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Storm approaching: Florida prepares for Helene's impact

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Tropical Storm Helene is gathering strength as it makes its way toward the southeastern United States, with a broad swath of Florida in its path.

Forecasts suggest that the storm will intensify into a hurricane within the next 24 to 36 hours, bringing the potential for severe weather, high winds and flooding. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has declared a state of emergency in 41 counties, including Bradford, Union, and Clay, as residents brace for the storm's arrival.

Residents should expect the usual school, government and business closings as they prepare for the storm. Bradford High School's homecoming week has been disrupted, leading to scheduling changes. The football game against Keystone Heights will be played Wednesday evening at the BHS stadium at 5 p.m. The parade and Tornado Whirl have both been moved to Saturday, with the parade at 9 a.m. followed by Tornado Whirl at 2 p.m. The Homecoming Dance will follow at 8 p.m.

Schools will be closed in Bradford, Union and Clay counties on Thursday



Helene's path as of 11 a.m. Tuesday morning. Source: NWS National Hurricane Center.

and Friday, with many government offices announcing the same. The Union County football game was postponed.

Bradford County Emergency Management began posing updates Tuesday afternoon, including the location of sites to fill sandbags for

those in flood-prone areas. These are self-fill sites, so bring a shovel. Sandbags will be available, but quantities can be quickly depleted when there is a high demand. Emergency management will work to replenish them as necessary.

The locations are these four solid waste collection sites:
Starke – 2806 NE 173rd St.
Lawtey – 1130 NE 213th St.
C.R. 229 – 9753 NW C.R. 229.
Brooker – 15806 SW C.R. 18.

The sites are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturdays and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

An additional self-serve site was opened in Starke across from the Edwards Road sports complex, 929 W. Edwards Road.

In Union County, there are self-service sandbag locations at the Union County Road Department (near the RMC West Unit and recreational complex) and at the city of Lake Butler's old wastewater treatment plant at 410 SE 11th St.

In Clay County, go to the self-service sandbag site at the Clay

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Crowning comes early as game moves to Wednesday

Vying for Bradford High School homecoming king and queen are seniors (l-r) Jeremiah McKenzie, Madison Casey, Brian "Trey" Clifflin III, Kaylah Vargas, Cayden Carter, Kendall Cook, Grayson Jennings, Blakeleigh Smith, Trace Kite and Jazlyn Hamilton. The king and queen were scheduled to be crowned at halftime of the varsity football game against Keystone Heights, which was moved from Friday, Sept. 27, to Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. due to the approaching hurricane.

Hurricane impacts BHS homecoming schedule

Due to the approach of Hurricane Helene, Bradford High School made changes to this week's homecoming schedule.

The varsity football game between the Tornadoes and the Keystone Heights Indians was moved from Friday, Sept. 27, to Wednesday, Sept. 25, with a kickoff of 5 p.m. The homecoming king and queen were scheduled to be crowned at halftime.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the parade will begin at 9 a.m. Tornado Whirl will take place that same day at 2 p.m., with the homecoming dance scheduled for 8-10 p.m.

Bradford library postpones Sept. 28 Craft Market

Friends of the Bradford County Public Library has postponed its Saturday, Sept. 28, Craft Market so as not to interfere with Bradford High School homecoming events.

The new date is Oct. 26. As with the originally planned event, the times will be 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Bradford High School's homecoming Tornado Whirl and parade were moved to Sept. 28 due to weather conditions anticipated with the approach of Tropical Storm Helene, which was expected to become a hurricane.

Providence Baptist welcomes kids to FBI

Providence Village Baptist Church presents a program for children and youth ages 3 and up known as FBI: Faithful Bible Investigators featuring Bible study, games and lots of fun. The program takes place on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the church, located at 4504 W. State Road 238.

Zaxby's, G's BBQ announce openings next week

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Two highly anticipated additions to Starke's restaurant offerings have both planned openings for Sept. 30.

Zaxby's is the latest drive-thru and dine-in offering on U.S. 301, while G's Slow Smoked BBQ invites customers to sit down in the newly renovated dining room next to the courthouse.

After months of construction and preparation, both are set to open next week, barring any postponement because of the storm.

Zaxby's chose a location across from Walmart south of the city at the intersection of U.S. 301 and Southeast 48th Avenue. The lots at the entrance of the Deerwood subdivision were



The latest location for Zaxby's in north Florida opens on Monday, according to a press release from the company.

commercialized, with former homes demolished to make way for the restaurant and the urgent care office across the street.

Zaxby's will be owned and operated by Matt Karlton of Mattzax 301 Inc. It's his third location in the area, according to a press release, and one of the first in Florida to feature the refreshed brand identity.

"We are very excited to open this brand new Zaxby's location in Starke," said Karlton. "We look forward to continuing to expand our footprint in Florida and foster growth opportunities for our community."

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KH Airport board cancels event

Lights Festival would have violated restricted airspace

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The Keystone Heights Airport board said it would not allow a lights festival at the airport, even though the promoter had already advertised the celebration and sold tickets.

The Oct. 19 Lights Festival would have featured the release of up to thousands of sky lanterns illuminated by Tiki torches.

Airport Board Chair David Kirkland told the board that he first heard about the festival

through a social media post from a neighborhood group. He added that no one from the airport had previously heard about the event. Kirkland said that the event organizer has never produced his lights festival at an airport but mostly at fairgrounds.

“One of my biggest concerns is that the rice paper is nonflammable on the lantern, but there is a small flame with a fuel source,” he said.

“It’s an incendiary device,” added Vice Chair Scott Fryar.

“Obviously, we don’t want any lanterns floating over our fuel farm,” the board chair said.

Kirkland also said the lanterns can float up to 900 feet, but the airport’s airspace starts at 700

feet. Fryar faulted an airport tenant, the Florida International Rally and Motorsport Park, for agreeing to host the event without timely completing the required event application. Coon said he received the application earlier in the day.

“The F.I.R.M. (has handled) many different groups over the years,” Fryar said. “The Krawlin’ for the Fallen has become a great event. I think last year they had over 900 Jeeps, but they are benefiting from (the lights festival) financially, and I think they should know better.”

Fryar told Airport Manager Craig Coon, “They should have, before they even approved this

group putting out advertising, they should have filled out an application or, at the very least, picked up the phone and called you.”

Fryar added that the airport’s event application ensures promoters obtain adequate liability insurance and arrange for law enforcement and fire rescue if needed.

After the meeting, Kirkland said the event organizer promoted the festival as a Jacksonville event. He added that he put the promoter in contact with Clay County Tourism Director Kimberly Morgan to find an alternative site for the festival.



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Zaxby’s is a relatively young franchise. The first location opened by childhood friends in Statesboro, Georgia, in 1990. According to the company, it was one of the first premium quick service restaurants.

The restaurant serves chicken fingers and wings and a variety of sauces, with favorite menu items including Chicken Bacon

Ranch Loaded Fries as well as the brand’s fried pickles.

Zaxby’s 3,400 square feet includes 50 seats for dine-in guests and a drive-thru window for to-go orders, which can be placed in person, online or through the company’s mobile app.

Meanwhile, the folks and G’s BBQ have taken to social media to promote “the smokiest, sauciest, most legendary BBQ joint in Starke!”

“We’ve been slow-cooking,

smoking, and perfecting every single brisket, rib, and pulled pork sandwich like they’re our last, so trust us when we say — it’s going to be worth the wait. Our team has been training around the clock to get ready to deliver hometown hospitality with style,” the restaurant posted on Facebook, complete with a photo of owner and pit master Gary Park at work in the new location.

The Starke restaurant replaces G’s Orange Park location, which was severely damaged by fire in January. When the county commission placed the former Pizza Hut location up for sale, Park saw it as an a great opportunity to fire up the smokers once again.

The restaurant has a loyal following and hopes to make fans here when it opens Monday, serving up all the barbecue and traditional sides, with banana pudding to finish it off.



A seven-wheeled, 63,500-pound Mac mast truck is one of seven ground vehicles that move ahead of the airship. At least one ground crew member always stays with the zeppelin, monitoring helium levels and the ship’s reaction to wind.

Low-flying blimp startles residents

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On Sept. 13, a Goodyear

Blimp approaching the Keystone Heights Airport at 400 feet because of poor weather startled some Lake Region residents.

Airport Manager Craig Coon said he didn’t expect the Zeppelin to fly into the facility because of weather conditions.

However, pilots guided the semirigid airship, Wingfoot Two, onto the airport’s infield.

Coon said the low-altitude

approach was legal and within regulations. However, the sight of the nearly football-field-long blimp generated several calls to the airport, with homeowners asking, “Why is a blimp flying so low over my house?”

Wingfoot Two was moored at the airport over the weekend for trips to Gainesville to cover the Florida-Texas A&M football game.

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Spooner reflects on accomplishments, shares vision for reelection

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In the District 1 race for county commission, Carolyn Spooner is the incumbent. Spooner, a one-term county commissioner with prior experience as a commissioner and mayor for the city of Starke, expressed both pride in her accomplishments and a deep commitment to continue serving her community.



Carolyn Spooner

For Spooner, being a county commissioner is not just about holding a position; it's about fulfilling a long-held dream of public service.

"This time has been wonderful," Spooner said. "I just count it as such a great privilege to serve in the community, something I wanted to do so many years. And just feel tremendously blessed and to be able to give back to the community and to just to serve." This dedication to service drives her desire to continue the work she has started, and Spooner is hopeful that voters will give her the opportunity to do so.

Among the key achievements Spooner highlighted was the improvement of roads in District 1 — an ongoing process. She specifically mentioned significant infrastructure projects that have been a focal point of her efforts.

"The county has helped us to secure the half a million dollars to renovate the RJE gym roof, then in the Lawtey area was getting some improvement with the roads," Spooner said. These include Northeast 213th, 223rd, 17th, 19th and 20th. While some of these projects are still in progress, she noted that they are critical improvements for the area.

Spooner also emphasized her work helping to establish community health hubs. These hubs provide crucial local services to residents, and Spooner has partnered in their creation.

"The hub establishment, through our health department ...

has been established at the RJE, which was the first site," she explained, adding that additional hubs have been set up in Lawtey and in Hampton. This work aligns with her commitment to addressing the needs of the county's diverse communities.

Another of the initiatives that Spooner has been involved in is deploying funding to combat the opioid epidemic. Bradford County was allocated hundreds of thousands of dollars in opioid abatement funds, which will go toward addressing substance abuse issues. Spooner is particularly proud of this effort, noting that while the funds won't solve the problem entirely, they provide a crucial starting point for the county to make meaningful progress.

"It gives us some working dollars to address the substance abuse issue for Bradford County," she explained.

Another area where Spooner claims progress is in improving budget transparency, especially with regard to the county's constitutional officers. "Years ago, you weren't able to get detailed budgets from our constitutional officers," she said, but she has worked to change that. This transparency, according to Spooner, has helped the county make more informed decisions about resource allocation.

When asked about details of the sheriff's budget, however, she acknowledged that more work needs to be done: "There's still areas in which we continue to need improvement in," she said.

Spooner is a champion for strategic planning, which she has been pushing for during her term. She worked on developing a mission, vision and value statement for the county, which is now available online, and helped organize town hall meetings in various communities. These meetings allowed citizens to share their input on county goals and objectives, a process that Spooner considers vital to ensuring that community voices are heard.

One particular example she shared was the town of Brooker's desire for a fire station, which led to the approval of state appropriations for a new station and fire apparatus in the area.

Additionally, Spooner has supported generating new revenue for Bradford County by utilizing existing infrastructure. She noted the recent acquisition of the Douglas building, an industrial space that will serve as an extension of MHD Rocklands work at the Keystone Heights Airport.

