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United for a Cure event raises \$40K to fight cancer

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Last Saturday morning was a pretty day, not too hot. But no one knew that was how it would be when they signed up to walk or run in a 5K to raise money for the American Cancer Society. They just came to help.

Whole families showed up to participate. Some were cancer survivors, other the loved ones of survivor or those who had passed from the disease. All they knew is they wanted to help...friends and neighbors and even people they would never know, but who needed help to live.

About 280 people entered the event and made the 3.1 mile walk, starting at Lake Butler Hospital and down to the traffic light, then up CR121, hanging a right to get back to SR100 and back to the hospital. Some entrants ran, some walked and some took the opportunity for a good, old-fashioned Southern



Just a few of the 280 walkers who came out to participate in the United for a Cure 5K. Photo by Austin Norman.

saunter while other were pushed along the route in wheelchairs and baby carriages. Regardless of their speed,

or the time they took to make the trip, make it they did, returning to an event celebrating their efforts to help others.

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Premature manager hire shot down, interviews imminent

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty began a discussion Monday urging the board to expedite the process and hire one of four county manager candidates who had responded to its recent advertisement.

After facing vocal dissent, he ended the meeting by saying, "Bring all four in. Bring them on."

Dougherty threw his support behind Scott Kornegay, the retired city manager of Keystone Heights.

In addition to being a Bradford County resident, Kornegay is a veteran of the United States Air Force and Florida National Air Guard

and received his master's in public administration from the University of North Florida. He worked for Jacksonville Fire Rescue for nearly 24 years as a firefighter/paramedic as well as in administration.

He retired from Keystone Heights in May 2020 after more than four years after overseeing multiple capital improvement projects and streamlining the city budget. He has since been working on economic development as executive director for the Lake Region Development Corporation. He also serves on the boards of the Keystone Heights Airport Authority and Lake Region Prosperity Partners.

However, commissioners had

an opportunity to review all four applications for the county manager post, and both Carolyn Spooner and Diane Andrews thought fairness required speaking to each individually.

The disagreement resulted in another uncomfortable discussion between commissioners, who were also at odds when a split board appointed staff attorney Will Sexton to take on managerial duties in April 2021.

Dougherty asked that a vote be scheduled for the Oct. 4 meeting to negotiate with Kornegay. Dougherty said he is local and "ticks all the boxes."

"I think he would be a good fit," Dougherty said.

Spooner said the board had already agreed to interview all of the applicants since only four responses were received.

"I think just through the review of the applications, I think you'll see that he rises to the top and you've got two that are out of state and I personally don't want to go through the process of trying to get people in from out of state and then dragging this on," Dougherty said. The county also needs to replace its attorney and auditor. "We need to start moving as fast as we can to get on track," he said.

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Clay County School District, UNF land \$7 million grant

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Clay County District Schools, along with the University of North Florida's College of Education and Human Services and UNF's College of Arts and Sciences have been awarded an over \$7 Million partnership grant to address the critical teacher shortage and create equitable teaching outcomes for every student.

According to a UNF news release, Project PREP, which stands for Partnering to Renew the Educator Pipeline, spans five years, with first-year funding at \$1,012,347.

"This school-university-district partnership grant is a systemic approach to building an educator pathway to enhance the recruitment, preparation, induction, and retention of teachers and teacher leaders across the teacher pipeline in a high-need school district," UNF said.

Clay Schools Superintendent David Broskie said teachers and students will benefit from his organization participating in Project PREP.

"No doubt we have all seen that there is a national teacher shortage and a need for strong teacher preparation programs for recruitment and retention of educators," he said. "We know that the greatest influence

on a student's academic achievement is a strong, well-trained teacher. This partnership will allow us to invest in the next generation of teachers and leaders who will help our students achieve their dreams."

The project consists of five components that will help develop and diversify the educator workforce. These components include high school dual enrollment, undergraduate teacher preparation and certification, new teacher induction, teacher leadership graduate certificates and advanced credentials.

The credentials component may result in a master's in education at UNF for project participants, or a

doctorate in educational leadership offered through the university.

Each component will be aligned with the infusion of 10 PREP research-based strands for equity and inclusion.

PREP will be led by principal investigator Dr. Rebecca West Burns.

