pressure washing and prescribes a D2 biological solution and Magnolia or Tampico brushes.



The grave of Morris Walter Johns was one of the first headstones Whitaker cleaned at Raiford's Sapp Cemetery.



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High school announces homecoming royalty

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Union County High School is gearing up for its 2025 homecoming week, September 29 through October 3. Tiger Growl is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 2. The homecoming parade will begin at noon the following day, and Union County's matchup with Zarephath Academy will start at 7 p.m. Friday.

The school's homecoming royalty consists of eight seniors and six underclassmen.

The 2025 Homecoming Court includes:

- CJ Ivey and Amia Bethea
- Erick Lasseter and Kenli Jenkins
- Parker Parrish and Makaylin Randolph
- Keegan Shuler and Eva Whitehead

Senior Sponsors Mason Mobley and Abigail Williams, alongside Jackson Thames and Shaley Maloney, will guide the court through the week's events,

embodying the leadership and spirit of the senior class.

Representing the underclassmen, the Class Princes and Princesses are:

- Freshman Class: Dawson Ellis and Kylie Jo Harrison
- Sophomore Class: Kanaan Waters and Saige Waters
- Junior Class: Reese Harrison and Rayne Harper.

The homecoming king and queen will be announced during Tiger Growl Thursday night.



C.J. Ivey and Amia Bethea



Erick Lasseter and Eva Whitehead



Parker Parrish and Makaylin Randolph



Keegan Shuler and Kenli Jenkins



Mason Mobley and Abigail Williams



Jackson Thames and Shaley Maloney



Reese Harrison and Rayne Harper



Kanaan Waters and Saige Waters



Dawson Ellis and Kylie Jo Harrison

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The TOWN OF WORTHINGTON SPRINGS has tentatively adopted a budget for 2025-2026.

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the BUDGET and TAXES will be held on:

September 30, 2025
6:30PM

Community Building
11933 SW 36 DR
Worthington Springs, Florida

A FINAL DECISION on the budget will be made at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

TOWN OF WORTHINGTON SPRINGS FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The proposed operating budget expenditures of the Town of Worthington Springs are .01% more than last year's total operating expenditures

	General Fund	Total
	\$ 139,000	\$ 139,000
Estimated revenues:		
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000		
Ad Valorem Taxes - 1.8914	22,276	22,276
Sales and Use Taxes	72,490	72,490
Franchise Fees	29,300	29,300
Intergovernmental Revenues	33,517	33,517
Fines & Forfeitures	800	800
Other Misc. Revenues	18,800	18,800
Total estimated revenues and other financing sources	177,183	177,183
Reserves for Contingencies	139,000	139,000
Cash Balances, revenues and other sources	316,183	316,183
Estimated expenditures/expenses:		
General Government	121,273	121,273
Public Safety	9,000	9,000
Transportation	8,500	8,500
Parks and Recreation	19,500	19,500
Codes/Interlocal	13,500	13,500
Capital Improvements	5,410	5,410
Total estimated expenditures / expenses	177,183	177,183
Reserves for Contingencies	139,000	-
Total Estimated Expenditures and Reserves	316,183	316,183

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGET ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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

James Brown, 42, of Ocala, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for withholding support.

David Browning, 59, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for failure to appear.

Katie Chapman, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for vehicle theft, obstructing justice and battery.

Fought deputies at Walmart

Kallie-Jo Cifarelli, 33, of Hawthorne, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for larceny and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, a deputy responded to a shoplifting report after a Walmart employee observed Cifarelli pushing a cart filled with unpaid items, valued at \$1,313.78, toward the general merchandise exit.

The worker reported that Cifarelli passed the final point of sale in an attempt to leave the store without paying. He intervened, stopped her, and notified law enforcement, stating that Walmart wished to press charges and have Cifarelli trespass from the premises.

Deputy Devin Jones reported that when he attempted to arrest the defendant, she repeatedly pulled her arms away and became emotional. Due to her resistance and lack of radio reception inside the store, the deputy deployed a taser, administering two drive stuns.

The 33-year-old continued to resist, attempting to grab the deputy's taser and picking up a pair of handcuffs that had fallen during the struggle. She briefly held the handcuffs as if intending to throw them before tossing them into a corner.

Corporal Whitehead arrived to assist, but Cifarelli pushed back against him and resisted handcuffing. After being partially cuffed, she pulled her hands to her front, refusing to comply. A third drive stun was administered, allowing Whitehead to secure both of the defendant's hands in cuffs.

Jones reported that Cifarelli appeared to experience a seizure-like episode. Bradford County Fire Rescue was called to evaluate her, but she refused hospital transport. She was subsequently transported to the Bradford County Jail without further incident.

Jeremy Gibson, 42, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for DUI, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and a probation violation.

James Goff, 38, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for withholding support.

Lilquincy Grimmage, 45, of Apopka, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Michael Hankerson, 44, of Lake City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for a

probation violation.

Shoe-switcheroo

Dwayne Henderson, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 18 for possession of drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and larceny.

According to an arrest report, a Walmart asset protection employee told Deputy K. Mozingo that Henderson entered the store wearing a pair of white shoes, walked to the shoe section, took off his white footwear and put on a new pair of blue shoes he took off the shelf, then attempted to leave the store after paying only for a box of Raisinettes and a Monster energy drink.

The worker told Mozingo that Henderson had pulled the same ploy three days earlier and showed the deputy a video of the defendant walking into the store wearing white shoes and paying for items at the self-checkout wearing black shoes.

Based on a statement the defendant made to the store employee, Mozingo also found Henderson had spiked the candy he allegedly bought from the store.

"Inside the Raisinettes box, I found two clear plastic bags with a green leafy substance weighing 9.4 grams," Mozingo wrote. "Also, inside the Raisinettes box, I located a plastic green cylindrical container. Inside the container, I found a clear plastic bag containing a white crystal-like substance weighing 3.5 grams. A field test was conducted on the substance, and it had a presumptive positive for methamphetamine."

Christopher Johnson, 35, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for failure to appear.

Shad Lane, 46, of Starke, was arrested by probation and parole officers on September 19 for a parole violation.

Dennis Manning, 58, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for a probation violation.

Tricia Martin, 51, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for failure to appear.

Paul McMahan, 40, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

John Mirack, 39, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Kelvin Peguero, 32, was arrested by FHP troopers on September 19 for dealing in stolen property, possession of a forged driver's license, driving without a valid license, attaching a tag not assigned and possession of marijuana.

Andrew Vuolo, 34, of Panama City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for a probation violation.

Emanuel Williams, 29, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for a conditional release violation.

Jacqueline Williams, 42, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 16 for vehicle theft and DUI.

Union

Caught having sex with 15-year-old

Carl Brabenec, 21, of Winter Garden, was arrested by Union deputies on September 22 for lewd and lascivious battery on a victim aged 12 to 16, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, possession of a counterfeit driver's license,

possession of drug equipment, and possession of marijuana.