While Spooner has claims significant progress during her term, there are still challenges

ahead. One of the biggest hurdles is addressing the county's fire department funding. Spooner expressed concerns about how to fund these services without placing undue financial burdens on residents. She joined a majority of commissioners in postponing a new fire assessment fee this year.

"Right now, we're at 10 mills, and to me, it would've been unfair to ask the constituents to engage in that at this time until we can workshop and look as closely as we can at the budget and the funding, to see what can be done and what avenues that we have for funding it," she said. Again, she wants to hear from citizens as the commission continues explore options.

When asked if she would be willing to make cuts to live within the county's budget, Spooner did not shy away from the tough reality. "Absolutely," she said, though she emphasized the need to ensure that public safety services are not compromised. "We don't want to diminish services that are rendered, but how we render those services is the question."

Spooner's campaign is not just about serving District 1—it's about uniting the entire county, she said. She has been a visible presence at community events, from fall festivals to parades,

and has worked to strengthen relationships between the county and its municipalities.

"We're one community, Bradford County strong, and... when we work together, there's nothing that we can't achieve," she said.

Her dedication to unity extends beyond political affiliations. Spooner, a Democrat, believes that the focus should be on who is best suited to serve the community.

"At the end of the day, if your road needed mowing, or if you couldn't get down your road, it doesn't matter what your party is. People want someone who's going to get the job done," she said.

Looking forward, Spooner is eager to continue building on the progress she has made and addressing the challenges that lie ahead. Her message to voters is clear: "Judge me on my work. I've shown the community my heart. I've shown the community my commitment to work with all people, regardless of their political party, regardless of the agenda, regardless of their status in life, or where they come from and what they look like. All I want to do is to serve our community, to make it a better place for the next generation."

Smith is campaigning on fiscal responsibility, collaborative growth

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Shannon Smith, a lifelong resident and business owner in Bradford County, is making his case for a seat on the Bradford County Commission representing District 1. Smith is running against incumbent Carolyn Spooner, and in a recent interview, he shared his vision for the county, his approach to handling taxpayer funds, and his experience on the Starke City Commission.



Shannon Smith

Smith's primary concern as he steps into the county race is fiscal responsibility. He believes Bradford County has reached a critical point where spending must be scrutinized, and tough decisions need to be made to avoid overburdening taxpayers.

"I believe it's time that the county commission takes a real hard look at the spending of the taxpayers' money," Smith said, emphasizing that the current budget and spending trends are unsustainable. "We've maxed out our millage. They've asked for more in the fire assessment. I just think it's time that we look at the budget and our spending growth."

Smith draws on his six years of experience as a Starke City Commissioner, where he learned firsthand how difficult budgetary decisions can shape a community. His experience in the city has made him confident that

he has the insight and toughness to make similarly difficult calls at the county level.

"They're going to be uncomfortable, but I believe it's the right thing to do at this time," Smith stated.

One of the toughest decisions Smith faced while serving in Starke was the dissolution of the city's police department. It was a controversial decision that sparked debate, but ultimately, the Starke commission decided that paying the Bradford County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement was the right move for both fiscal and operational reasons.

"We were pulling so much money out of our infrastructure, out of our enterprise fund, that we

weren't able to reinvest back into our infrastructure because we were pulling all this money out to support a police department," Smith explained.

By eliminating the local police department, Starke was able to free up much of that money. "As you see the numbers now, we have two police officers in the city at all times for, I think we're at \$600,000, and that was a \$2 million budget," Smith noted.

Though the police department closure was a tough call, Smith said he fought hard to preserve funding for Starke's fire department, and he is proud to see the department growing again, thanks to grants and other sources of funding.

Smith acknowledges that Bradford County is poised for growth but stresses that growth will take time to generate significant new revenue. Until that happens, the county needs to find ways to live within its means, he says, rather than continue dipping into reserves.

"We're spending more, and we're getting into our reserves, and that's not a good thing over multiple years," Smith warned. He argued that every government office could find ways to reduce its budget, noting that "you can get 10% out of a budget somewhere, somehow."

Smith is firm on his stance that services should not be expanded until growth justifies the

additional spending. Regarding the ongoing debate over the county's fire assessment, Smith is opposed to raising taxes unnecessarily.

"I'm not for taxing anyone unfairly right now," he said, adding that it's critical to "tighten our belts" and make sure the county works within its budget to maintain essential services. "When growth comes, you expand everything. You just can't do anything before growth comes."

Despite his focus on financial restraint, Smith is also proud of the significant strides Starke

made in infrastructure during his time on the commission. He highlighted a series of successful grant applications and collaborations with Tallahassee that helped the city take on critical projects without placing an undue burden on taxpayers.

Smith cited the ongoing reconstruction of the wastewater treatment plant. "We only had to burden the taxpayers on half of the project; over half of it was grant funded and forgiven," Smith said. Relocation of city's utilities under the overpass were another debt-relief success, accomplished through

cooperation between Starke's city manager and state officials.

Another achievement was securing \$750,000 in funding for renovations at the RJE gymnasium. "There was a grant that was lost, and we sent back our city manager and city clerk at the time, and we fought for that," Smith recalled.

Smith also highlighted his efforts to bridge the divide between Starke and the Bradford County commissions. Upon joining the city commission,

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The Union County High School JROTC Raider Team: (front, left to right) Hunter Smith, Chloe Harris, Savannah Thompson, Davien Presley, Jamaal Reynolds, Isabelle Kirsten, (middle) Genesis Alonzo, Jordan Burgess, Mercedes Webb, Lillie Lane, Noah Vissel, Adriana Clarke, Ayleana Reeves, (back) Cason Forbes, Kamerohn Wilson and Steven Mink.

Union JROTC wins 9-school competition

Defending State Champs host Raider meet

The Union County High School JROTC Raider Team hosted a Raider Meet on Saturday, September 14th.

Nine schools competed in the competition, all from the Northeast Florida region.

The UCHS JROTC Raider Team, which won the State

Championship last year, finished First Overall for the Male-Mix category.

The team won four of the five events and won second place in one event.

The list of events with the UCHS JROTC team's placement are: 3-mile Relay Run (2nd) For this event, eight of the team members complete one 1/4 mile lap, and two of the team members complete two laps;

Cross-Country Rescue (1st) This is a 3/4 mile run that included obstacles, and the team had to carry a weighted litter and four rucksacks;

Raider Fitness Test (1st) This is an ammo can relay where each cadet has to transport six 25-30lb ammo cans 25 yards;

Raider Fitness Challenge (1st) This is an obstacle course that includes a low crawl, carrying a variety of weighted objects 40 yards, going over an obstacle, a zig-zag maze, and a team carry of a heavy object for 50 feet, then the team has to reverse course - finishing with the low crawl;

One Rope Bridge (1st) For this event, the team has to construct, navigate across a 60' span, and deconstruct a one-rope bridge.

Reporting for this story was provided by Lt. Col. Kevin Steverson, Union County High School JROTC.

West Fraser closing LB sawmill

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West Fraser said it will indefinitely curtail its sawmill east of Lake Butler by the end of September, blaming high costs and a soft lumber market.

Earlier this year, the British Columbia-based timber company shuttered its plant in Perry and later closed a sawmill in Maxville.

A worker at the Lake Butler sawmill said West Fraser would continue to pay its Union County workers for 60 days to comply

with Florida's Warn law, which requires large employers to notify workers and government officials of business closings.

The Lake Butler facility employed 130 workers, while the Perry location employed 126, and the Maxville facility had 79.

The company's sawmill in the west Duval County community of Whitehouse remains open, and one employee said West Fraser is seeking to place Lake Butler employees at the mill located off Interstate 10.

In its second-quarter earnings

announcement, the company said it was experiencing demand softness in North America, particularly in Southern Yellow Pine, which has a greater relative exposure to repair and remodeling applications.

"We continue to realize the financial benefits from the recent closures of some of our higher-cost lumber mills," the company said in a news release, "and will continue to focus on optimizing our portfolio of assets to lower costs and create a more resilient organization."

Bradford sheriff supporting recreational marijuana amendment

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Bradford County's sheriff said he is supporting a constitutional amendment that would legalize the recreational use of marijuana in the Sunshine State.

Gordon Smith said Amendment 3 would strip illicit drug dealers of a revenue source and place the distribution of cannabis in the hands of regulated businesses, which would pay taxes on the sale of the substance.

The sheriff said he has been in other states where marijuana has been legalized and believes that with adequate controls, the drug would be less dangerous than it is now.

"I just think that it needs to be regulated and that we are a smart state with the best governor and the best state legislature we've probably ever had," he said. "And I think once it's passed, they've got to figure out how to regulate it. I think we can better control it than the dope man can."

It's already in the hands of young people

Smith said he disagreed with opponents of the measure who claim the amendment would make the mind-altering drug more available to minors.

"The adage is that it's going to put more dope in the hands of young people," he said. "Well, I'm here to tell you it's already in the hands of young people."

The sheriff said that in states where minors are educated about marijuana use, teenagers' use of the drug has declined between 5% and 7%.

He added that the use of opioids and alcohol has dropped in states that have legalized products from the psychoactive plant because people are choosing marijuana over other alternatives to relieve pain.

"And alcohol is probably killing more people individually

than anything else we have," he said.

It's ruined good people

Smith's stand follows a policy change he instituted several years ago, instructing his deputies to issue notices to appear in court for first-time offenders caught with less than 20 grams of cannabis instead of arresting the offenders.

He said that although courts punish reckless driving defendants worse than misdemeanor drug possession defendants, the real punishment for a drug possession arrest and conviction is that it stays on someone's record for the rest of his life.

"It's ruined good people," Smith said of misdemeanor drug arrests.

"They can't get jobs, and they are considered criminals for a misdemeanor amount of marijuana."

"They can't get a job with the city," he continued. "They can't get a job being a cop. They can't get a job being a fireman. They can't get a job as a teacher, can't become a lawyer."

"If you come here right now and say, sheriff, pull 10 applications for a deputy sheriff's job," he said. "I would guarantee eight or nine of those have said they've experimented with marijuana."

Regulation is key

Smith said that although some states, like California, have botched regulating marijuana, others, such as Colorado, have put controls in place to protect minors.

He also said that the state can put the tax revenues generated by marijuana sales to better use than the corner drug dealer.

Smith noted that after Florida voters approved the medical use of marijuana in 2016, no one has

made the case that the state is worse off after the change.

"Did you notice any difference in your community?" he asked. "We haven't noticed any difference other than because they can get medical marijuana, opioid use, and prescription drug use goes down because people have found other ways of treating their illnesses, their pain or whatever through the medical marijuana use."

Smith drew a parallel between moonshine and marijuana.

"Nobody buys moonshine anymore," he declared. "You know why? I can go to the liquor store and find something with just as high a potency, but it's regulated, it's tested. You don't know what you're getting when you're buying from the local dope man. You don't know what's in it."

Smith said he has seen plenty of good kids killed because of fentanyl-laced marijuana.

"I'm tired of kids getting sick and dying," he said. "They're not bad kids. I just hate seeing the drug dealer winning."

Smith said that although he may be one of the few Republicans and the only conservative sheriff publicly supporting Amendment 3, plenty of officeholders will vote for it without publicly declaring their support.

Smith also said that although he is still passionate about fighting crime, and his conservative politics remain intact, he has become convinced that a properly regulated marijuana industry will result in lower crime and a safer community.