"We are ecstatic at the news of this award," said Burns. "This support will allow us not only to deepen, but also to take our partnership with Clay County to the next level, and together transform teacher education for northeast Florida. The results of this grant could serve as a model for rethinking the educator pipeline in Florida as well as the nation."



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WORTH NOTING

Note veterans service office schedule

The Bradford County Veterans Service Office will be closed Monday–Thursday, Oct. 3–6, and Oct. 10–13. The office will be open on Fridays Oct. 7 and 14.

The Union County office will be closed on Wednesdays Oct. 5 and 11.

Normal hours are Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 2–6 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday hours vary. Call Barbara Fischer at 904-966-6385 or 904-263-0647 for an appointment.

Soil and water group meets

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office.

The board's 2022-23 budget will be discussed. The Cypress Run Boat Ramp, flooding risk, and current water level conditions will also be on the agenda. If Bradford receives significant rain by Oct. 2, the impacts of that rain will be discussed.

Contact Paul Still at stillpe@aol.com or call 904-368-0291 for more information. These meetings are open to the public.

Revival at Gadara

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

Services are Sunday through Wednesday, Oct. 2–5. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dinner will be served Monday through Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. followed by services at 7 p.m.

Bradford 4-H Auction Oct. 7

The annual Bradford County 4-H Auction will take place at the Gov. Charley Johns Conference Center, 1601 N. Temple Ave. in Starke, on Friday, Oct. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Bradford County attorney, Sexton, Ocala bound

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — On Sept. 20, the Ocala City Council approved an employment agreement with Will Sexton,

who is expected to become the new staff attorney there. According to the Ocala StarBanner, Sexton is expected to be appointed in October.

The 25-month employment agreement includes a \$200,000 annual salary. The Ocala Gazette reported the city is building a new legal department, bringing the job

in house. For more than 30 years, the city has been served by the same outside counsel. Ocala's first choice declined when relocating his family became a concern. The Gazette reported Sexton's wife has ties in Ocala.

While Sexton is tasked with building this new legal department, he won't be alone. The city's prior legal representation will remain on retainer, so he will be able to tap into the institutional knowledge. The city contracted with an additional law firm to assist with land use and transactional issues on an as-needed basis.

Sexton will also have a \$1 million budget — minus his

salary — with which to build the legal department.

Sexton has been Bradford's first in-house attorney since July 2013. He previously worked with the county as an associate at Terry Brown's law firm. Last year, the commission appointed him to handle managerial duties in lieu of hiring a new county manager. He is also represented the Bradford County School Board and the city of Hampton in recent years.

Sexton told the commission Sept. 26 that there should be ample time for him to help wind things up, addressing both his departure and the need to find a new auditing

firm. The request for qualifications for auditors is on the commission's next agenda for approval, and Sexton said one firm has already expressed interest.

"I'm not going to leave the board or the clerk's office hanging without anyone there whether it's from a management standpoint or from a legal standpoint," he said.

The county's previous auditor, Purvis Grey, walked away at the end of its contract this year, saying it hadn't been able to find the right person to manage the project since the prior manager retired.



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Cammack to appear Oct. 3

A meet-and-greet with Rep. Kat Cammack will be hosted by the Starke Woman's Club on Monday, Oct. 3, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Cammack serves Florida's Third Congressional District, which includes Bradford, Union, Alachua, Clay and Putnam counties as well as a portion of Marion County.



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RJE Alumni Association holds reunion at Camp Blanding

BY LINDA HAMPTON
RJE Alumni Association

The R.J.E. Alumni Association can't say thanks enough to each of you for your attendance at the Alumni Banquet on Saturday, Sept. 3, at Camp Blanding.

Everything and all of you were beautiful. Mr. Henry Wade served as emcee. The Rev. Alvin Green gave the opening prayer and provided words of encouragement. Ms. Jean Harding sang "Amazing Grace," and she rocked the building.

Welcome was from Ms. Lillie Strachan, and Master Jaquan

Bryant asked God to bless the food. Dinner was served and a delicious meal was enjoyed and prepared by The Ralph McKnight Catering Company.

Then Mr. Curtis Whitley presented an excellent slideshow of the rich history of RJE followed by a trivia game with Ms. Linda Hampton and Ms. Carnell Williams.