According to an arrest report, Deputy Clyde Barringer responded to reports of a white sedan with its headlights on, parked on the back side of Chastain-Seay Park in Worthington Springs.

"As I positioned my marked patrol vehicle behind the vehicle and activated my emergency lights," reported Barringer, "I observed the rear of the vehicle bouncing up and down. I called the driver out of the vehicle via my PA system several times. A white male

subject exited the vehicle wearing only pants."

When questioned, Brabenec admitted to "hanging out with a friend" and confirmed he was engaging in sexual activity.

The defendant added that he had driven from Orlando to meet with the girl, who he claimed was 17 or 18 years old.

Barringer wrote that when he approached the vehicle, he could smell marijuana coming from the sedan. He added that when he asked the female what she and the defendant were doing in the car, she replied, "You already know!"

"I questioned (redacted) in regard to how old she was," the deputy wrote. "(Redacted) originally stated she was seventeen (17). I questioned (redacted) again due to her looking younger than seventeen (17). (Redacted) then stated, 'I'm sixteen (16)'"

The deputy ultimately determined that the girl was 15 and the defendant was 21.

The minor confirmed she had been with Brabenec since approximately 7 p.m. the previous day. She stated they met through Snapchat and had known each other for several years. The girl also disclosed that she lived with a guardian, as her parents were not involved in her life, and provided an address for her residence.

Brabenec admitted to possessing marijuana and did not have a medical marijuana card. A search of the vehicle uncovered 5 grams of marijuana, which tested positive for THC above 0.3%, along with a metal tray containing marijuana residue. Additionally, two New York driver's licenses bearing Brabenec's name were found—one in his wallet and another in the glove box. The license in the glove box had a different photo and date of birth, indicating it was counterfeit.

Thrown cell phone hit woman in mouth

William Heaton, 29, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on September 17 for aggravated battery.

According to an arrest report, deputies responded to a 911 hang-up call at a residence on NE 233rd Place.

"Upon my arrival," wrote Deputy Clyde Barringer in the report, "I made contact with (redacted) who was located in her vehicle at the listed residence. (Redacted) was crying and visibly upset. I questioned (redacted) in regard to what happened, and she stated, 'I want him gone!'"

Barringer reported that he observed that the female victim had blood around her lips, which appeared swollen, and blood on her right hand.

The victim stated that the incident began after Mr. Heaton went through her phone while she was asleep in bed with her two children. The defendant discovered text messages between her and another man. The woman alleged that the defendant woke her up, began yelling and cursing, and then threw his phone at her, hitting her in the mouth.

Mr. Heaton admitted to deputies that he became angry after finding the messages. Officers noted that he also had a busted lip and red marks on his hand.

Math error results in false 'official' tax rate increase for Keystone

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Keystone Heights City Council approved a tentative 2025-2026 millage rate of 3.6422 mills during its September 16 special meeting, a reduction compared to the current rate of 3.8847 mills and equal to the municipality's unofficial and, according to council members, accurate rollback rate.

However, due to a calculation error, the municipality was forced to publish a lower rollback rate of 3.0642 mills, resulting in an official tax increase of 19%.

When questioned, he claimed, "she hit me first!" However, when asked how the victim's lip was injured, he repeatedly refused to answer the question. The victim denied touching Mr. Heaton.

The report notes that deputies had responded to a similar incident at the same address on August 6, during which the victim alleged the defendant had battered her but declined to press charges at that time.

Both individuals declined medical attention. The Department of Children and Families was notified that two children were present in the home during the incident.

Carmen Moreno, 39, of Brookier, was arrested by Union deputies on September 16 for a probation violation.

Joshua Padgett, 44, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on September 22 for grand theft and grand theft auto.

Clay

Threatened to kill wife over missing medication

Interim City Manager Jamie Booth explained after the meeting that the miscalculation occurred when a city worker put the wrong number into an online database used to calculate the rollback rate.

"We input the wrong number for the value of the community redevelopment area, the CRA area into the database," he said. "And the resulting number that came out was 3.0642. It's not a spreadsheet. It's an online database that the state uses to run all these calculations."

Booth added that the forms used in the online calculation consist of two inputs.

"We input the wrong number on the front end of the form that computes the value of the community redevelopment area with regards to millage," he said, "and then that error propagated into the next form, which calculates for the overall

city millage rate and value of the city."

Under state law, the rollback rate is the millage that generates the same amount of ad valorem taxes for the city as the previous year.

State statute further defines any rate above the rollback rate as a tax increase.

So, officially, the city council enacted a tax increase for its tentative millage because the rate it adopted, 3.6422 is above the official rollback rate of 3.0642. However, Booth and council members claim the correct rollback rate is 3.6422, which is equal to the city's tentative rate, meaning there is no actual tax increase.

Booth said that after he uncovered the error, state officials refused to allow him to correct the rollback rate, resulting in the published and official rate of 3.0642.

John Cardenas, 62, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 17 for domestic battery.

According to an arrest report, the August 13 incident occurred when Cardenas entered a camper where his wife was living on their shared property. Deputy Joshua A. Toon wrote that Cardenas began yelling and accusing her of taking his medication.

When the woman tried to leave the camper, Cardenas allegedly screamed, "bitch, I will kill you," and threw a silver utility razor holder at her, striking her in the left thigh. He then allegedly took her cellphone and fled on a bicycle, forcing her to run to a neighbor's house to call 911.

Toon noted redness on the woman's thigh with three small white dots, which were consistent in size and shape with three screws on the side of the razor holder found at the scene. The report confirmed the holder did not contain a blade.

Deputies were unable to locate Cardenas that day. He was later arrested on an outstanding warrant for violating his probation. A search of law enforcement databases revealed the defendant was arrested twice before for domestic battery against the same victim.

David Frew, 65, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 16 for defrauding an innkeeper.

Dathan Hurley, 25, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 17 for DUI.

Jessica Martin, 40, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 13 for domestic battery.

Wanted to 'scare' victim

Hayden Prevatt, 19, of Keystone Heights, was arrested on September 19 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and shooting or throwing a missile into a vehicle or building.

According to an arrest report, the victim and witnesses told deputies the defendant fired several rounds from a Taurus GC2 9mm toward a Deer Springs Road residence, striking the victim's truck hood and driveway.

The report states the victim made statements indicating he intended to "scare" the victim by the shooting

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LCI welcomes community to employment-partner showcase

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Lawley Correctional Institution is doing its part to prepare inmates to go into the outside world, but on Sept. 17, the outside world went into the prison.

The Florida Department of Corrections and Florida Foundation for Correctional Excellence hosted a Build Your Workforce employment partner showcase, offering employers, workforce-development personnel and members of other FDC institutions to get a firsthand look at the efforts to prepare those incarcerated for successful workforce re-entry.