"There's nobody more conservative than I am," the sheriff said. "Nobody has fought crime more than I have, and I've probably incarcerated, in this sheriff's office, more than anybody else for less than 20 grams of marijuana. But there are only two people that can't change their minds. And that's a fool and a dead man."

Touch a Truck returns to the Bradford Fairgrounds Oct. 5

Bradford County Fire Rescue and the Florida Antique Bucket Brigade are teaming up to bring Touch a Truck back to the Bradford Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The event, featuring vintage and newer fire engines and trucks, kicks off at 9 a.m. as the outset to National Fire Prevention Week. Antique fire equipment from around the state of Florida will be on display, and children (and adults) will get the chance to see the equipment up close and personal.

Spearheaded by BCFR Division Chief Dylan Rodgers and Fire Marshal Chris Cooksey, several displays of fire prevention and safety will be set up as the kickoff to National Fire Prevention Week. Among the displays will be a live fire demonstration on the importance of working smoke alarms and residential sprinkler systems. This year's campaign, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.



During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on Oct. 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land. This year, Bradford County is teaming up with other groups to drive the fire safety point home.

Participating in the event on Oct. 5 is the Florida Antique

Bucket Brigade, a diverse organization of firefighting enthusiasts who share a passion for new and antique fire apparatus, and the history and traditions of the fire service. Several vintage firefighting rigs from around Florida will be on site, as well as modern firefighting engines from around the area.

The fairgrounds will open up at 9 a.m. for the displays, and admission is free. For more information, call 904-290-1010 or check out the Funtastic Fire Brigade Facebook page.

Reporting for this story was provided by Michael Heeder at Funtastic Fire Brigade.

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STORM

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County Fairgrounds, which will be open starting Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sandbags are limited to 10 per person. Bags are first come, first served as supply is limited.

In addition, Clay County announced will be opening these shelters at 6 p.m. on Wednesday:

- Orange Park High School (pet friendly).
- Keystone Elementary School (pet friendly).
- Lake Asbury Junior High School (special needs shelter).
- Clay High School.
- Wilkinson Elementary School.

Shelter locations in Bradford and Union were on standby as of Tuesday evening.

According to Bradford County Emergency Management, the primary concern from this storm will be the wind, as tropical storm force winds could impact the county Thursday into Friday. Union County Emergency Management agreed, citing the possibility of tornadoes. Rainfall is anticipated to be less than experienced with Debby from this fast-moving storm unless Helene's path shifts toward Union and Bradford counties.

Helene became the eighth storm of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season late Tuesday morning while it was centered less than 200 miles east-southeast

of Cozumel, Mexico, according to The Weather Channel. Helene was approaching Cancún, Cozumel and western Cuba, bringing heavy rain, strong winds and storm surge flooding. The storm was expected to intensify to a hurricane on Wednesday and grow larger entering the Gulf of Mexico.

By Thursday, Helene was expected to reach peak intensity and make landfall along Florida's Gulf Coast, likely in the Big Bend area, as a large hurricane. Impacts like surge, winds and rain could affect areas far from the storm's center. Hurricane, tropical storm and flood watches and warnings extended up state's west coast and across north and central Florida.

Residents should expect to lose power and have enough supplies on hand to last several days.

Follow this advice to prepare.

1. **Stock up on supplies:** Ensure you have at least three days' worth of nonperishable food, water and essential medications. Consider batteries, flashlights and a portable phone charger.

2. **Review your evacuation plan:** If you live in an evacuation zone, know your routes and have a plan for where to stay. Local authorities may issue evacuation orders for vulnerable coastal areas.

3. **Secure your home:** Bring outdoor furniture and loose items indoors to prevent them from becoming dangerous projectiles

in high winds. Shutters or plywood can be used to board up windows.

4. **Stay informed:** Keep up to date with local news, weather alerts and any directives from authorities. Make sure you have a battery-powered radio or other means to receive emergency information in case of power outages.

5. **Check on neighbors and family:** Elderly and vulnerable individuals may need additional help securing their homes or evacuating. Offer assistance where possible.

Livestock judging interest meeting

Youth between the ages of 11 and 18 who are interested in livestock judging are invited to 4-H meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. Last year, members were state champs and competed in the national competition.

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Briyanna, Anita Bivens, 24, of Gainesville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 14 for DUI.

Darryl Keith Dylan Brandt, 32, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested by FHP troopers on September 17 for reckless driving.

Victoria Elizabeth Curtis, 20, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 16 for a probation violation.

Justin Matthew Douglass, 38, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for battery.

Charles Herbert Foster, 63, of Middleburg, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 18 for possession of drugs and

possession of drug equipment.

Dequan Kenneth O.C. Pace, 27, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for resisting an officer.

Christine Kelly Teeters, 39, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 16 for an out-of-county warrant.

Phillip Keith Vaughn, 45, of Dawson, Alabama, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for simple assault.

Joshua Allen Ward, 34, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 17 for a probation violation.

Tabatha Lindsay West, 39, of Lebanon, Tennessee, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 15 for aggravated battery.

Kaylin Leigh Wright, 23, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on September 19 for a probation violation.

Union

William Levin Henderson, 33, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 18 for a probation violation.

Shannon Arnold Jenkins, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 21 for battery.

Dallas Andrew McConnell, 23, of Old Town, was arrested by Union deputies on September 20 for disturbing the peace.

Ronald Austin Moore Jr., 42, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 16 for violating an injunction protection against domestic violence.

Galven Wynn Parrish, 45, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jorge Ismail Chilel Ramirez, 22, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on September 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Doris Juanita Rewis, 49, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on September 18 for a probation violation.

Clay

Jamie Lynette McMill, 29, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 16 for trespassing.

Francis Dean SESCO, 30, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 18 for violating an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

Andre Siemer, 43, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on September 19 for simple battery.



Architect Paul Stressing discusses the design and budget for amphitheater concept at the Downtown Square.

Starke city commissioners greenlight amphitheater concept

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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In a step forward for Starke's downtown revitalization, the city commission unanimously approved a conceptual plan for the first phase of the CityWalk project, which includes constructing an entertainment amphitheater at the Downtown Square.

The proposal, presented at the Sept. 17 meeting by architect Paul Stressing and Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, would enhance the community space providing a stage for live events and movie presentations.

Crosby emphasized the phased nature of the project, noting that while the current budget won't cover the full vision, they will focus first on building the stage and surrounding grounds. The goal is to start with the stage area, see what we can accomplish within the budget, and add enhancements over time, said Crosby.

He also noted that although the project is still in its early stages, the approval allows city staff to begin working out the finer details and begin spending grant funds before the deadline.

Stressing shared the vision behind the scaled-down, but functional design tailored to Starke's needs. They looked at different models, such as Alachua's Legacy Park amphitheater, which was too large and costly at around \$1-2 million. On the other hand, Tioga's amphitheater was more modest but too small for Starke's vision, Stressing explained. So, they proposed something in between, a design that enlarges the Tioga model by about 25%, making it more suitable for large events while staying within a

\$600,000-\$650,000 budget.

Stressing elaborated on the amphitheater's key features, which include a large stage with storage space, a handicap-accessible ramp, and a stairway on the opposite side. The design also features a back buffer of landscaping to add visual appeal. The amphitheater could be used for performances and public events like outdoor movie nights, with a motorized screen that can drop down from the back of the stage.

The surrounding infrastructure would also support events, with flexibility for closing Church Street to accommodate food trucks or event vendors. Stressing said they are creating a shopping list of potential enhancements and pricing them for addition down the road.

The amphitheater would sit in the northwest corner of the park, opposite the existing stage. The southeast corner of the square will accommodate Veterans Memorial Park when it is relocated to make way for the private CityWalk townhouse project.

Commissioner Danny Nugent raised concerns about how much space the amphitheater might occupy and its impact on the audience viewing area. Stressing reassured Nugent that the amphitheater would have a minimal footprint by utilizing a corner of the park. Taking advantage of the corner space allows the large open area in the center to remain primarily for audience seating and viewing.

Nugent also voiced his desire for better permanent lighting solutions versus the portable lighting the city uses now, saying it could enhance security and improve the overall functionality of the space, especially during night events. Lighting is also

important for the area beneath the nearby overpass, which Nugent suggested could also be used during events.

Commissioner Shannon Smith emphasized the importance of ensuring accessibility, particularly for veterans visiting the park. He requested that be part of the vision. Crosby they've verified space exist for specialized parking, and the sidewalk will also be made accessible.

With the unanimous vote, the CityWalk amphitheater concept moves forward, a milestone in the broader plan to revitalize downtown Starke. The amphitheater, once complete, will serve as a central entertainment hub, drawing residents and visitors alike to the heart of the city.

Both Crosby and Stressing acknowledged that while the project's timeline and budget are constrained by available funding, the plan is designed with flexibility in mind. Stressing said they are moving quickly because the grant is time-sensitive, but they are also developing a master plan that can be modified and followed as additional funding becomes available.

As the project progresses, the commission and community will have the opportunity to weigh in on additional phases, ensuring that the amphitheater and surrounding area serve the city's long-term goals.

The Starke Zoning Board is set to hear the application filed by the city commission and Kingsley Development for the land next to the square to modify the zoning for a planned unit development, which will accommodate the CityWalk townhouse project. That hearing will take place Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m.

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he said he pushed for meetings between the two governing bodies to settle disagreements and find areas for collaboration.

"We cleared some air, and it worked," Smith said, noting that both the city and county have since worked together on several projects, and that partnership will be key to Bradford County's future growth. "We're always going to be partnered together; it's just a matter of how well we can work."

Starke convinced the county to make a major investment to extend water and sewer lines to serve future growth at the bypass. Smith said this is critical to attracting and sustaining future development.

"We just got to keep working at that, so we do get the growth coming," Smith said.

As a Republican, Smith describes himself as a "fiscal conservative" first and foremost. "Basically, just live within our means and look out for taxpayers' money," he said. His guiding philosophy is to ensure that every dollar spent by the government is used wisely, particularly in a county where economic growth is slow.

Democratic voters outnumber Republicans in District 1, but there is also a sizable group committed to neither party. Smith believes his record speaks for itself. His message to voters, particularly non-partisan voters, is to examine both candidates' records and decide who has consistently acted in the best interests of the county's long-term financial health.

For Smith, running for county commission is not just about politics; it's about giving back to the community that has shaped his life. As a small business

owner with deep roots in Bradford County, he is invested in the future of the area and wants to ensure that growth is managed wisely, without sacrificing fiscal responsibility.

"I'm a lifelong resident of Bradford County. I'm not going anywhere," Smith said. "If elected, I will oversee that the taxpayers' money is spent wisely and try to grow this community in a positive way."

Smith concluded with a reminder that he's not a politician by trade, but he's someone who votes his conscience. "If it's right, I believe I'll vote and stand up for it. If I believe it's wrong, I will be the one that says, 'No, I don't believe this.'"

With that straightforward approach, Smith is hoping to win over voters and bring a fresh perspective to the Bradford County Commission.

Conservation board meeting

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. (Highway 301) in Starke. These meetings are open to the public. Contact Paul Still at 904-368-0291 or email stillpe@aol.com for more information.

Union joins larger workforce agency

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Special to the Times

The Union County Board of Commissioners held its regular September meeting on Sept. 16, entering an agreement for workforce services.

Commissioner Jimmy Tallman was not in attendance at the meeting due to his hospitalization after an accident two weeks ago and he was remembered in the prayer that was given at the start of the meeting.

Eugene Dukes, director of adult education for the Union County School District, spoke to the board concerning the organization that is replacing the now defunct Florida Crown as a source of workforce resources for the community. Union and the other counties making up Florida Crown have been absorbed into CareerSource North Central Florida for education, employment assistance and veterans services.