Emcee Wade acknowledged classmates and staff. Ms. Glory Jackson and Ms. Mary McGregor memorialized those who have passed.

Alumni President Joann Jackson shared the group's

appreciation, with special thanks to the caterer, decorator Ms. Wanda Middleton, La'Tara Davis and the alumni committee, and others. DJ Mr. Keith Ardley did a super job. Photographer Mr. Kingley King also did a great job. Thank you Ms. Toika Strong Lee for a great job on programs. Thank everyone who pitched in to make this a memorable affair.

RJE Alumni are looking for more members for the executive committee. The group meets at the Tigers Place, 920 Florida St. in Starke on the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m.



Ronald Dell, Dawn Scott, Olivia Scott and Joann Jackson.



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Class of 1957 reunion

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

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Keystone City Council adopts budget, emergency plan

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — During a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 26, the Keystone Heights City Council approved its 2022-2023 budget, adopted the county's comprehensive emergency management plan and declared a state of emergency as Hurricane Ian continued to track toward the Lake Region.

The millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year is 4.2901, a 6.34% increase over the city's rolled-back rate of 4.0344 mills.

The rolled-back rate is the millage at which the city would collect the same amount in property taxes as the prior year, considering increases in assessed values.

Florida law defines a tax increase as any rate above the rolled-back rate.

Budget

The city's overall budget consists of individual spending plans for its cemetery, infrastructure, community redevelopment and general funds.

Council members budgeted \$32,000 in revenues for its cemetery fund, with \$15,000 in lot sales, \$14,000 from cell tower rents and \$3,000 from burial permits.

Major expenses include \$6,000 for salaries and wages, \$5,562 for capital improvements and \$5,000 for audit fees.

Keystone's infrastructure budget includes a carryover of \$120,000 from previous years and state sales tax revenue of \$156,000.

Council members budgeted \$128,000 for roads and sidewalks improvements and the balance for other, un-itemized improvements.

The community redevelopment budget lists tax revenues of \$123,000 and a carryover from previous years of \$110,000.

Spending includes business expenses of \$16,550, contract services of \$21,500, events spending of \$59,000 and capital improvements of \$135,500.

Capital improvements include \$75,000 for the city's South Lawrence Boulevard Streetscape project, \$50,000 in grants and \$50,000 for beach improvements.

The nearly \$900,000 general fund lists \$255,401 for city staff payroll, \$59,000 for the city attorney and \$24,600 to compensate council members.

Public works salaries and benefits take another \$99,253 from the budget.

Operating expenses, like utilities, traffic light repair, road paint and supplies claim an additional \$67,380.

Emergency plan

The county's comprehensive emergency plan outlines the county's preparation and response to disasters like adverse weather, hazardous materials spills, wildfires, terrorism and pandemics.

Keystone Heights council members adopted the county's plan into their own policy for disasters.

Of the 13 hazards outlined in the county document, wind from a tropical cyclone is the only one listed as a high risk, with flooding, drought and heat waves, freezes and wildfires listed as moderately high risks. Earthquakes, civil disturbances, tsunamis and nuclear power plants are low risks to the county, according to the plan.

The document states that river flooding is a particular concern in the county, with Black Creek experiencing property damage from flooding in 2012, damaging 578 homes. The creek also overflowed its banks in 2013 and 2017.

"Clay County experienced record-breaking flooding in 2017, as a result of Hurricane Irma," the report states. "Even though the storm only brought tropical storm force conditions to the area, it still produced substantial flooding in Black Creek. Cresting North Fork at

27.89 feet and South Fork at 29.36 feet; damaging an estimated 858 homes, completely destroying at least 275 of them. This was the worst flooding ever recorded for both sections of Black Creek."

The plan also discusses the risks of dam failure at Lake Asbury, which has three private dams.

"These dams are rolled-earth construction and some of the oldest in the state," the report states. "Recent improvements in 2013 to the South Dam were made to reduce the probability of dam failure while protecting downstream properties from flooding due to large releases of stormwater from the South Dam."

The plan states that under normal conditions, the risk of dam failure is low. However, with excessive rainfall, the risk of failure would increase, endangering residents and property around the lake and downstream Black Creek.

Wind damage

Clay County Emergency Manager John Ward has stated in earlier appearances in the Lake Region that wildfire and wind damage pose the greatest risks to the Keystone Heights area.