"These men are doing great things," said Amy Frizzell, director of programs and re-entry for FDC. "These men are ready for a second chance and an opportunity to do the right

thing." LCI Warden Randall Polk told attendees that the prison had 60-plus earn their GEDs and 300-plus earn vocational credentials in the past year.

As a faith-and-character-based institution, LCI also had 257 graduates from its faith-character program.

"We're committed to assisting them," Polk said.

Stephen Rossiter, assistant regional director, programs, for FCD Region 2, said the goal of the showcase was to show people how those incarcerated are learning and preparing for the next step in their lives.

"You are going to see some stuff today," Rossiter said.

That "stuff" included a tour of the facilities where inmates are learning skills and working toward their GEDs. Visitors were placed in small groups that were led by inmates, who escorted

them to areas that are devoted to computer-aided drafting, food service, HVAC and plumbing as well as general education.

One of the inmates learning food-service skills expressed how he had found something he planned to pursue after his release.

"I have a passion for this now," he said.

An inmate who serves as a teaching assistant in the general education program said LCI is second among FDC institutions in inmates obtaining their GEDs, with 16 percent of the population at LCI enrolling in the program versus 4 percent at other institutions.

"We help them, educate them and believe in them," he said. "We can help nurture them so they can grow."

The teaching assistant said he couldn't undo the mistake that led to him being incarcerated, but what he could do is "give back to these men." He talked about getting hugs from inmates who successfully earned their GED, saying, "I think this is a very rewarding experience."

A visit to LCI's chapel was also part of the tour, with inmates talking about the faith-character program, which includes classes in such areas as self-improvement, financial literacy and anger management and meets any spiritual needs inmates have.

It's another part of preparing inmates to become productive, successful members in a community after their release. The teaching assistant in the GED program said, "I've learned to apply my principles of faith to everything. If I apply these principles, it gives me a better foundation for when I get out."

After the tour, showcase visitors and their inmate guides gathered in the LCI gym. Erica Averion, executive director of Florida Foundation for Correctional Excellence, addressed the gathering, saying she views LCI as a campus, not a correctional compound. She said



Showcase visitors learn about the plumbing program at Lawley Correctional Institution.



John Cortese (right) of Starke's Totally Wireless chats with an inmate as they prepare to tour Lawley Correctional Institution's education/vocation/faith-character programs.

the intention of the showcase was to show what opportunities are provided to the inmates, who she described as "untapped talent" ready to enter the workforce.

Inmates have the chance to meet with potential employers prior to their release through virtual interviews. The showcase visitors watched a demonstration of such an interview, with two inmates talking about the skills they obtained while in prison.

Pete Haubner, who was once incarcerated but is now the vice president of field operations for Competitive Edge Partners and Consulting of Altamonte Springs, spoke to the crowd, saying the programs he witnessed at LCI didn't exist 20-plus years ago when he was in prison.

Haubner talked to inmates about how they'll face hurdles and challenges when they're released. He said what defines a person is how those challenges are faced and conquered.

"When you've got tough



Jacki Hale (right), of The Blue Collar Recruiter, talks to an inmate before the tour of Lawley Correctional Institution.

choices to make, make them," released, to show up on time Haubner said.

He told inmates, once they're

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Pick the Week's Winners Win \$50 Cash

ENTER one TEAM Winner in space for each of GAMES OF THE WEEK:

Deadline: 5 pm 9/12/25*

Biz 1 _____	Biz 8 _____	Biz 15 _____
Biz 2 _____	Biz 9 _____	Biz 16 _____
Biz 3 _____	Biz 10 _____	Biz 17 _____
Biz 4 _____	Biz 11 _____	Biz 18 _____
Biz 5 _____	Biz 12 _____	Biz 19 _____
Biz 6 _____	Biz 13 _____	Biz 20 _____
Biz 7 _____	Biz 14 _____	Biz 21 _____
		Biz 22 _____

DROP BY OR EMAIL US YOUR ENTRY
see rules below***

**Tiebreaker Score: _____
Total points scored by both teams in the
GEORGIA game

This Week's Winner:
Sharon Hinds
missed 4, won with tiebreaker



ENTRANT INFO:

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Tornadoes score 3 TDs in 4th, defeat Eastside 28-7

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's football team scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, getting big plays on offense, defense and special teams in defeating visiting Eastside 28-7 on Sept. 19.

It was a defensive slugfest for three quarters, with the Tornadoes leading 6-0 until scoring 22 points in a three-and-a-half minute stretch of the final quarter.

"I think that's got a lot to do with our preparation through the summer," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said. "We kind of get stronger in the second half, and we always take pride in that. I think that's what we saw tonight."

Bradford (4-1) will finally play a fellow Class 2A team when it travels to play District 5 opponent Keystone Heights on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the win over Class 3A Eastside (3-2), the Tornadoes played Class 3A Baker County,

Dunnellon and South Sumter and Class 6A Mandarin.

Rodgers said it has been a tough six games, if you include the preseason game against three-time defending Class 2A state champ Cocoa, but added, "This was really good for us. This tests you and gets you ready for the playoffs."

The Tornadoes benefitted from a short punt that set them up at the Eastside 28-yard line for their second possession of the game. Cy Cubbedge completed a 12-yard pass to Kamontae Nixon to move Bradford to the 16. Bradford gained just 2 yards on the next three plays and settled for Tyler Sapp's 31-yard field goal, which put the Tornadoes up 3-0 with 2:55 to play in the first quarter.

Bradford's ensuing series got off to a rough start, with the Tornadoes losing 5 yards on the first two plays. Nixon, however, had a 15-yard reception that resulted in a first down at the Eastside 43. A personal-foul penalty gave Bradford a first

down at the 28, while an offsides penalty gave the Tornadoes another first down at the 18. The drive stalled at the 17, with Sapp being called on again. He connected on a 34-yard field goal to make it 6-0 at the 8:30 mark of the second quarter.

Rodgers said before the season he believed Sapp would win a game for the Tornadoes. It seemed as if he would against Eastside, with the only points after three quarters being his two field goals.

"I'm sure glad he plays for us," Rodgers said.

Bradford's defense held the Rams to 12 yards on their first three offensive series, but Eastside threatened to score before the end of the first half. Despite being backed up on their own 10, the Rams picked up a first down on an 18-yard pass from Noah Tambling to Marcus Coefield. A 23-yard reception by Javaris Gardner later put the Rams at Bradford 43, while a pass-interference penalty on a fourth-down play gave Eastside a first down at the 25-yard line. Two runs of 4 yards each by Gardner moved the Rams to the 17, before an incomplete pass set up fourth-and-2 with 48 seconds remaining until halftime. Eastside's Elijah Dressel took to the field to attempt a 34-yard field goal, which was blocked by Bradford's Jy'Quez Cason.

The third quarter was forgettable as far as the Bradford offense was concerned. The Tornadoes ran six plays for a net loss of 3 yards.