Such an organization is necessary to meet the requirements for obtaining Federal funds to help facilitate these programs.

According to Dukes, who served on the Florida Crown board for about five years, is now on the board governing CareerSource NCFL. The organization unites six counties — Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union — via interlocal agreement. This agreement will guarantee that

each member county will have a voice, with no extra weight given to the larger counties involved.

Dukes appeared at the meeting to ask the board to join the interlocal agreement. He said he has been working with Commissioner Mack Johns, who is the representative from Union County to the organization, to get things started. He told board members that there would be no cost to the county incurred in the agreement, and it would let the county get state funding from Florida Commerce (formerly the Department of Economic Opportunity) for adult education, funds to the school district, veteran's services and job services.

"Since getting all this started, we have found out that we were due quite a few services that we never received," Dukes said.

A motion was made by Johns and seconded by Commissioner Willie Croft to join in the interlocal agreement, and the motion passed 4-0.

In other business, the board voted to renew the county's contract with the Union County Health Department for the provision of environmental health services, communicable disease control services and primary care services to county residents. This funding, along with funds from the state, are what allow the health department to continue to operate. According to the contract, Union County

will pay \$35,000 annually for the above-mentioned services, which is the same amount as in previous years. A motion was made by Commissioner Donna Jackson to sign the new contract and the motion passed unanimously.

The board selected a contractor for the soon-to-begin C.R. 18 road project. Anderson Columbia was selected because their bid for the project was the lowest and the only bid to price the project within the amount granted by FDOT.

The board also approved an agreement to receive the funds allocated by the State Legislature for the next phase of construction on the new Public Safety Complex.

Other agreements renewed included one with Jones-Edmunds for the continuation of required monitoring of the old landfill site.

The state has so far denied Union County's request to discontinue the testing due to the expense. The monitoring costs the county \$2,778 per year and is with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The current contract expires in 2017, at which time the county hopes to get permission to cease the required monitoring at the site.

The board also approved renewing its contract with the planning council for comprehensive planning services for \$3,500 a year.

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Young and young at heart enjoy library events

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Clay County Library's Keystone Heights branch hosts events designed for children under five years of age to adults.

During September, the facility at the corner of South Lawrence Boulevard and Oriole Street put on Music and Movement for young children and Felt Succulents for adults.

On September 4, Savannah C. Payne led Music and Movement, a young children's event that combined reading with music and games.

"It's a very musical story time," she said. "We do a lot of music and moving and very short stories, and then we get the instruments out afterward, and the kids get to play."

"We also do family story times at 11 a.m. on Thursdays," Payne continued. "That's more of our bigger story times. We read longer books. We do maybe a craft or an activity afterward. Usually, the grownups or the parents hang out afterward while the kids play after we're done



Library Associate Savannah Payne impersonates a duck during the Keystone Heights Library's Music and Movement program.

with everything, and everyone really just has a fun time and learns." On September 13, Library



Participating in the Keystone Heights Library's Felt Succulents craft are (clockwise from far left) Linda Hazen, Myra Lewis, Karen Lago, Barbara Woodward, Rose Rewak and Barbara Carol.

programming Associate Jeniffer Stichcomb led an event for adults called Felt Succulents.

"We're painting the little pots, and then we're using templates, and they're cutting out the succulents from different felt colors," Stichcomb said, describing the activity.

Participant Celina Carver said

she learned about Felt Succulents on the library's website.

"I'm new to Keystone, and I've been trying to get out of the house," she said. "I have a five-month-old and so we come to the little baby events, but I was like, you know what? I need something for myself, and so I saw this one, and I thought, why

not?" Carver said she is originally from Texas.

"My husband's family is from here, and we were living in Gainesville, and I hated it," she said. "So, we moved to Keystone because it's a lot nicer community."

Gather expands with coffee shop

Celebrates 1 year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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A Union County woman said her long-held dream of bringing something unique to Lake Butler is coming to fruition, as she is adding a coffee shop to her year-old meeting venue.

Jennifer Thomas's Gather held a first-anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 21.

The building next to Dollar General on East Main Street has hosted Zumba, Yoga, art, and other classes over the last 12 months. Now Thomas is adding lattes and cappuccinos to the mix with a coffee shop.

"We have the Cadillac of espresso machines here," she said, "and we do everything from drip coffee to lattes to frozen. We call them fuelers. It's kind of a version of a frappe."

Thomas said the menu includes baked goods, everything from muffins to cookies. Chicken salad, egg salad, and sandwiches are also available.

Thomas said she grew up in Lake Butler and moved to Texas for a while before returning to Union County.

Gather is an outgrowth of her 20 years in healthcare, including time at Lake Butler Hospital.

"I saw gaps in our modern healthcare system," she said. "It's amazing for many things, but we also have to take responsibility and make changes in our lives. So, I wanted to create a fun place to do that together."

Thomas said the Yoga and Zumba classes support her vision of responsible and healthy living. The building also has a massage therapy room.

"I hope to bring in things like acupuncture and more or less traditional type of modern medicine where it's more about taking responsibility and then some of these alternative medicines that can really supplement the modern healthcare," she said. "But right now, we're going to be doing some meditation classes and all of that because life is so stressful, and I really want this place to be, when you walk in here, it's kind of a respite from the craziness of the world."

She said the coffee shop fits in with her health focus because it provides a place to meet with friends, read a book, and relax.



Gather founder Jennifer Thomas (center) with Tyler Chouinard and Pam Osteen.



Bridgett Sullivan feeds Lucas a treat while Morgan Hodges looks on. The Union County Animal Control staffers were on hand during Gather's year anniversary to display dogs available for adoption.

"I think there's so much in this world that takes from us," she said. "I want to create a space that really kind of gives back and can help fill us back up when life kind of sucks all of that out of us."

Union County Animal Control showed off dogs that were available for adoption during the year's anniversary.

Bridgett Sullivan and Morgan

Hodges kept the canines watered and cool while potential parents passed by on the sidewalk.

Sullivan said the county's shelter can hold up to 13 animals.

"We mainly work on donations with food," she said. "We have a very small budget. We try to get the dogs on our Facebook page for rescues or adoptions."

Bradford 4-H to hold annual auction

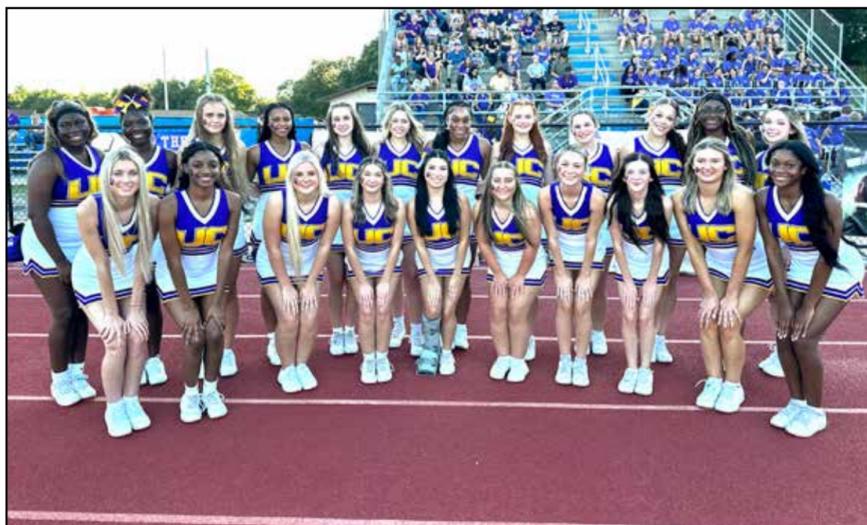
Bradford County 4-H will hold its annual 4-H Auction on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center. Advanced tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for youth ages 5-17. Day-of tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth ages 5-17. Kids 4 and under are free. Table sponsorships are also available. Ticket price includes dinner and

admission to the auction.

A variety of items will be available in both the live and silent auctions including quilts, gift baskets, cakes, knives, hay bales, and a 20-gauge youth semi-automatic shotgun. Funds raised will support the Bradford County 4-H Association and Bradford County 4-H clubs. The association is a non-profit organization that provides

monetary support to 4-H programming in the county which includes club project supplies, youth scholarships for state 4-H events, trainings for volunteers, and recognition programs for 4-H youth.

To reserve a table, purchase individual tickets, or donate an auction item, please contact the Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.



Union County varsity cheerleaders: (front, l-r) Lexie Msadoques, Ya'kayla Jenkins, Kierston Clemons, Justus Erwin, Malena Dillow, Aubrie Muse, Ava Walker, Stefani Nash, Addison Wright, Amia Bethea, (back) Cerrana Holton, Dyshawn Dawsey, Savannah Harper, Ashlyn Thomas, Holly Halfacre, Ava Westmoreland, Taleya Smith, Zoe Elixson, Hayden Anderson-Davis, Makaylin Randolph, Kayla Thomas and Jolene Moore.

Women team up to coach cheerleaders

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Teyona Jenkins and Kristen Adams have been coaching cheerleaders together since they had family members in Pop Warner football.

Eight years ago, Jenkins' sister and Adams' daughter were youth cheerleaders, and the two women teamed up to coach the girls. Since then, Jenkins and Adams have climbed the ladder with their family members, coaching middle school, junior varsity and now varsity cheerleaders.

"Three years varsity, one year JV, two years middle school," Adams said of the pair's most recent coaching track record.

Adams' daughter and Jenkins' sister graduated from high school last year, but the two coaches decided to stay together for each other and the team. Adams said she also has a son who is in the band.

The pair said they both cheered when they were in high school and find coaching creative and fun.



Teyona Jenkins and Kristen Adams

Adams said that after a 10-year layoff from competition, she and Jenkins brought back a competitive cheerleading team last year. The squad made it to the state finals, placing seventh.

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Top-10 matchup results in 46-19 win for Tigers

BY CECE THOMAS
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

For the first time this season, the Union County High School football team faced a school its own size — a Fort White team it last played in the second round of the playoffs last season. That game was a hard-fought one by both teams that ended with Union the Tigers narrowly on top.

Both teams entered this year's game ranked in MaxPreps' top 10 and were hoping to show fans they were the best team. The Tigers, however, left no doubt who was best, rolling the Indians for a 46-19 win that saw a running clock in the third quarter as Union built a 46-6 lead.

Union (5-0) got 162 rushing yards and two touchdowns from Drew Simmons, who had 15 carries, while quarterback Trenton Klein threw for two touchdowns.

Fort White (3-2) started the first quarter at its own 37-yard line. Quarterback Jayden Jackson almost got all of the yardage on a third-and-long play on scramble, making it fourth-and-1. A pass resulted in a first down at the Union 44. Holding and false-

start penalties had the Indians facing second-and-25. Jackson kept the ball on another scramble to make it third-and-17. He then overthrew a wide-open receiver, forcing the Indians to punt on fourth down.

The Tigers took over at their own 28. A penalty for an ineligible receiver downfield had them facing second-and-15. A roughing-the-passer penalty resulted in an automatic first down at the 39-yard line. The Indians' defense stopped Simmons on two runs and would eventually give the ball back to their offense.

Fort White, taking over at its own 37, picked up 7 yards on first down before a Jackson pass was completed for a huge gain and a first down at the Union 17. A quarterback draw that resulted in first-and-goal at the 1 helped the Indians score a touchdown with three minutes left in the first quarter. Fort White missed the extra point, making the score 6-0.