The report states that since Clay County is not a coastal county, there is an assumption

that each storm that hits the coast will probably decrease in its intensity before reaching Clay County.

"However," the report states, "tropical depressions and lower categories of storms still bring damaging high winds, which can affect the entire county."

Two of the biggest risk factors associated with wind damage are prevalent throughout the Lake Region: trees and mobile homes.

"Falling trees pose an obvious risk to life and property," the report states. "Additionally, specific structures may also be more vulnerable to winds, including older homes not built to the more rigorous building codes implemented over the last decade or mobile homes."

Wildfire

The emergency plan states that 80% of unincorporated Clay County is susceptible to brush fires, especially in areas like the Lake Region, where undeveloped land and residential areas intermingle.

"The high-risk areas are located in residential districts in the wild land/urban interface, or where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wild land or vegetative fuels," the report states. "It is where wild land vegetation and urban

encroachment co-exist, but neither one dominates. Fires that start in these areas can be dangerous because they can easily spread through developed and undeveloped areas."

The report adds that when a La Nina weather pattern is present: a cooling of the Pacific Ocean, wildfire occurrences in the area increase.

Additionally, a La Nina weather pattern is also favorable for the development of tropical cyclones because the pattern results in less Atlantic Ocean wind shear than its counterpart: El Nino.

Last year brought the least number of wildfires in the county over the past 11 years. Only 15 fires occurred in 2021 which scorched 248 acres.

The years with the highest number of wildfires over the past decade include 2011 which had 91 fires that burned 992 acres, 2018 with 89 fires that burned 923 acres, and 2017: 44 fires which burned 1,269 acres.

The report also says that the Camp Blanding military training site presents its own disaster risks, like hazardous materials spills, aircraft accidents, mass casualty incidents and terrorism.

Planning councils expand mission to emergencies, economic development

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — When Florida's 10 regional planning councils were first established in the 1970s, their predominant purpose was to help counties and regions manage growth through land use planning and zoning regulation.

Now, however, the missions of both the Northeast Florida Regional Council, based in Jacksonville and the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, based in Gainesville have seen their missions expanded.

The Northeast Florida Council serves seven counties, including Clay, while the Gainesville-based organization serves 12 counties, including Bradford and Union.

Bradford Commissioners Danny Reddick and Starke Commissioner Janice Mortimer represent Bradford County jurisdictions on the North Central Florida Council, while Union Commissioner James Tallman and Lake Butler Commissioner David Stegall represent Union County governments.

County Commissioner Betsy Condon represents the Lake Region and Clay County on the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

Eric Anderson, the emergency manager for the Northeast Florida Regional Council, gave the Keystone Heights Rotary Club an orientation of the council's operations and projects during the club's Sept. 21 meeting.

He said that now, growth management is just one of several missions of the agency, which also include emergency preparedness, economic development and resiliency.

The manager said the Northeast Regional Council's 2022 activities included projects in mental health and the opioid epidemic, affordable housing, agricultural economic development, strategic planning for local governments and broadband internet access.

Governance, funding, staffing

The northeast council is governed by a 35-member board of directors. Two-thirds are local, elected officials and the other one-third are gubernatorial appointees. This year's president is Putnam County Commissioner Larry Harvey.

Twenty-three percent of the council's \$2.6 million budget is funded by its member counties, which pay 41 cents for each resident. The remaining money comes from Federal sources and

from grants. A 17-member staff includes planners, administrative personnel and specialists in economic development, emergency management, healthcare and resiliency.

Emergency management

Last year, the council's emergency management team held 39 classes and trained over 1,000 people in preparing and responding to disasters like storms, terrorism and pandemics. The classes included the annual JEA and St. Johns County hurricane exercises, in addition to instruction on infectious diseases, supply-chain scarcity and continuity of operations.

Healthcare coalition

One aspect of the council's emergency preparedness program is helping healthcare facilities plan for disasters.

The federal healthcare coalition program divides Florida into 12 healthcare coalitions and the northeast council manages three of the coalitions: northeast, north central and Marion County.

The three coalitions consist of 491 healthcare organizations and the council assists coalition members with preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities related to healthcare organization disaster operations.

Anderson said one key component of the coalition's work is evacuation planning.