Fortunately for Bradford, its defense continued its strong play, which included a solo sack by Nate Raymond as well as a tandem sack by Raymond and Danny Torres.

Bradford's offense showed some life to start the fourth quarter, with running back Jarell Harris breaking loose for an 18-yard gain to the Eastside 38.

Harris followed that up with a 3-yard run, but Cubbedge was sacked for a 6-yard loss on second down. Pressure on third down forced Cubbedge to scramble out of the pocket for not gain as Bradford was forced to punt. The punt by Cubbedge turned out to be a great play, with the ball being downed at the Eastside 2-yard line.

The big special-teams play led to a big defensive play. Eastside fumbled on its first play from scrimmage following the punt, with the Tornadoes' Johnathan Andrews falling on the ball in the end zone for the game's first touchdown with 9:25 remaining. A fake on the extra-point attempt had holder Jackson Parmeter completing a pass to Cohen Cioffi for two points and a 14-0 Bradford lead.

Eastside began its next drive at its own 14-yard line. Cohen made a tackle to limit a first-down pass play to a gain of only 1 yard. The Rams then had two incomplete passes, forcing them to punt.

The Tornadoes' offense took over at the Eastside 40. A pass-interference penalty on the first play of the drive resulted in a first down at the 25. After a 3-yard run by Chase Phillips, Jordan Cason, who finished with three receptions for 32 yards, caught a pass for a 19-yard gain to the 3-yard line. An unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty following a 1-yard run by Harris placed the ball at the 1. Jy'Quez Cason was dropped for a 4-yard loss on the ensuing second-down play, but got the handoff again on third down, bulling his way into the end zone from 5 yards out with 6:11 to play. Sapp added the PAT to make the score 21-0.

A fumble on the kickoff was recovered by the Tornadoes' J.J. Hall at the Eastside 19-yard line. Bradford needed just one play to increase its lead, with Cubbedge connecting with Nixon in the



Johnathan Andrews (second from right) recovers a fumble in the end zone in the fourth quarter for the game's first touchdown.

corner of the end zone for a touchdown with 5:56 remaining. Sapp kicked the extra point to make it 28-0.

Nixon finished the night with 54 yards on five receptions, while Cubbedge had 108 yards on 12-of-22 passing.

Two unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties following the touchdown had the Tornadoes kicking off from deep in their territory, with the result being that Eastside began a drive at the Bradford 49.

Rodgers said his players let their emotions get carried away, blaming it on an incident before the game in which Eastside players were on the field's Tornado logo.

"The penalties hurt," Rodgers said. "We'll talk to the kids about that. That shouldn't happen that way. That's on us. We've got to do a better job."

Eastside picked up one first down on a 13-yard reception by Kamariyon Mack, while a

15-yard reception by Coefield resulted in another first down at the 11-yard line. A penalty and a 4-yard run Gardner moved the Rams to the 2. Tambling scored on a keeper from there, with Dressel adding the extra point to cap the game's scoring.

The Tornadoes were able to run out the remaining 3:39. Three straight runs by Harris resulted in a first down. Harris, who finished with 42 yards on 10 carries, got one more carry before Cubbedge took a knee to end the game.

"We just kept playing hard," Rodgers said. "I'm proud of them."

The Tornadoes next take on a Keystone team that's in the midst of a tough season. The Indians (0-4) were outscored 138-13 in their first three games against Interlachen, Union County and Newberry and are coming off a 39-24 loss to Dixie County.

Bradford won last season's matchup 40-0.



Nate Raymond sacks Eastside quarterback Noah Tambling.

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Addy Wilson sends the ball over the net in the win over First Assembly Christian.
Photo by Chris Amis.

Lions keep rolling in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Hope Christian Academy improved to 8-0 in volleyball with a 2-1 (25-17, 23-25, 15-6) road win over First Assembly Christian on Sept. 22.

Addy Wilson had seven kills and five service aces, while

Mackenzie McRaney had three aces and three assists. Lorlai Green had three aces as well.

In the week prior to the match, the Lions hosted two matches, beginning with a 2-0 (25-15, 25-21) win over Northside Christian on Sept. 16.

Briley Parrish led the team in kills with five, while McRaney had six aces.

Green and Bri Bradshaw each had three aces, with Bradshaw also recording two blocks.

On Sept. 19, Hope defeated Corinth Christian 2-1 (23-25, 25-17, 15-13), getting six aces, five kills and four assists from Wilson.

Bradshaw added four kills, while McRaney had four aces.

The Lions play at Northside Christian on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 4 p.m. Hope travels to play Gainesville Christian Community on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with the JV teams playing at 5 p.m. and the varsity teams playing at 5:30 p.m.

BHS sweeps Hawthorne, Interlachen in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School's volleyball team won for the sixth time in seven matches, defeating

Ar'Nayshia Griffin (far right) had a total of 22 kills in 3-0 wins over Hawthorne and Interlachen. Autumn DeKorver (far left) and Leila Roberts are also pictured.



visiting Hawthorne 3-0 (25-5, 25-10, 25-7) on Sept. 18.

Tatum Burkhalter and Ar'Nayshia Griffin each had nine kills, while Kingslee Phillips had 17 assists and six service aces.

Autumn DeKorver also had six aces to go along with six digs. Shelby Cole had four aces.

The Tornados (6-4) entered the match off a 3-0 (25-11, 25-19, 25-8) win at Interlachen on Sept. 16. Griffin and Burkhalter had 13 and eight kills, respectively, with Griffin also recording three blocks and Burkhalter recording three aces.

Phillips had seven aces to go along with 21 assists, while Manduo Wei had 10 digs and three aces.

DeKorver had nine digs, while Wynter Barrington had two blocks.

Bradford hosts Interlachen on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m.,

following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m. The Tornados then travel to play Baker County on Monday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, Bradford travels to play Palatka, with the JV teams playing at 6 p.m. and the varsity teams playing at 7 p.m.

The Tornados return home on Wednesday, Oct. 1, to play Hilliard at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

UCHS volleyball team falls to Branford again

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County lost its second match to Branford in less than a

week, with the latest a 3-0 (25-14, 25-22, 25-16) sweep on Sept. 22 in Branford.

Stats were unavailable by deadline.

The Tigers (12-6), who've now dropped three in a row, hosted Branford on Sept. 16, losing 3-1 (25-17, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19). Jaily Simmons had 12 kills, while Indi Knox and Mallory Waugh each had 10. Simmons added eight digs and four blocks, while Waugh and Knox had 12 and nine digs, respectively. Waugh also had eight assists and two blocks.

Abby Williams led the team in assists with 27 and service aces with three. She also had eight digs, while Bayley Staier had nine digs.

Morgan Smith recorded eight kills and two blocks, while Lydia Waugh had three blocks.

On Sept. 18, Union lost 3-1 (27-29, 25-22, 25-18, 25-20) to host Lafayette. Stats were unavailable by deadline.