The Tigers received the kickoff and brought it out to their own 41. Klein completed a pass to Ashton Newsom for a 6-yard gain. Klein, on an option keeper, gained enough yardage for a first

down at the Fort White 48. After throwing a pass just out of Gavin Jenkins' reach, Klein completed a pass to Ibn Williams for another first down at the 34-yard line. Simmons scored the first of his touchdowns from there. The extra point by Carter Whitehead was good, giving the Tigers a 7-6 lead with 27 seconds left in the first quarter.

Jenkins' kickoff was caught at the 10-yard line with no return as the first quarter ended.

Fort White gained 5 yards on a short pass on first down. An incomplete pass set up third-and-5. After a 1-yard run, the Indians chose to punt. Simmons returned the short punt to the Fort White 30, but a flag on the play backed the Tigers up 5 yards.

Taking over at the Indians' 35-yard line, the Tigers handed off to Simmons for about a 2-yard gain. Klein threw an incomplete pass to Bryan Tyson on second down, but successfully found Tyson on third down for a first down at the Fort White 20-yard line. Simmons had two 2-yard carries, while an encroachment penalty on the Indians gave Union third-and-short. Simmons took it in for another touchdown for a 13-6



Trenton Klein (far right) sets up to pass, while C.J. Ivey (far left) attempts to keep a defender from pressuring him. Photo by Gloria Hastings.

lead with eight minutes to go in the second quarter. Whitehead's extra point was blocked.

Jenkins kicked off and then ran all the way downfield to tackle the returner at the Fort White 20. A penalty for roughing the passer gave the Indians a first down at the 35. The Tigers made a tackle behind the line of scrimmage on the resulting first-down play, making it second-and-14. Jackson tried to keep it and run

when he found no receivers open, but he was only able to make it back to the original line of scrimmage. Jackson's third-down pass was incomplete.

Simmons returned the punt to the Union 44-yard line. Alec McClellan, after a 1-yard Klein run and a false-start penalty against the Tigers, caught a pass for a first down at the Fort White 37. Klein, on a keeper play, wasn't happy with the tackle and

got an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty, making it second-and-21. Klein, who completed 10 of 17 passes for 170 yards, responded with a long throw to Tyson for a 48-yard touchdown. The Tigers went for two and got it with a Simmons run, making the score 21-6 with four minutes left in the second quarter.

Tyson finished with three catches for 81 yards.

With less than a minute left in the second half, the Indians punted. Simmons' return put the Tigers at their own 47. Klein completed a pass to Simmons for a first down and then completed another pass to Tyson for a first down at the Fort White 20-yard line. Klein's pass to Simmons with 12 seconds left was incomplete, but he then found Williams (two receptions, 35 yards) in the end zone for a touchdown pass with no time on the clock. A penalty for celebrating in the end zone was enforced on the PAT. Union's two-point conversion failed, making the halftime score 27-6.

Simmons' return of the second-half kickoff put the Tigers at their own 26. After

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KHHS boys golf team earns 2 wins

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School came out on top of a three-team boys golf match on Sept. 19 at Palatka Golf Club.

The Indians (6-4) had a team score of 180, putting them ahead of Peniel Baptist and Palatka, who had scores of 188 and 210, respectively.

Keystone's Jacob Beach finished two strokes behind medalist Turner Hersey of Peniel, shooting a 41. He had two birdies and made par on three holes.

Ty Mitzel, who made par on four holes, finished third with a score of 43, while Will Begue, who made par on three holes, finished in a two-way tie for sixth with a score of 47.

Nate Bardier and Landon Spece each shot a 49 to tie for eighth. Each also made par on two holes.

Jackson McDaniel was in a two-way tie for 10th with a score of 50. He made par on two holes.

Keystone entered the match off a loss to Clay on Sept. 16 at Green Cove Springs' Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club. Keystone had a team score of 179, which was 10 strokes

behind Clay's score.

Beach and Bardier placed third and fourth, respectively, with scores of 42 and 44. Beach made par on five holes, while Bardier had a birdie and made par on three holes.

Mitzel, who made par on two holes, shot a fifth-place score of 46, while Begue, who also made par on two holes, finished in a three-way tie for sixth with a score of 47.

Hunter Sheppard, who made par on one hole, shot a 52 to finish in a two-way tie for 10th.

Samuel Wachu shot a 12th-place score of 55.

The Indians played against Buchholz and Gainesville this past Tuesday and will participate in the Randy Warren Invitational on Monday, Sept. 30, at 8 a.m. at The Golf Club at Fleming Island.

Elixson takes 1st for UCHS in girls golf match with BHS, Clay

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford, Clay and Union County High School girls golfers competes on Sept. 17, with the Tigers' Zoe Elixson finishing as

medalist with a score 50.

Clay took the team win over Union with a score of 246. The Tigers had a score of 259.

Bradford, with only two golfers, doesn't have a full team.

Elixson made par on one hole, as did the Tornadoes' Kaylee Devore, who shot a third-place score of 52.

Bradford's Sarah Rantz was fourth with a score of 56.

The Tigers' Katelyn Seay finished in a two-way tie for eighth with a score of 69.

Union's Keressa Seay and Madison Starling were involved in a three-way tie for 10th. Each shot a 70.

2 place in top 3 for UCHS in girls golf loss to Branford

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Union County High School girls golf team came up short in a Sept. 19 match against Branford, but Zoe Elixson and Keressa Seay placed in the top three as individuals.

Branford had a team score of 227, which put the Buccaneers 16 strokes ahead of the Tigers.

Elixson, who trailed Branford's Claire Bond by nine strokes,

placed second with a score of 46. She made par on two holes.

Seay shot a third-place score of 57.

The Tigers' Madison Starling shot a 69 to finish in a two-way tie for eighth, while Katelyn Seay was in a two-way tie for 11th with a score of 71.

BHS boys golf team is 3rd despite birdies and an eagle

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Bradford High School got an eagle from Cody Spratlin and birdies from four of his teammates, but ended up in third place in a Sept. 18 boys golf match against Clay and Middleburg at Orange Park's Eagle Landing Golf Club.

The Tornadoes (2-5) were close to taking second with a score of 188 that left them two strokes behind Middleburg. Clay won with a score of 158.

Spratlin and Avery Burgin each shot a 45 to finish in a four-way tie for sixth. Besdies the eagle, Spratlin made par on one hole, while Burgin made par on two holes.

Steven Carter and Tucker Griffis each had a score of 49 to

tie for 12th. Each had a birdie, with Carter also making par on two holes.

Chales Zink had three birdies in finishing with a score of 50, while Matthew Stafford had a birdie and made par on two holes in finishing at 51.

UC volleyball team drops matches to top Rural teams

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School's volleyball team dropped a 3-1 (21-25, 25-22, 25-18, 25-21) match against visiting Lafayette on Sept. 19 as part of a 1-2 week in which both losses were to fellow Rural Classification schools that are ranked 1 and 2 in the Florida High School Athletic Association power rankings.

The eighth-ranked Tigers (10-7) got 15 kills and six digs from Jailyn Simmons, while Layla Barber had 10 kills and 11 digs in the match against top-ranked Rural team Lafayette. Morgan Smith and Indi Knox had 13 and nine kills, respectively, with Knox also recording 15 digs.

Bella Johns led the team in digs with 22. Kamryn had 14 to go along with her 22 assists.

Abby Williams recorded 19 assists and seven digs.

The week began with a 3-0 (25-10, 25-19, 25-7) loss to Branford — the second-ranked Rural team — on Sept. 16 in Lake Butler. Barber and Simmons each had six kills, while Knox had five. Simmons and Barber also had five and two blocks, respectively. Johns had 19 digs, with the Tigers also getting 13 from Southerland, nine from Knox and six from Bayley Staier.

Southerland and Williams recorded nine and seven assists, respectively.

Union traveled to play Class 3A Keystone Heights on Sept. 17, getting 15 assists and 10 digs from Southerland in a 3-0 (25-10, 25-23, 25-20) win.

Simmons had 12 kills and three blocks. Barber and Knox each had seven kills.

Johns had 24 digs, while Knox and Barber had nine and six, respectively.

Williams added seven assists. Union played Class 2A P.K. Yonge this past Tuesday and will host Class 4A Baker County on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 p.m., following a junior varsity match at 5:30 p.m. The Tigers host Class 4A Suwannee on Monday, Sept. 30, with JV and varsity matches at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, Union plays P.K. Yonge again, hosting the Blue Wave at 6:30 p.m. The JV teams will play at 5:30 p.m.



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Obituaries

Charles Hudson

Charles Edward Hudson passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, while visiting in Hanover, Maryland. He attended the local schools of Bradford County and was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Starke. He was an entrepreneur and owned his own business.

Survivors are his spouse, Tonya Hudson; sisters, Charlene Hudson and Betty Jean Hudson; and children, Patan Hudson, Naya Hudson, Charles Hudson Jr., Ashton Hudson, Austin Hudson, and Kayla Jonsson.

The viewing will be Friday, Sept. 27, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry, 422 St. Clair St., Starke. The cortege will form at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, Lincoln City, Starke. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at True Vine Outreach Ministry, 422 St. Clair St., Starke. Rev. Johnathan Howard Jr. will deliver the eulogy.

Arrangements are by Haile Funeral Home, 802 Oak St., Starke. 904-964-7905

PAID OBITUARY

Brenda Jones

Mrs. Brenda Sue Forsythe Jones, 83, of Theresa passed away on Sunday morning, Sept. 22, 2024, at Riverwood Health and Rehab Center. She was born on July 7, 1941, in Miami, to Seeber and Mary Jane Judd Forsythe. She grew up in the Heilbron Springs area and attended Bradford County Schools. In 1959, she married Rothelle B. (R.B.) Jones and they were together for 57 years until his death in 2016. She had a career as a bus driver with the Bradford County School District and retired after 31 years of faithful service. She enjoyed gardening, music, painting and being with her family and was famous for her sour cream poundcake, which she shared with others often. She loved Jesus and was a Sunday school teacher for 2- and 3-year-olds and 4- and 5-year-olds for many years. In her later years, she assisted with the Bible Club that was held at Hampton Elementary School. She earned a diploma from Faith Bible Institute in 2012, which is a three-year systematic study of the Bible. She attended Cornerstone Baptist Church as her health would allow and loved being with her church family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Dick Forsythe; her husband of 57 years, Rothelle B. Jones; and her son-in-law, Mike Stanley.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda Sue (Bobby) Grayson; her son, Ronnie (Sarah) Jones; grandchildren, Amanda (Eric) Potter, Jake (Tabitha) Stanley, Caleb Jones and Hannah Jones; and great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Emma and Jieran Potter and Theo Stanley. She is also survived by her sisters, Arline Boudreaux and Patty (Woody) Wilder; brothers, Sam (Kaoru) Mitchell and Bill (Linda) Mitchell; her special friend of over 50 years, Lynda Sullivan; and numerous other friends and family members who will miss her sweet smile and gentle personality.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at Hope Baptist Church. A private family burial will be at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke 904-964-6200 www.jonesgallagherfh.com.

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Daniel Nettles

Daniel Elbert Nettles, affectionately known as "Bert," was born on Aug. 16, 1934, on Ellerbee Curve in Raiford. He passed away peacefully on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at Windsor Health and Rehab, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, dedication, and warmth and will be cherished by all who knew him. Bert was a proud graduate of Bradford County High School, Class of 1953. His commitment to service was evident early in his life: he spent eight years with the Army National Guard, embodying the values of duty and honor.