"Hurricane Irma is a perfect example of where pretty much every patient facility along the east coast had to evacuate," he said.

Anderson also said the healthcare coalition took a leading role in responding to the Delta Surge of the COVID-19 Pandemic. He added that the federal government led the response to the initial pandemic wave but left the Delta Surge response mostly to local governments.

Hazardous materials

The council also organizes a local planning committee for hazardous materials. Twenty-five board members consisting of firefighters, managers of facilities with hazardous materials, and environmental representatives provide training, technical assistance and reporting help to first responders and HAZMAT facilities. Last year, the committee trained 99 people in handling propane and hazardous materials.



Eric Anderson, an emergency manager for the Northeast Florida Council, speaks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

Each regional council has a full-time staff member that works on hazardous materials planning and response.

"One of the primary things that we do is we go out and visit every single facility that reports having a chemical inventory," Anderson said. "So, for instance, there is a (facility) near Green Cove Springs. We would go in there. We would look at the chemical compositions that they have there now. Were they properly stored? We would start planning for a worst-case scenario. If that tank right there were to release its contents, what would be the impact on the community and how would we respond?"

"Most people don't understand that kind of work is taking place in the background," Anderson continued, "but there really is a lot of work going into documenting what chemicals are around and what the impact of (a spill) potentially would be."

Evacuations

Anderson said one of his favorite projects is the statewide regional evacuation study program which tracks shelter inventories, updates evacuation zones, analyzes storm surge, updates population and demographic data and analyzes the behavior of people ordered or advised to evacuate.

Anderson showed the Rotarians an updated storm surge model for Nassau County which demonstrated that during a Category 4 or 5 Hurricane hitting the Atlantic coast, storm surge could reach 30 miles inland, to Callahan and Hilliard.

He said federal officials recently updated evacuation zones and he has been working with county emergency managers to communicate the

how planners can change their messaging to make it more effective and how long it takes for residents to respond to messages.

Planning and policy

The council works with counties and municipalities on comprehensive plan development, updates and public engagement.

The council also acts as the official planning agency for seven counties to coordinate transportation services for the

disadvantaged.

One area of planning and policy the council is now focused on is affordable housing.

It hosted affordable housing workshops in each of the region's seven counties in March and convened a regional meeting in April for stakeholders to voice best practices and a roadmap for the future.

The council also focused on the opioid crisis during 2022, hosting an overdose summit in Clay County during March in which 19 speakers and 12 organizations shared information with over 120 attendees.

Topics covered in the summit included the neuroscience of addiction, Narcan training, Clay County's community paramedicine program and how hospital systems, law enforcement agencies and the judicial system is responding to the crises.

Economic development

The U.S. Economic Development Administration designated the Northeast Florida Council as the economic development district in the region.

The council works with JAX USA and CareerSource to develop and update the region's comprehensive economic development strategy. The strategy uses a five-year horizon to create jobs.

The council also works with other organizations to apply for grants, write feasibility studies, create strategic plans and administer disaster relief funds like CARES Act and ARPA money.

Resiliency

The council's resiliency program focuses on helping local governments prepare for the effects of climate change by increasing climate change awareness, conducting vulnerability assessments and planning for coastal flooding.

One resource the council developed to help business owners and governments assess the risk of climate change is a regional resilience exposure tool.

The map tool shows where coastal flooding might occur due to storm surge and sea level rise. The resource also includes overlays for population density, critical infrastructure and environmental habitats.

The council is also integrating its resiliency efforts into its other programs to assess how climate change could impact affordable housing, healthcare facilities, transportation infrastructure, broadband and quality of life.

Republican Party of Bradford County Election Guide

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★★★	Lieutenant Governor	Jeanette Nunez
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★★★	Agriculture Commissioner	Wilton Simpson



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The event was sponsored by Lake Butler Hospital and Shadd Trucking and both businesses had people on hand to welcome the walkers with a light breakfast before the start of the event as well as treats and gifts for

the returning heroes. Many other businesses also helped sponsor the event, showing their humanity and community spirit.

The funds raised from the entry fees, sponsorships, the sale of memorial signs displayed in front of the hospital and donations – one from the Big Willie Dice Run Motorcycle Event, held the previous Saturday, all went to

the American Cancer Society for research and outreach.