Union played Suwannee this past Tuesday and will host Keystone Heights on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers host Newberry on Monday, Sept. 29 and Bell on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with matches scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Sept. 18 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor had the results of the Tigers' performance in the Sept. 12-13 Wawa Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association River

City High School Classic, but only had stats from Union's first match in the tournament, a 2-0 win over Vanguard. The stats from the other matches were as follows:

—2-0 win over St. Augustine — Simmons seven kills, three aces two blocks; Williams six assists; Mallory Waugh five digs, five assists.

—2-0 win over Clay — Knox nine digs; Simmons eight kills; Williams eight assists; Bella Johns seven digs; Mallory Waugh five kills, five assists.

—2-0 loss to East River — Knox four digs; Simmons seven kills, three aces; Staier four digs; Williams eight assists; Mallory Waugh six assists, four digs.

—2-1 win over The Master's Academy — Johns 13 digs, three aces; Simmons 11 kills, three blocks; Williams 10 assists; Shaley Maloney three blocks; Mallory Waugh 14 digs, 10 assists.

KHHS volleyball team loses 3-0 to Ridgeview

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's three-match winning streak in volleyball ended with a

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BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK 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: 64
Year of Issuance: 2022
Parcel Number: 00544-0-00103
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-002
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the NW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a concrete monument found at the Northwest corner of said NW 1/4 and run North 89° 41' 35" East along the Northerly boundary thereof, 1639.47 feet to a concrete monument found on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of County Road 229; thence South 37° 51' 01" East along said Westerly boundary, 1188.41 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described, continue South 37° 51' 01" along said Westerly boundary, 473.00 feet to a found iron rod; thence run South 00° 15' 53" East, 13.47 feet to a concrete monument found at the Southeast corner of the N 1/2 of said NW 1/4; thence run South 89° 44' 28" West along the Southerly boundary of said N 1/2 of NW 1/4, a distance of 1112.21 feet to a set iron rod; thence run North 64° 30' 08" East, 910.59 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in Which Assessed: AMY ANDRE; MONTELIUS PIERRE NEWTON; GLADYS FENELON
Name on last tax roll, if different: AMY ANDRE 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 11/19/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
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 3, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 11, 2025; SEPTEMBER 18, 2025; SEPTEMBER 25, 2025; OCTOBER 2, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public

lien sale on October 21, 2025. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on October 14, 2025 and end at 10AM on October 21, 2025. The public sale will take place on www.storagetreasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837
Time: 10:00AM CST
A41, James, Jeanette, A45, Lake, Steven, A82, Hernandez, Johnny, B40, Jones, Paul, B59, Booth, Mikkie
Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storagetreasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MIKON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND OCEAN BANK 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: 313
Year of Issuance: 2023
Parcel Number: 01195-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2025-TD-006
Description of Property: Commence at the intersection of the North line of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East and run West 500 feet, thence South 18 degrees and 40 minutes West 869.1 feet for point of beginning. Thence continue South 18 degrees West 440 feet to North line of State Road No. 125. Thence West 243 feet along said State Road No. 125, 243 feet, thence North 420 feet, thence East 386 feet to point of beginning, containing 3.14 acres more or less and lying in the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast quarter (SE1/4) of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: THELMA CORNWALL (DEC) ET AL
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/19/2025, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

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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 10, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 18, 2025; SEPTEMBER 25, 2025; OCTOBER 2, 2025; OCTOBER 9, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025 CA 000189
PLAINTIFF,
MARGARET SILCOX, JASON SILCOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, STARKE HMA, LLC, AND UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION,
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Margaret Silcox
18859 NE 30th Place
Starke, FL 32091
Jason Silcox
18859 NE 30th Place
Starke, FL 32091
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Bradford County, Florida:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BRADFORD, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WHIT: THE EAST ONE-HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND: COMMENCE 200 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORENER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN SOUTH 517.4 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 170 FEET WEST, 419 FEET TO EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 200; THENCE NORTH ALONG ROAD 170 FEET, EAST 406.75 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, LYING AND BRING SITUATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22, TOGETHER WITH A 2003 MOBILE HOME ID# FLHML2F157826979A AND ID# FLHML2F157826979B WHICH IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LANDS ABOVE-DESCRIBED AND, AS SUCH DEEMED TO BE A FIXTURE AND PART OF THE REAL ESTATE.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Stephen Orsillo, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 3637, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3637, within 30 days after the first publication date and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
DATED this 12th day of September,

2025.
Denny Thompson, Clerk
As Clerk of the Court
By: K. JENKINS
As Deputy Clerk
9/25 2tchg 10/2-BCT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME
Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: HIGHLAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 1395 HWY 301 N, Lawtey, FL 32058, doing business under the firm name of: HIGHLAND FELLOWSHIP, 1395 HWY 301 N., Lawtey, FL 32058 intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 19th day of September A.D., 2025, in BRADFORD COUNTY.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES
QUALIFICATIONS ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2025
QUALIFICATIONS DUE DATE/TIME: October 29, 2025 - 2:00 PM
Sealed responses to this Request for Qualifications must be physically delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court before the stated time. Late responses will not be considered. Responses shall be submitted on the forms provided and must be manually signed. Responses shall be sealed in an envelope with the RFQ number, with the opening date and time clearly indicated. RFQ Packet can be found online at BradfordCountyFL.gov or can be requested via email at Amanda_Brown@bradfordcountyfl.gov.

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida reserves the right to reject all responses submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications.
It is the intent and purpose of the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida that this Request for Qualifications promote competition.
ISSUED BY: Bradford County Board of County Commissioners
945 N Temple Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091
9/25 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2025-CA-0063
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Marvin E. Noegel Jr. a/k/a Marvin Edward Noegel Jr., Deceased; Louis Eugene Noegel a/k/a Louis Noegel Sr.; Cynthia Marie Noegel a/k/a Cynthia M. Noegel a/k/a Cynthia Noegel Cugno a/k/a Cynthia Marie Cummings Cugno a/k/a Cynthia Marie Cummings Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Marvin E. Noegel Jr. a/k/a Marvin Edward Noegel Jr., Deceased
Last Known Address: Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that

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NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
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Last Known Address: Unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that

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UNDER, OR AGAINST JACK LAWRENCE LEIGH, SR., deceased, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST PATRICK LEIGH, PETER LEIGH, MARY C. MYERS, BETH-ANNE LEIGH GEOGHAGAN, and JACK LAWRENCE LEIGH, JR., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO DEFENDANTS UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ANY OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST JACK LAWRENCE LEIGH, SR., deceased:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the filing of a Complaint against you to quiet title to the following described property in Bradford County, Florida: You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on M. Aaron Dukes, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 328, Lake Butler, Florida 32054, on or before the 10th day of April, 2025, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either immediately before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. DATED this 29th day of August, 2025.
DENNY THOMPSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: K. JENKINS
Deputy Clerk
Published in: Bradford County Telegraph
On (dates): September 4, 2025, September 11, 2025, September 18, 2025, September 25, 2025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
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Dixie downs Indians 39-24

BY MELANIE CRABTREE
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Keystone Heights returned from Cross City empty handed as the Dixie County Bears handed the Indians their fourth loss of the season in a 39-24 defeat on Sept. 19.