Following his military service, he began his career with the Department of Transportation, eventually transferring to the Department of Corrections. He dedicated an incredible 39 years to this profession, where he started as a manager of the tobacco factory before becoming the maintenance supervisor when that division was disbanded. His strong work ethic was established at a young age, and he was known for his ability to work well with his hands, which he applied diligently to his farm and cattle. A man of many passions, he found joy tending to Pioneer Family Farm, located off CR 235 on the Lester Johns Memorial Highway. His love for his land was matched only by his involvement in community organizations. He was a proud member of the Bradford Masonic Lodge #35, Eastern Star, and Shriners, where he formed bonds that extended beyond mere friendship. He was not only a devoted husband to his beloved wife of 67 years, Mary "Betty" Nettles, but also a cherished uncle to his niece and nephews, Sharlynn "Shary" and Gene Gordon, Chris Gordon, Ayden Gordon and Clarissa and Blaise Thaw. He formed deep connections with friends who became family over the years, including Samantha (Billy) Brooks and Beth (Bob) Boone. His presence touched many lives, and he will be remembered for his loyalty, kindness, and the unforgettable warmth he brought to every gathering. He possessed a unique ability to make those around him feel loved and valued, leaving a mark on their hearts.

A graveside service was held in his honor on Monday, Sept. 9, at Elzey Chapel Cemetery in Lake Butler. He was a simple man. Therefore, the family requested casual attire for the service. Also, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Pine Hill Masonic Lodge #9, 16768 SE 91st St., Lake Butler 32054.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home was honored to serve the family of Bert Nettles. 386-496-2008 www.ArcherFuneralHome.com

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Rev. Grady Noel

Rev. Grady Swanson Noel has crossed over into the Gloryland Way on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at the young age of 86. He was and will always be a beloved husband, father, "Poppy" and minister of the Lord. Grady or "Pop" came into this world on Dec. 23, 1937. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Tazzie Mae Corns Noel; brothers, Charles, Franklin, Lawrence, Albert Jr., and Gerald; and sisters, Betty, Thelma, Ruth, and Hilda. "Pop" was one of 15 children, five of whom are still living, Rex, Jerry, Ralph, Joyce and Naomi, who were from Wildcat Holler, West Hamlin, West Virginia, but he lived with his wife in Middleburg. He was married to the love of his life, the apple of his eye, for 67 years, Barbara Ann Napier Noel; and they had one daughter, Kristy Noel (Rodney) Dunfee, who was God's greatest gift to him. He had three grandchildren, Kaitlin Noel (Jake) Prevatt, Aaron Hughes (Sarah) Dunfee and his namesake, Patrick Grady (Melody) Dunfee; and one great-grandchild, Timothy Paul Dunfee (Aaron and Sarah). Pop was a true man of God; he loved the Lord with all of his heart and truly lived to glorify Him up until his last breath. He was a mountain climber, and he never let life, even when he was in his lowest of valleys, get him down. He was a lover of all things West Virginia, an Army and National Guard veteran, a retired CSX transportation railroader, and most importantly, a pastor. He loved gardening, wood-working, being in nature-God's handiwork, hiking in the woods, camping with his brothers, the Cincinnati Reds baseball team, WVU/FSU fan, golf, music, and food, especially if it was ripe tomatoes from the garden or a good steak. He was not a complicated man. He liked things to remain simple. His philosophy was: "Live life to the fullest extent but keep it simple." He loved people! He would often say to you, "Good enough." He would never be pushy or expect too much. He loved taking walks in the morning around his neighborhood and would check in on all the neighbors. He loved his little dogs, Scooter, Pippee, Sissy, Chippy, the one whom he called "the boss" little Red, and cat, Effie. He served as pastor of Lawtey Church of God. He loved his church and his congregation with everything he had in him. We know that he is walking those streets of gold that he has always dreamed of. He was the best person that anyone could ever meet or have in their life, the most selfless, compassionate, funny, hardworking, and loving man. He will be missed terribly, but we have peace in knowing that we will see him again in his new home. We love you forever and a day, our handsome Pop!

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Lawtey Church of God, 22296 US 301, Lawtey 32058. The family will receive friends one hour prior at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will take place at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs 32043. 904-284-4000

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Joann Thompson

JoAnn Sapp Thompson passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, going to her eternal home in heaven. She lived a long and happy life, surrounded by friends and family who loved her dearly, not only for her famous chocolate pie, but also for her kind-heartedness and loving nature.

The visitation will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at North Central Baptist Church, with the celebration of life following.

For full obituary please visit her memorial page at www.williamthomasfuneralhome.com.

For further information, contact Williams-Thomas Westarea, 352-376-7556.



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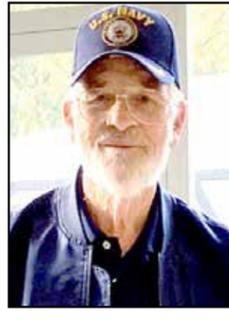
Doyle White Sr.

Mr. Doyle Rex White Sr., 87, of Keystone Heights passed away Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at St. Vincent's Clay Hospital. He was born Dec. 18, 1936, in Brilliant, Alabama to the late Dee Clinton and Martha Lona (O'Mary) White and moved to Keystone Heights 16 years ago from Starke. Prior to retirement, he was a supervisor working with airplanes at the Naval Air Station. He served in the United States Navy and was a member of Hope Baptist Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family and flying his private airplane.

Survivors are his wife of 31 years, Dorothy "Dottie" White of Keystone Heights; children, Estelle (Michael) Strader of Pompano Beach, T. R. (Paige) Hardison of St. Augustine, Troy (Lisa) Hardison of Ormond Beach, Doyle Rex (Marla) White Jr. of Jacksonville; siblings, Annie Maxine Stillings, John Harold White and Ronald Lee White. Also left are his grandchildren, Patrick, Brian, Trenton, Aaron, Riley and Sam; along with great-grandchildren, Grant, Nora, Alice, Sarabeth, and Meryn.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Larry Strickland officiating. Interment will follow at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Hope Baptist Church or Hope Christian Academy, 3900 St. Road 100, Starke, 32091.

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



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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Sept. 26, 2024

BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 716
Year of Issuance: 2017
Parcel Number: 02527-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-15
Description of Property: Lot 3, Block 20, NORTH RENO SUBDIVISION, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 39, current public records of Bradford County, Florida.
Name in Which Assessed: KEYON BAKER

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 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 3, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024; SEPTEMBER 19, 2024; SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 1275
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 06053-0-01000
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-14
Description of Property: PARCEL NO. 7:

Curtis A. "Lex" Sanders Attorney at Law



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Beginning at a concrete monument marking the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Thence North 188.57 feet to a concrete monument. Thence East 495 feet to a concrete monument. Thence South 188.57 feet to a concrete monument. Thence West 495 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.14 acres more or less.

ALSO: The right of ingress and egress across the East 20 feet of the West 495 feet and the North 20 feet of the East 825 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 22 East.

Name in Which Assessed: CATHERINE SLOAN
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 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 3, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024; SEPTEMBER 19, 2024; SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024
9/12 4tchg 10/3-BCT

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

Certificate Number: 1027
Year of issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04716-0-00201
Case Number: 2024-TD-16
Description of Property:

A parcel of land lying in the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and run South 88° 49' 33" East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 404.70 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 88° 49' 33" East, along said Northerly boundary, 581.14 feet to a found iron rod; thence South 00° 13' 19" West, 205.63 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 57° 32' 33" West, 124.67 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 73° 29' 35" West, 166.06 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 87° 24' 23" West, 74.94 feet; thence South 00° 15' 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' 33" West, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00° 15' 11" East, 151.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron rod set at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run South 69° 28' 56" East, 549.39 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of Lincoln City Road; thence South 22° 07' and 54" West, along said Westerly boundary, 25.01 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 69° 28' and 56" West, 549.11 feet; thence North 67° 32' and 33" West, 123.79 feet; thence North 73° 29' and 36" West, 160.55 feet; thence South 87° 24' and 23" West, 71.98 feet; thence North 00° 15' and 11" East, 25.03 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 87° 24' and 23" East, 74.94 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 73° 29' and 36" East, 166.05 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 57° 32' and 33" East, 124.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Above described parcel being subject to an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run North 00° 15' and 11" East, 30.00 feet; thence South 88° 49' 33" East, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 00° 15' and 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' and 33" West, 231.52 feet to the point of beginning.
Note: Prior Deeds and PA show 67° 32' 33" West (Line 4 of legal). Current Deed shows 57 degrees.
Name in Which Assessed: DALE E

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate Number: 1027
Year of issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 04716-0-00201
Case Number: 2024-TD-16
Description of Property:

A parcel of land lying in the Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and run South 88° 49' 33" East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 404.70 feet to a set iron rod for the Point of Beginning.

From the Point of Beginning thus described continue South 88° 49' 33" East, along said Northerly boundary, 581.14 feet to a found iron rod; thence South 00° 13' 19" West, 205.63 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 57° 32' 33" West, 124.67 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 73° 29' 35" West, 166.06 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 87° 24' 23" West, 74.94 feet; thence South 00° 15' 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' 33" West, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 00° 15' 11" East, 151.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Above described parcel being conveyed with an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows: Commence at an iron rod set at the Southeast corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run South 69° 28' 56" East, 549.39 feet to an iron rod set on the Westerly boundary of the right of way of Lincoln City Road; thence South 22° 07' and 54" West, along said Westerly boundary, 25.01 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 69° 28' and 56" West, 549.11 feet; thence North 67° 32' and 33" West, 123.79 feet; thence North 73° 29' and 36" West, 160.55 feet; thence South 87° 24' and 23" West, 71.98 feet; thence North 00° 15' and 11" East, 25.03 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 87° 24' and 23" East, 74.94 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 73° 29' and 36" East, 166.05 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 57° 32' and 33" East, 124.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Above described parcel being subject to an easement for ingress and egress more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of above described parcel for the point of beginning and run North 00° 15' and 11" East, 30.00 feet; thence South 88° 49' 33" East, 231.52 feet to a set iron rod; thence South 00° 15' and 11" West, 30.00 feet to a set iron rod; thence North 88° 49' and 33" West, 231.52 feet to the point of beginning.
Note: Prior Deeds and PA show 67° 32' 33" West (Line 4 of legal). Current Deed shows 57 degrees.
Name in Which Assessed: DALE E

HASTINGS SR Name on last tax roll, if different: All 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 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 10, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 3, 2024, October 10, 2024
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 778
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 02843-0-01500
Case Number: 2024-TD-17
Description of Property:

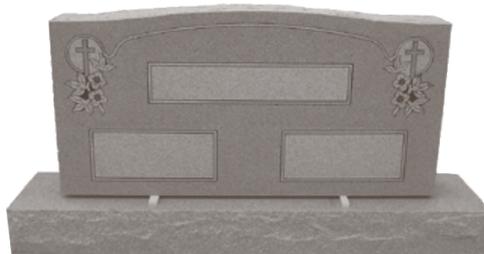
IA parcel of land containing 0.86 of an acre, more or less, and lying in the NW 1/2 of NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, in the City of Starke, Bradford County Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of said Section 27 and run South 89 degrees, 40 minutes and 32 seconds East, along the Northerly boundary thereof, 39.06 feet to the Easterly boundary of the right of way of Old Lawtey Road; thence South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 590.74 feet to the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described continue South 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds East, along said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds East, 374.21 feet; thence North 0 degrees, 00 minutes and 15 seconds West, parallel with said Easterly boundary, 100.0 feet; thence South 59 degrees, 23 minutes and 55 seconds West, 374.21 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Name in Which Assessed: MARTHA J WHITLEY
Name on last tax roll, if different: All 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 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
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BRADFORD

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 85
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 00551-0-03401
Case Number: 2024-TD-18
Description of Property:
A Parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 82 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said South 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 88 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds East, along said North line, 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run South 55 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 243.30 feet and a chord of 238.14 feet; thence run South 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center-line 26.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having as its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac.