The event was held in honor of Cassie Driggers, but a number of survivors were honored during the program at the end of the event. Union County really showed the world its heart last Saturday and showed off its compassion and sense of community is a special way.



At the end of the day, organizers presented the American Cancer Society with a check for \$40,000. Pictured are (l-r) Mendy Whitaker (with Shadd Trucking), Tina Lloyd (Ancillary Chief Service Officer and PR Rep. for Lake Butler Hospital), Jacklyn Rodriguez (representing the American Cancer Society), Carita Wall (President of Shadd Trucking), Paula Webb (President and CEO of Lake Butler Hospital), Sharon Delaney (with Shadd Trucking) and Jill Fulgham (Lake Butler Hospital Dir. of Radiology and PR Rep.) Photo by Suzanne Warren, owner of Mission Minded Photography.

Some of the walkers headed home soon after they finished, but these hardy souls stayed around to have some fun and get their picture taken. Photo by Austin Norman.



Carita Wall, President of Shadd Trucking and Cassie Driggers, her sister, were on hand giving out beads, bracelets and water bottle to attendees at the 5K event. Photo by Larry Dupee.



Cousins Presley Emery and Byron Wright were on hand to support their Nana, a cancer survivor. Photo by Larry Dupee.



UCSO Deputy Shelby Ellis was on hand at the hospital entrance to see that everyone stayed safe and on course for the walk. Photo by Larry Dupee.



Local entrepreneur Brittany Fishburn (right) brought her coffee wagon to Lake Butler Hospital for the event, and brought her friend, Mikaela Whitlock as well. Photo by Larry Dupee.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION & PROMISE SANTA FE COLLEGE

In celebration of Women's History Month, Santa Fe College has honored more than 150 women who have made significant contributions in Alachua or Bradford County. Use this form or go online to sfcollege.edu/wod to nominate a Woman of Distinction or a Woman of Promise.

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Nomination Form

(one form for each woman nominated)

Nomination for Woman of Distinction Woman of Promise

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Nominee's Address

Nominee's City/State/Zip

Nominee's Phone Number

Person or Group Submitting Nomination

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone Number

Email Address

Forward a brief, half-page biographical sketch of the nominee, along with supporting materials (maximum five pages) that justify this candidate's consideration.

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Please submit to:
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Santa Fe College
3000 NW 83rd Street, F-204
Gainesville, FL 32606



Union approves 2022-23 budget

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

LAKE BUTLER — The Union County Board of Commissioners approved the final draft of the county ad valorem tax millage and the budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

At a Final Budget Public Hearing, held before the commissions regular Sept. 19, 2022 meeting the commission first heard a presentation of the proposed aggregate millage for 2022-23, the current rolled-back rate and the current proposed rate as a percent change of the rolled-back rate. The proposed aggregate millage was 10.000 mills, with the rolled-back rate at 9.4800 mills, leaving the proposed rate as a percentage of the rolled-back rate at 5.49%. (The rolled back rate is a calculation that determines how much the county would need to charge to generate the same revenue as in the last budget year.) There was no public comment on the millage and the commission voted unanimously to approve the aggregate millage, the current rolled-back rate and the percentage of the rolled back rate unanimously.

Next for consideration was the budget itself. The first part of the budget consists of the General Fund – non-restricted funds that give the county flexibility to work with. For the year, the General Fund will be funded by revenue from Ad Valorem taxes (\$2,911,587), monthly and quarterly discretionary sale surtax (totaling \$840,223) and a communications surtax (\$44,455), (surtax total of \$3,796,576), license, franchise and permit fees (\$193,500) and intergovernmental funds such as state revenue sharing, license fees on alcoholic beverage, mobile home, insurance agents licenses and sales tax revenues. Also included are funds derived from the state for such things as

plates and offset funding (which partially compensates the county for the loss of property tax (Ad Valorem) tax revenue from property used by the Department of Corrections. The total of this intergovernmental revenue is \$3,348,002.

Other revenue sources include charges for services by county offices, including items like copies made of documents, cost of incarceration and donations toward cemetery maintenance, totaling \$78,000.