The home team scored first on a touchdown pass from Keydran Teague to James Harshley.

The Indians (0-4) answered with a scoring run by Cole Crabtree. Ryder Thomas added the extra point, tying the game.

Dixie County (1-4) grabbed the momentum in the first half, taking a 32-7 lead into the locker room.

However, the Indians mounted a comeback in the second half, with Crabtree hitting paydirt to open the last two quarters. Thomas added the PAT, closing Dixie's lead to 32-14.

The Bears answered with a Teague rushing score, and with

Inman Wilson adding the extra point, Dixie extended its lead to 39-14.

Teague completed eight passes on 12 attempts for 186 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He also rushed for 138 yards on 12 carries.

Indians quarterback Hunter Crumpton closed the gap to 39-20 with a run into the end zone, followed by a two-point conversion by Crabtree.

The Indians tallied their last

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Tigers shut out again in loss to Fort White

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School's football team traveled to play its first game against a fellow Rural Class team, but the road trip was unkind as Fort White took control of the game early and

rolled to 47-0 victory over the struggling Tigers on Sept. 19.

For the second week in a row, the Tigers (1-3) failed to score.

Union, which will host Paxon (3-2) on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m., has a lot of work to do to try to turn its season around. As the coaches took turns talking to the players after the game, they reminded them that despite the team's youth, they must find answers on how to put points on the board. The team, which has been outscored 75-0 in its last two games, heard that how it was

playing wasn't representative of Union County football, so players must put the devastating losses behind them and improve.

Jeffrey Brugh, Wyatt Elixson, C.J. Ivey and Alec McClellon were the captains for the coin toss, which was won by Fort White. The Indians (3-2) elected to receive.

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James B. Cagle III

Mr. James B. Cagle III, 78, of Starke, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, at HCA Hospital in Starke. He was born April 10, 1947, in Fort Hood, Texas to James B. and Mildred (Higginbotham) Cagle Jr. He had proudly served in the United States Navy, and prior to retiring, he was employed by Florida Pest Control as a technician for over 25 years. He attended First Christian Church of Starke and was a member of the Elks Lodge in Gainesville. In his spare time, he enjoyed metal detecting, painting, listening to B.B. King, and rooting for his Florida Gators football team. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mimi Cagle Urquart.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his son, Eric Cagle (April) of Starke; brother, Jack Cagle of Gainesville; and he was lovingly called "Popie" by his grandson Eric Cagle Jr. Also left behind is his former spouse, whom he remained close friends with, Jenny (James) Mann of Hampton.

At the request of Mr. Cagle, there are no public services scheduled, and his ashes will be interred at Santa Fe Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Elks Lodge in Gainesville or military association of your choice.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 620 E. Nona St., Starke 32091. 904-964-6200. www.jonesgallagherfh.com



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Lovie Lyons

Gussie "Lovie" (Crews) Lyons, a cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, passed away peacefully Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, in Lake Butler, surrounded by her loving family. Born Nov. 3, 1931, on Cowhouse Island in the Okefenokee Swamp, she lived a life that echoed strength, independence, and unwavering devotion to her family and faith. A dedicated worker, she devoted many years of her life to serving others, most notably at Copeland Sausage, as well as at SREC, Lake Butler Hospital, and Union County School Board in food services. Her commitment to her work reflected her character, an independent and hard worker who approached every task with passion and diligence. She was not just known for her incredible work ethic, but also for her tender love for her family, particularly her daughters Bobbie (Stan) Lehman and Janice (Ralph) Parrish, whom she lovingly referred to as her "Chicks." She nurtured them with grace, always taking the time to share her "Jesus Calling" devotions and pray with them. These moments of connection were invaluable, forming the fabric of their lives together. Her love extended through generations, touching the hearts of her grandchildren, Phillip (Shelly) Joyner II, Rhonda (Robbie) Barber, Jennifer (Glenn) Ritch, and Terry Dean (Penny) Elixson; and her ever-growing number of great-grandchildren: Michaela (Lee) Elixson, Taylor Joyner, Phillip Joyner III, Brianna (Tyler) Fleming, Shelby Barber, Bobbie Grace (Zach) Womack, Garrett (Kaitlin) Ritch, Jenna (Jordan) Rowe, Garrison Ritch, Kobe Elixson, Klay (Makayla) Elixson, Kadyne Elixson, and Aleigh Elixson. Her legacy continued with her great-great-grandchildren, including Preslee, Parker, PJ, Palmer, Colson, Hudson, Jencie, Judson, Levi, Layton, Pierce, and Easton. Each of them carries a piece of her spirit, embodying the warmth and love she so generously shared. Her heart was as vast as her life experiences. She bravely survived a bear attack and a coral snake bite, stories that became legend within her family. Her passion for caring for others and her commitment to her faith were evident in her long-standing membership at First Baptist Church of Lake Butler, where she took pride in working in the nursery. Her love for music resonated deeply, and she spent many hours singing old-time hymns, filling the hearts of her loved ones with melody and prayer. She embodied grace, faith, and an everlasting bond with her family that transcends even the greatest of earthly trials. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Deamos Albert and Gussie Dowling Crews; sisters, Lydia Graham and Veenie Dowling; and brother, Revis Dowling.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, Sept. 24, at her church, First Baptist Church of Lake Butler. Her services were officiated by her grandson, Pastor Terry Dean Elixson and Pastor Jason John's. The family received friends for a visitation Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. Her pallbearers were her grandsons, Phillip Joyner III, Garrett and Garrison Ritch and Klay, Kadyne and Kobe Elixson, along with Jordan Rowe and Zach Womack. Honorary pallbearers were Phillip Joyner II, Glenn Ritch, Robbie Barber, Lee Elixson, John Johns, and Brad Whitehead.