Please note-per the Property Appraiser Records, this legal has been split into 2 separate parcels. No conveyance found with the new legal description to show.

Less & Except (per survey provided by owner)
A parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said NE 1/4 and run S 89 deg 39 min 07 sec W, along the South line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe, thence run N 14 deg 18 min 20 sec E, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run N 82 deg 11 min 40 sec W, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run N 00 deg 17 min 40 sec W, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said S 1/2 of the NE 1/4; thence run S 48 deg 42 min 43 sec E a distance of 313.60 feet to the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 35 deg 19 min 26 sec, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 209.62 feet and a chord bearing and distance of S 31 deg 58 min 07 sec W, 206.31 feet; thence run S 14 deg 18 min 20 sec W, along said center-line, 26.77 feet to the Point of beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Name in Which Assessed: JULIE L EVERITT

Name on last tax roll, if different:
All 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 11/13/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kyrah Smith,
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 9, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 19, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 3, 2024, October 10, 2024

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

CASE NO. 24000225CAAXMX
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE TRUST 2022-5, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2022-5, Plaintiff,

vs. LESTER DE JESUS ESTEVEZ AND CYNTHIA SILVA, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: LESTER DE JESUS ESTEVEZ, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESTER DE JESUS ESTEVEZ,

whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 28 AND 29, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST AND BEING PORTIONS OF WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 17 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SE CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29 AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 29, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1317.98 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF LOT 49 OF SAID WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 49, FOR A DISTANCE OF 661.52 FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT 49, ALSO BEING THE SW CORNER OF LOT 48 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 48, FOR A DISTANCE OF 336.32 FEET TO THE SE CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 47 OF SAID SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE OF 676.11 FEET TO SW CORNER THEREOF; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE OF 332.51 FEET TO THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT 47; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOTS 47 & 48, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1335.92 FEET TO THE NE CORNER OF SAID LOT 48, ALSO BEING THE NW CORNER OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 28; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE OF 666.70 FEET TO THE NE CORNER THEREOF; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF, FOR A DISTANCE OF 661.57 FEET TO THE SE CORNER THEREOF; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 28, FOR A DISTANCE OF 12.36 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 84 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 523.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 07 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 38.64 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 127.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY GRADED ROAD KNOWN AS NW 41ST AVENUE. SUBJECT TO ANY PLATTED STREETS OF SAID WOODLAWN SUBDIVISION, TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS ALONG THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET OF THE EASTERLY 560.66 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, LYING WEST OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF NORTHWEST 41ST AVENUE (A COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD), BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, (PRIOR FILE)

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 or before

(/30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 13th day of September, 2024.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: KANETRA JENKINS DEPUTY CLERK
Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100

Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: f1mail@raslg.com
THIS NOTICE SHALL BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.
PUBLISH IN: BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH

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PLANNING & ZONING BOARD
The City of Starke Planning & Zoning Board will meet on September 30, 2024 at 5:30 pm at 209 North Thompson Street.

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LEGAL NOTICE
BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: **October 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

PLACE: Bradford County Emergency Operations Center Board Room located at 945 N Temple Ave # B, Starke, Florida
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 24000178CAAXMX
Division
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF NATASHA BORREGO, DECEASED, DAVID CAPPLIURE BORREGO, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, ROMAN SYLIS BORREGO, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, ANALIESE NICOLE FLORES, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, MISTY C. FLORES, AS KNOWN HEIR OF NATASHA BORREGO, MISTY C. FLORES, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF NATASHA BORREGO, et al.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF NATASHA BORREGO, DECEASED CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County, Florida:

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ALL THE PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, THAT LIES ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF STATE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 100.
PARCEL 2
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST AND RUN SOUTH, ALONG SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 1156.82 FEET TO A POINT ON SAID QUARTER SECTION LINE: RUN THENCE EAST A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH AND PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1156.82 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST; THENCE RUN WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Jennifer M. Scott of Kass Shuler, P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida 33601, (813) 229-0900, on or before

(or 30 days from the first date of publication, whichever is later) 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.

Dated: September 17, 2024.
CLERK OF THE COURT
Honorable Denny Thompson
945 N. Temple Avenue
Starke, Florida 32091
By:KANETRA JENKINS
Deputy Clerk
(PLEASE PUBLISH IN Bradford County Telegraph)

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Certificate Number: 84
Year of Issuance: 2018
Parcel Number: 00551-0-03400
Case Number: 04-2024-TD-19
Description of Property: A Parcel of land situated in the South One Half of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida, said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at a concrete monument at the Southeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 and run South 89 degrees 39 minutes 07 seconds West, along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 a distance of 1429.18 feet to an iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds East, along the center-line of a 60 foot easement for Utilities and general road purposes 945.71 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 82 degrees 11 minutes 40 seconds West, along said center-line 118.88 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds West, 391.75 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of said South 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence run North 88 degrees 52 minutes 40 seconds East, along said North line, 471.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run South 00 degrees 17 minutes 40 seconds East, 50.50 feet to the center-line of a cul-de-sac and the center-line of an easement for Utilities and general road purposes; thence run South 55 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center line 255.00 feet; thence run Southwesterly along said center-line with a curve concave Southeasterly, said curve having a central angle of 41 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, a radius of 340.00 feet, an arc length of 243.30 feet and a chord of 238.14 feet; thence run South 14 degrees 18 minutes 20 seconds West, along said center-line 26.77 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across the Southerly and Southeasterly 30 feet thereof.

Subject to an easement for Utilities and general road purposes across a cul-de-sac having a radius of 50 feet and having as its radius point the above described center-line point of a cul-de-sac.

Please note - per the Property Appraiser Records, this legal has been split into 2 separate parcels. No conveyance found with the new legal description to show.

Less and except (per survey provided by owner)
Parcel B :
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Name in Which Assessed: JULIE L EVERITT
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 11/20/2024, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS,
Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 11, 2024
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 26, 2024; OCTOBER 3, 2024; OCTOBER 10, 2024; OCTOBER 17, 2024

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Notice of Application for Tax Deed NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that J. R. Davis, Jr., as Trustee of the J. R. Davis Trust the holder(s) of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

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CERTIFICATE #: 213
YEAR OF ISSUANCE: 2017
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: 32-05-20-22-004-0040-0
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Lot 4, Block 4, J. W. Townsend's Addition to the City of Lake Butler, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 1, page 8, public records of Union County, Florida, except parcel 10 feet by 10 feet in the Southeasterly corner thereof.

NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED: JUANITA BROWN
Said property being in the County of Union, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to the law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder in the Courthouse lobby at 11:00 A.M., the 17th day of October, 2024.
Dated this 10th day of September, 2024.

For Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of Circuit Court
Union County, Florida
Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact (386) 496-3711.

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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
The Union County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting on October 2, 2024 at 1:00 PM in Board Meeting Room of the Union County Courthouse.

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LEGAL NOTICE
UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED COORDINATING BOARD
BUSINESS MEETING

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a business meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: October 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Union County Transportation Facility located at 255 SW 9th Avenue, Lake Butler, Florida
DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1.888.585.9008

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Zane Leger (far right) breaks free for a 22-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter of Keystone's 14-6 win over Dixie County. The Indians' Sept. 27 scheduled game at Bradford was played earlier on Wednesday, Sept. 25, due to the approaching hurricane.

Indians snap 2-game skid, defeat Dixie County 14-6

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School's football team held visiting Dixie County scoreless for a half and held the Bears to less than 30 yards on their final four possessions in a 14-6 on Sept. 20.

"Our kids went out and played hard — prepared and then got after it," Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds said. "It was great to see them go out and get a win, especially in that fashion. They showed their toughness."

The Indians (2-2) were coming off two straight losses in which they were outscored 83-0. Reynolds said he told his team before the Dixie game, "Stop worrying about what people are saying or what they think. Stop worrying about making a mistake. Stop worrying about what happened on the last play. Go out and execute and play because you love each other. That's all I wanted them to do tonight."

Keystone, which played District 5-2A opponent Bradford (4-0) on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 5 p.m., did just that. The Indians squandered a couple of scoring opportunities, but still made the plays they had to for the hard-fought win.

"With the injuries we've had and the things we've had to deal with, they really stepped up," Reynolds said. "I'm so proud of them. It's a good group of kids."

The Indians got off to a quick start in putting an end to their eight-quarter scoring drought, marching 73 yards and scoring on the game's opening series. The key play of the drive was a 24-yard pass completion from Jackson Parmeter to Colton Hollingsworth that enabled

Keystone to overcome a holding penalty on the first play of the series and pick up a first down on a second-and-23 play.

Zane Leger had five carries for 33 yards on the drive, gaining first downs on runs of 11 and 7 yards. Hunter Crumpton also picked up a first down on a 9-yard run to the Dixie 18-yard line. Hollingsworth caught a touchdown pass of 17 yards with 5:40 remaining in the first quarter. Tyler Sapp kicked the extra point to put the Indians up 7-0.

Parmeter finished 6 of 10 passing for 92 yards, with Hollingsworth being the lead receiver with two catches for 41 yards.

Kyle Perkins recovered a live ball on the ensuing kickoff, putting the Keystone offense right back on the field at the Dixie 26. After a couple of runs by Leger netted 6 yards, Parmeter found Tallon Campbell for an 11-yard gain to the 9. Keystone would advance to the 5-yard line before a high shotgun snap resulted in a loss of 15 yards. The Indians lined up to go for it on fourth-and-goal from the 20 and were able to draw the Bears offside. Sapp then attempted a 32-yard field goal, which was no good with 1:40 left in the first quarter.

The Bears (2-3) finally got their offense on the field and put together a drive that consumed more than eight minutes. Dixie drove from its own 20 to the Keystone 43, mostly on runs by Jaheim Taylor and Mister Williams. A play on which the Bears were penalized for an illegal block and Keystone flagged for a dead-ball personal foul resulted in a second-and-1 play from the Keystone 38-yard line. Defensive lineman Jackson

Herman brought pressure against quarterback Drew Pleasant and batted a pass down. On third down, Colton Hollingsworth tackled Javan Wilson for no gain.

Dixie successfully went for it on fourth down, with Pleasant keeping the ball for a 10-yard gain. The Bears gained just 1 yard over the next two plays, with Andrew Wilson stopping Taylor for no gain and Hollingsworth limiting Kameron Ozment to 1 yard on a pass play. Pleasant then threw two straight incompletions as Dixie turned the ball over on downs.

The Bears failed to cross midfield on their second drive, but found success on their third, which began the second half. Runs of 12 and 6 yards by Pleasant moved Dixie into Keystone territory, while a personal-foul penalty resulted in a first down at the Indians' 32-yard line. Williams ripped off two runs of 8 yards each before Pleasant got loose for a 7-yard run to the 9-yard line. An 8-yard run by Taylor set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Williams that capped the 66-yard drive at the 8:29 mark of the third quarter. A fumble on the two-point play was recovered by Keystone's Perkins, resulting in the Indians still holding the lead, 7-6.

Keystone's offense got a big play from Layton Wright, who made his first reception of the season for a gain of more than 30 yards to the Dixie 22. The Indians couldn't cash in, though, as the Bears recovered a fumble at their own 23.

Dixie crossed midfield on its second series of the half, but the drive stalled. Tackles by Perkins and Wright held the Bears to

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KHHS' Thomas wins boys race at 2nd annual Indian Invite

Keystone has 3 total top-3 finishers, while BHS' Carter is 13th

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Keystone Heights High School cross-country runners Ryder Thomas and Noah Yara placed first and second, respectively, in the boys race at the second annual KHHS Indian Invite, which was held Sept. 21 at Trinity Youth Camp.