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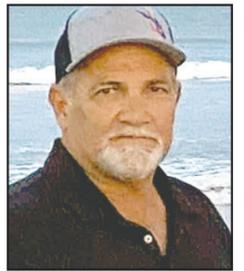
Scott Pappas

Anthony "Scott" Pappas, 64, of Keystone Heights was received by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, following a valiant fight with cancer. Born to Nick and Dorothy (Phillips) Pappas, Scott's life began Jan. 23, 1961, in Thomasville, Alabama, and ended in the home on Crystal Lake, where he first met his high school sweetheart and wife, Brenda (Melton) Pappas. He was a strong, proud, Keystone Heights football star and graduated from KHHS, class of 1979. He was a certified GM mechanic prior to working with his father in their family business, which he would eventually manage for many years. His faith in Christ defined him as a man, and he was a loyal servant of God and member at First Baptist Church in Keystone Heights. In his spare time, he spent many nights fishing with his best friends, father-in-law "Buddy" Melton and brother on Crystal Lake. In the fall and winter of each year, he and his family could usually be found in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Tennessee. Above all else, he was known for his generous, giving spirit toward his friends and family. Scott leaves behind a legacy of love that includes his faithful and devoted wife of 44 years, Brenda (Melton) Pappas; children, Casey (Aaron) Brunt, Ashley (Taylor) Kroll, Brooke Pappas, and Micah Pappas; and grandchildren, Noah and Sophia Kroll, Abigail Brunt, and Trey and Tyler Rivera, who lovingly called him "PaPou." He was preceded in death by his father, Nick Pappas, and is survived by his mother, Dorothy (Phillips) Pappas; sister, Helen Pappas Moncrief; brother, Chris Pappas (Jeni); and mother-in-law, Shirley (Turknett) Melton.

The family is holding a Celebration of Life for him on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7219 SE Second Place, Starke, 32091, the Pappas family childhood home on Crystal Lake. Family will gather at 10:30 a.m. and all friends are encouraged to drop in anytime at the lake house from 11:30 a.m. until sunset. Come ready to enjoy the lake, wearing your shorts and flip-flops, and help us honor and remember Scott in one of his favorite places.

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

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Juanita Cozart

Juanita Pearl "Nita" Cozart of Keystone Heights, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2025, at Roberts Hospice Care Center in Palatka. She was born Nov. 27, 1972, in Beckley, West Virginia, to Cynthia "Cindy" Miller and grew up surrounded by family and love in both West Virginia and Green Cove Springs. Nita was a homemaker in every sense of the word. She poured her heart into her home and into raising her son, Charles C.W. Cozart. More than mother and son, the two shared a best-friend kind of relationship. Charles will forever carry her tough love, sharp wit, and unshakable support with him. Though unexpected blindness changed the course of her path at age 32, it never dimmed her light. She faced life with courage, humor, and her signature straight-shooting honesty. She was giving and loyal to those she loved, always ready with encouragement, laughter, and even the shirt off her back if someone needed it. She adored her grandparents, enjoyed time spent in worship with her church families at Keystone Methodist Church and Immanuel Anglican Church, and loved nothing more than cheering for the Florida Gators. She also treasured slipping off to the beach with Opal, finding peace and happiness by the water. She was preceded in death by her mother, Cindy Miller; and her sister, Dalena Clere.

She is survived by her son, Charles "C.W." Cozart and Grand Cat Whiskey of Orlando; the love of her life, Fred Pitts of Keystone Heights; brother, Allen Bryant of Starke; nieces, Kierra Kimbrough of Parkersburg, West Virginia, Staesha Kimbrough of Columbus, Ohio, Raeshawnda Kimbrough of Columbus, Ohio and Madison Grubbs of Starke; nephew, Christopher Rathbun of Starke; Aunt Debbie (Jay) Ellis of Keystone Heights; Uncle James Miller of Beckley, West Virginia; and cousins she grew up with, Buddy (Chelsea Randall) Milam of Green Cove Springs and Opal Milam of Starke. She also leaves behind many loving relatives and friends who will miss her bright spirit and the warmth she carried into every room.

A service to honor her life will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Anglican Church, 915 Orchid Ave., Keystone Heights 32656.

Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home has been entrusted with services.

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Chance English

Ryan Chance English, 20, died Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2025, due to natural causes. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ronnie and Kathy Gunter; and paternal grandfather, Christopher English Sr.

Survivors are his mother, Penny (Gunter) English; father, Christopher English; brother, Chase English; sister, Taylor English; and paternal grandmother, Carol English.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 24, at Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home. Interment followed at Dyal Cemetery.

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two points when a long snap sailed over the Dixie County punter and through the end zone for a safety.

Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds said he continues to see a positive change in his team as they move forward in their season. He praised his squad of primarily freshmen and sophomores for the work and effort they put into the game.

"As a team, they are finding a rhythm offensively and more able to move the ball," Reynolds said. "I'm really proud of the way they fought until the game was over."

Crabtree led the Indians in rushing with a season-high 115 yards on 17 carries and scored

two touchdowns and one two-point conversion.

Crumpton followed with 92 yards on 18 carries, with one touchdown and one completed pass to Josiah Bardier for an 18-yard gain.

Luke Bacorn led the defense with nine tackles. Crabtree had three tackles, with one forced fumble. Trase Wooden had three tackles. Logan Madden-Moore had two tackles. Bardier, Crumpton, Pete Bostic, Micha Screen, Connor Mooneyham, and Tallon Lybarger all made one stop each.

Screen and Coy Campbell both made one interception while on defense.

Thomas made both of his extra-point attempts with ease.

The Indians host District 5-2A opponent Bradford (4-1) on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

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by tough defensive plays. Fort White, however, opened it up with 6:39 remaining in the first quarter when quarterback Jayden Jackson completed an 18-yard touchdown pass to X'Zaevion Gibson. Maxwell Eyjolfsson added the extra point as the Indians took a 7-0 lead.

Brugh fielded the ensuing kickoff and returned it to the Union 42-yard line. Despite a good run for a first down by Drew Simmons, the Tigers were forced to punt.

Fort White took to the field at its own 35. Union's defense was making an impressive stand, but the Indians found a way to capitalize. Jackson, facing third-

and-10, rolled out to his right under heavy pressure from the Tigers' Lane Jackson and A.J. Rivera and completed a 65-yard to Cameron Lumpkin for a touchdown with two minutes left in the first quarter. The score stood at 14-0 after the extra point.

The second quarter proved to be no different from the first in terms of the Indians dominating the Tigers. Jackson took the ball into the end zone from 5 yards out to give Fort White a 21-0 lead after Eyjolfsson's PAT.

Union's offense continued to struggle to find any type of rhythm. Dropped passes and pass deflections led to missed opportunities as drives ended in punts. The Tigers were unable to capitalize on their limited chances in Fort White territory,



Cole Crabtree (far right) on the run, working his way around the Dixie County defense for a gain.



Edward Durant (far left) tackles Fort White's John Lawson.

with penalties and tackles for offense. The Indians scored two losses keeping them out of the touchdowns early in the third quarter to go up 47-0.

As halftime rolled around, the Indians had a commanding 35-0 lead. Fort White finished with 432 yards (205 rushing, 227 passing) and 11 first downs, while Union had just 23 yards and four first downs.

A running clock was initiated as the Tigers had no answer for Fort White's explosive

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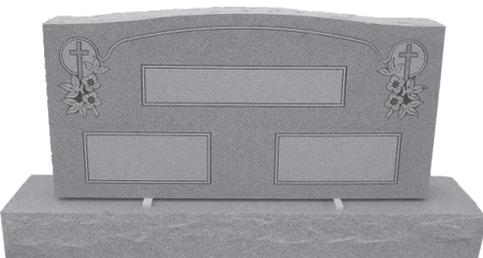
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Showcase visitors sit in Lawtey Correctional Institution's chapel as they learn about the faith-charcater program.



Pete Haubner went from prison to becoming the vice president of field operations for Competitive Edge Partners and Consulting of Altamonte Springs. He told inmates they could make something of themselves after prison and told employers and job recruiters to not "stop believing in them."

"if we bring them in, great things will happen."

"What we need is we need the community to partner with us," Rossiter said, adding, "You have the ability to be a fulfiller of hope."

An FDC press release prior to the showcase read: "Each year, more than 27,000 individuals return to Florida communities each year after incarceration. Innovative programming, coupled with legislative support, has dramatically expanded those individuals' access to academic, technical and personal-development courses. These efforts, delivered by FDC's expanded team of educators and program leaders, create pathways to successful reintegration and enhanced public safety across the state. As a direct-support organization, FFCE was created to amplify these efforts, connecting employers with qualified candidates preparing for release and ensuring workforce programs reflect real hiring needs."



An inmate is at work in the computer-aided drafting program.



Showcase visitors were treated to a demonstration of the type of virtual interview inmates can have with potential employers prior to their release from prison.



Weldene Vaneps (right), correctional probation senior supervisor, talks to an inmate prior to the start of the tours.

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for work, doing whatever is necessary to get there, and to become passionate about their job. He encouraged them to take steps to keep bettering themselves, such as taking night courses or learning another language.

"You can do it," Haubner said. In expressing his belief in them, Haubner also addressed the other people attending the showcase, saying, "Continue to give opportunities to gentlemen like this. Don't stop believing in them and coming to these types of events."

Frizzell said it was her "crazy vision" to have showcases that would bring the outside world into the prisons, believing that



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Tucker Griffis made a hole in one in Bradford's win over Gainesville.

Griffis gets hole in 1 as Bradford defeats GHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Tucker Griffis hit a hole in one for the Bradford High School boys golf team, which defeated visiting Gainesville on Sept. 17.

Bradford had a team score of 164 to finish 49 strokes ahead of the Purple Hurricanes.

Griffis finished in a two-way tie for first with teammate Charlie Zink. Each shot a 39, with Griffis making par on three holes and Zink, who had a birdie, making par on five holes.

The Tornados' Steven Carter, who made par on four holes, took third with a score of 41, while Avery Burgin and Mason Stone were fourth and fifth, respectively, with scores of 45 and 47. Burgin and Stone each made par on two holes.

Patrick Pendarvis shot a seventh-place score of 49.

Bradford played Keystone Heights this past Tuesday and will host Union County on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 4 p.m. The Tornados will travel to play Trinity Christian on Monday, Sept. 29, at Jacksonville's Bent Creek Golf Course at 4 p.m. and then travel to play Middleburg on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at Oakleaf Plantation's Eagle Landing Golf Club at 3:30 p.m.

BHS' Rantz is 2nd in recent golf match

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Bradford High School's Sarah Rantz earned a second-place finish in a Sept. 16 girls golf match at Lake City's Quail

Heights Country Club that also included Branford and Union County.

Rantz, who made par on one hole, tied with Branford's Liberty Ward, with each shooting a 55.

The Tornados' other golfer, Alexis Fuhrman, placed fifth with a score of 57.

Fuhrman and Rantz finished seventh and ninth, respectively, at a Sept. 18 match at Palatka Golf Club that also included Middleburg as well as host Palatka. Fuhrman had a score of 62, while Rantz had a score of 69.

KHHS drops boys golf matches to Clay, P.K.

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Keystone Heights High School got a third-place finish from Jackson McDaniel in dropping a Sept. 22 boys golf match against Clay in Green Cove Springs.

The Indians finished with a team score of 178, which had them trailing Clay by nine strokes.

McDaniel made par on three holes as he shot a 42.

Will Begue and Baylor Ford each shot a 45 as they were part of a five-way tie for fourth. Each made par on three holes.

Landon Spence, who made par

on three holes, had a ninth-place score of 46, while Nate Bardier and Luke Lewis each had a score of 47 in finishing as part of a three-way tie for 10th. Bardier made par on three holes, while Lewis made par on two.

Keystone entered the match off a Sept. 16 loss to P.K. Yonge in Gainesville. The host Blue Wave had a score of 167 to the Indians' 183.

Begue and McDaniel each had a score of 44 to finish tied for fourth. McDaniel made par on two holes, while Begue made par on one.

Spence was seventh with a score of 47, while Ford and Sammy Wachu were eighth and ninth, respectively, with scores of 48 and 49. All made par on two holes.

Bardier, who made par on one hole, shot a 12th-place score of 52.

Keystone played Bradford and Middleburg this past Tuesday and will play Ridgeview at Fleming Island's Eagle Harbor Golf Club on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 3:30 p.m.

KHHS' Wagner is 1st in match vs. Gainesville

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Amber Wagner earned medalist honors for the Keystone

Heights High School girls golf team in a Sept. 16 match against host Gainesville at Ironwood Golf Course.

The Indians finished with a team score of 256. Gainesville had only two players.

Wagner shot a 57, which put her two strokes ahead of Gainesville's Lila Baker.

Jasmine Walls, who made par on two holes, and Zoey Gill placed third and fourth, respectively, with scores of 64 and 66.

Emily Cunningham and Jillian Huntley finished in a three-way tie for fifth with Gainesville's Avery Hart. Each shot a 69, with

Cunningham making par on one hole.

The Indians also had the following results: Evelyn Bardier eighth, 70; Bryley Lee ninth, 73; Ila Miller 10th, 74; Averi Hemphill 11th, 75; and Jensie Paddock 12th, 80.

Keystone played Branford this past Tuesday and will travel to play Fleming Island and Middleburg at The Golf Club at Fleming Island on Monday, Sept. 29, at 3:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30, the Indians play Orange Park and St. Johns Country Day at Fleming Island's Eagle Harbor Golf Club at 3:30 p.m.

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3-0 (25-17, 25-23, 25-21) loss to visiting Ridgeview on Sept. 18.

Mia Rivera recorded eight kills, six digs and three service aces, while Kaleigh Marquart had 19 assists and three aces.

Rachel Blank led the team in aces with four.

Kadence Massey and Bella Cumbo had six and five digs, respectively, with Massey also adding four kills.

The Indians (11-6) entered the match off a 3-2 (20-25, 16-25, 25-12, 25-21, 15-11) win over visiting St. Johns Country Day

on Sept. 16.

Rivera and Massey had 13 and eight kills, respectively, and seven digs each.

Marquart recorded 27 assists and three aces, while Bralee-Kate Chester had four aces and two blocks.

Keystone played Clay and Orange Park this past Monday and Tuesday and will travel to play Union County on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m.

The Indians host Newberry on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with the JV teams playing at 6 p.m. and the varsity teams playing at 7 p.m.

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