Olivia Griffin also earned a top-10 finish for the Indians, placing third in the girls race.

Trinity Christian was the top girls team, while Ridgeview and Keystone placed second and third, respectively, followed by Middleburg, P.K. Yonge, Interlachen, Clay, Baker County and Newberry.

Keystone placed fourth as a team in the boys standings behind champion Middleburg, runner-up Baker County and Ridgeview. Placing fifth through ninth were Palatka, Trinity Christian, Newberry, P.K. Yonge and Bradford.

Thomas ran a time of 18:04 to come out on top of the 92-individual boys field. Yara's time of 18:20 put him across the line 14 seconds ahead of third-place finisher Landon Turley of St. Francis.

Bradford's Steven Carter just missed out on a top-10 finish, shaking off getting stung by a wasp in the first mile and recording a 13th-place time of 20:24. He was 29 seconds behind 10th-place finisher Jacob Salazar of Ridgeview.

The Indians' Jason Parales and Gavin Morford finished in the top half of the field, with Parales running a 31st-place time of 22:48 and Morford a 44th-place time of 23:40.

Keystone also had the following boys results: Alex Mahaffey 24:30, Eli Rabe 24:43, Mason Gray 26:30, Oliver Miller 27:08 and Hunter Gray 27:09.

The boys race also included Bradford runners Kayden Lee (26:19), Ethan Ainsley (27:44), Kolson Lee (31:11) and Caden Eison (39:29).

Griffin's time of 23:02 for the Keystone girls left her trailing champion Emily Turner of Ridgeview (22:19) and runner-up Shakira Agatha Wigham of Interlachen (22:38).

Four of Griffin's teammates placed in the top half of the 76-individual field, including Melody Tyre, who was 17th with a time of 26:10.



Keystone's Ryder Thomas approaches the finish line as the winner of the boys race, topping 92 runners.



Noah Yara prepares to cross the finish line, earning second place for the Indians.



Keystone's Olivia Griffin runs her way to a third-place finish in the 76-runner field.



Bradford's Steven Carter stays out in front of Middleburg's Daniel Johnson.

Cali Chamberlain and Brook Graudons placed 26th and 29th, respectively, with times of 27:18 and 27:43. Kenslee Phillips ran a 35th-place time of 28:03.

Also running for Keystone were London Williams (31:07) and Clara Beth Robinson (33:11). Bradford's Samaria DeSue ran a time of 38:59.

Trophies were presented to the champion boys and girls teams as well as the individual first-place finishers. Second- and third-place individual finishers received medallions, while ribbons were presented to the rest of the runners who finished in the top 10 of their respective races.



Cali Chamberlain was the Indians' fourth-highest finisher (girls and boys), placing 26th.

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Northside defeats Hope 3-0 in volleyball

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Northside Christian Academy recorded the sweep in a volleyball matchup between cross-county rivals, defeating visiting Hope Christian 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-18) on Sept. 19.

The host Eagles led 12-8 when they scored four points with Jodey Garrison serving. Garrison had an ace, while Baliegh Bradley recorded a point off a tip to help put Northside up 16-8 before Hope's Mackenzie McRaney forced side-out with a kill.

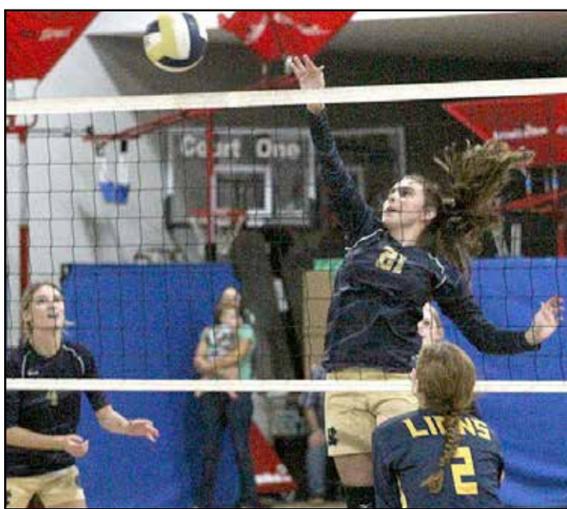
Northside's Briley Parrish had

an ace during a 3-0 run that also included a Brooklyn Cooper kill off an Emma Crews assist. The Eagles built a 21-10 lead.

The Lions struggled to score off its serves for most of the set, but did string two points together with Bree Odom serving. Both points came off Addyson Wilson kills.

A kill by Northside's Alexi Welsh ended the brief run, giving the serve to the Eagles' Harden, who recorded an ace for the set-winning point.

Northside held a three-point lead in the second set before stringing seven points together with Harden serving to go up



Northside's Alexi Welsh (second from right) spikes the ball over the net. Also pictured are Northside's Emma Crews (far left) and Hope's Addyson Wilson.

16-6. Harden had an ace, while Crews earned a point with a tip over the net.

A kill by Parrish and an ace by Maddie Garrison helped the Eagles build a 23-9 lead.

Cooper ended the set with a kill.

Hope got off to a good start in the third set, getting a kill from Alyssa Hunt and an ace from Ashlyn Crews as the Lions led early 7-3.

It was 8-5 in favor of the Lions when Northside scored four straight with Harden serving.

Harden had an ace during that span, which also included a back-row kill by Jodey Garrison.

The Lions got kills from McRaney and Wilson to keep it close, but Northside began pulling away. Parrish had an ace as part of a 6-0 run that also included a kill by Cooper. That put the Eagles up 21-14.

Cooper added another kill to later make the score 23-16, while Maddie Garrison finished it off for the Eagles with an ace.

Northside was also victorious in the junior varsity match that preceded varsity play, defeating Hope 2-1 (25-11, 21-25, 15-5).

After taking the first-set win, the Eagles went up 15-10 in the

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minimal gains, while two illegal-procedure penalties also hurt Dixie, which eventually punted.

The Indians began their second drive at their own 40. After three runs by Hollingsworth, Parmeter converted a fourth-and-1 play with a 3-yard run to the Dixie 48. A fumble put Keystone into a long-yardage third-down play, but a penalty for pass interference gave the Indians a first down at the Dixie 35. Three straight runs by Leger netted 11 yards and gave Keystone a first down at the 24. On third-and-8 from the 22, Leger went up the middle and broke free from the pack for a touchdown with 6:55 left in the fourth quarter. Sapp added the PAT for a 14-6 Keystone lead.

Reynolds said the play on which Leger scored had resulted in some big gains in past games and admitted he and his coaches were hoping to get just a big chunk of the 8 yards needed for a first down and set up a fourth-and-short play.

"Luckily enough, we popped it," Reynolds said, adding, "Great run by Zane. Great blocking up front. Great blocking by the fullback, Kyle Perkins, on that. He had a killer block."

Leger finished with 98 yards on 22 carries.

The Indians' defense held the Bears to 27 yards the rest of the way, with Dixie also assessed approximately 50 yards

in penalties on those final four possessions.

Dixie faced a third-and-16 play on their first drive following Leger's touchdown run, but benefitted from a pass-interference call that set up fourth-and-1 at the Dixie 48. The Bears went for it, with Williams taking a direct snap. He fumbled the ball and scooped it back up, but he was held inches short of the line to gain by Perkins and Luke Bacorn.

Parmeter broke up a pass play on the Bears' next possession, which also included an 8-yard sack by Leger. On fourth-and-18, Herman and Leger teamed up to drop Pleasant for a 2-yard loss.

That gave the Indians the ball at the Dixie 17. Keystone gained just 3 yards over the next three plays and sent Sapp out to attempt a 31-yard field goal. Parmeter, who holds for kicks, had to corral a high snap, which allowed Dixie's Ozment time enough to get through the line and block the kick with 1:33 to play.

Dixie was down to its last chance on offense. On first down, Pleasant was chased from the pocket by Wright and forced out of bounds by Hollingsworth for a 1-yard loss. After a penalty for delay of game, Pleasant was sacked by Bacorn for a 6-yard loss. Pleasant threw an incompletion on third down and was then intercepted by Parmeter on fourth down with 21 seconds on the clock.



Northside's Emma Crews keeps a ball in play.



Hope's Ashlyn Crews keeps the ball in play.

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a Simmons carry picked up a couple of yards, Klein completed a pass to Newsom for a first down at the 38-yard line. Union was penalized for holding on the following play, but Simmons carried the ball for a good gain to make it second-and-7. After a short run, Simmons caught a pass that was good enough for the first-down yardage and more, taking the ball all the way to the Fort White 27. A holding call, though, brought the play back. On third-and-13, Simmons had an amazing run to the Fort White 10-yard line. A facemask penalty against the Indians marked off half the distance to the goal for first down at the 5. Newsome carried it into the end zone for a 33-6 lead with eight minutes

left in the third quarter. The two-point conversion was no good.

After forcing the Indians to punt, the Tigers' Simmons carried the ball from the Union 31 to the Fort White 24, but a penalty for a block in the back pushed the gain back to the Indians' 34-yard line. McClellan took a handoff and scored a touchdown to make it 39-6 with six minutes left in the third quarter. The Tigers again tried a two-point conversion, which was no good.

McClellan finished with two carries for 41 yards.

The Indians, after the Union kickoff, took over on their own 24-yard line. A Jackson pass was complete for a good gain, making it second-and-3. After an incomplete pass, Fort White received a penalty for delay of game, making it third-and-8. Jackson kept the ball and got back to the line of scrimmage.

A fourth-down pass was batted incomplete by McClellan, giving the Tigers the ball at the Fort White 27-yard line.

C.J. Ivey, on a carry up the middle, picked up 4 yards. A Simmons carry set up third-and-4. Bo Thomas then had a great carry, taking it down to the 1-yard line. Thomas got the ball again, taking it into the end zone with two minutes left in the third quarter. Whitehead's extra point made it 46-6, which began a running clock.

Fort White's Jackson ran the kickoff back for a touchdown with one minute left in the third quarter, making the score 46-13.

The Indians recovered an onside kick at their own 49-yard line. Fort White made a quarterback change, with Jackson moving out to receiver. Ethan Caines' pass attempt was intercepted by Williams as the

Tigers took over at their own 24-yard line.

Union made a quarterback change, too, going to Colt Thomas. However, after three plays, the Tigers lined up to punt. Jenkins bobbled the snap and fell on the loose ball, allowing the Indians to take over at the Union 12-yard line.

Caines completed a pass to Jackson for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, resulting in the final score of 46-19 with 4:30 to play in the game.

Klein and Tyson each had seven tackles to lead the Tigers defensively.

The Tigers were scheduled to host Paxon (4-1) on Friday, Sept. 27, but the game won't be played because of the approaching hurricane. Attempts are being made to possibly reschedule at a later date.

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second on a 4-0 run that included a Brylee Gay ace and a Caylee Young kill off a Stella Vlahakis assist.

The Lions whittled away at the deficit and tied the score. Northside took leads on an ace from Amiya Jackson and a kill from Caydance Slayton, but side-outs kept evening the score between the teams.

It was 21-21 when Hope scored four straight points with Kinsley Bagwell serving to avoid the sweep. The set-ending run included a kill from Kiersten Bradshaw.

Two kills from Jackson and another from Caylee Young helped Northside take a 3-1 lead

in the third set. An ace by Young later put the Eagles up 8-2.

The Eagles got an ace from Slayton that made it a 10-point game.

Hope failed to score a point while serving as Northside pulled away for the win.

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