Court revenues are also included, including \$17,000 from the Traffic Court Improvement Fund, Legal Aid funding, State Court Innovations revenue and other sources related to crime prevention and driver education safety. Added to all this are the revenues from transfers from reserves, transfers from the SHIP account for administrative services and grants. The total of the 2022-23 budget is \$8,911,589.

Expenditures are listed beginning with commissioner's salaries (\$31,000 each), FICA taxes, retirement contributions, health and life insurance for the five commissioners, workers compensation, travel and BOCC training, totaling \$300,227.

\$2,298,404 in budgeted for administrative and financial expenses, covering everything from salaries and retirement to postage, utilities, equipment rentals, insurance, repairs to county owned buildings, office supplies, equipment and attorney fees – totaling \$2,298,404.

Every area and department has a detailed listing of items included in the budget to keep them running and able to do their jobs. In addition, there is grant money to be considered.

Currently, the county has about \$2.7 million remaining of the ARPS (American Rescue Plan Act) and commissioner is still weighing the purpose to dedicate the money to. So far, they have used some of the funds

for unanticipated non-recurring needs, such as a new unit for Emergency Medical Services. The county also has about \$5.8 million coming in from one-time grants for specific projects, as well as the normal, recurring grants is receiving from various sources.

The bottom line is that the county has enough money to operate efficiently for the coming fiscal year and to get several special projects (grant funded) such as the addition to the Agricultural Education Facility. That does not mean that there might be problems in the future.

County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Kellie Rhoades reported to the commissioner near the beginning of the budget process that, while the funds were there to support the Union County Road Department in the coming fiscal year that that situation might not be true in future budgets.

"The Road Department is going to have to either decrease expenditures or increase revenue," Rhoades said. "We are ok for one more year, but after that the department will no longer be self-sufficient with the funds generated by fuel taxes."

In 2018 the department was having a difficult time keeping employees – in a typical small county problem, people choose better paying jobs in the private sector. The county had to increase wages to remain competitive and obtain a competent staff. This has grown from a total payroll of about \$450,000 in 2018 to about \$670 in 2021. Rhoades said the problem is not with the administration of the department, which has underspent its budget routinely, but with the increasing demands for higher pay to keep workers with the skills and certifications necessary on the job in Union County. This problem, coupled with rising fuel and equipment costs will soon become a problem for the county.



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SPECIAL HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDE

What to do during a Hurricane

- Avoid driving or going outdoors during a storm. Flooding and damaging winds can make traveling dangerous.
- If you must be out in the storm:
- Do not walk through flowing water. Six inches of swiftly moving water can knock you off of your feet.
- Remember the phrase "Turn Around, Don't Drown!" Don't drive through flooded roads. Cars can be swept away in just two feet of moving water. If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay in the vehicle. If the water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.
- Do not drive around road barriers.
- Continue to monitor media for emergency information.
- Follow instructions from public safety officials.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Take only essential items, and bring your pets if possible.
- If told to shelter in place:
- Stay indoors and away from windows.
- Listen to local television or radio for updates.
- Conditions may change quickly; be prepared to evacuate to a shelter or neighbor's home if necessary.

What to do after a Hurricane has passed

- Continue to monitor the media for emergency information.
- Follow instructions from public safety officials.
- Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies, including downed power lines and gas leaks.
- Call 2-1-1 to obtain shelter locations and other disaster information.
- Stay away from downed utility wires. Always assume a downed power line is live.
- Remember the phrase "Turn Around, Don't Drown!" Don't drive through flooded roads. Cars can be swept away in just two feet of moving water.
- Stay out of damaged buildings and away from affected areas and or roads until authorities deem them safe.
- If you have evacuated, return home only when authorities say it is safe to do so.
- Listen to news reports to learn if your water supply is safe to drink. Until local authorities proclaim your water supply safe, boil water for at least one minute before drinking or using it for food preparation.
- Check your home for damage:
- Never touch electrical equipment while you are wet or standing in water. Consider hiring a qualified electrician to assess damage to electrical systems.
- Have wells checked for contamination from bacteria and chemicals before using.
- Have damaged septic tanks or leaching systems repaired as soon as possible to reduce potential health hazards.
- If you believe there is a gas leak, go outdoors immediately, and do not turn electrical switches or appliances on or off. If you turned off your gas, a licensed professional is required to turn it back on.
- If your home or property is damaged, take photos or videos to document damage, and contact your insurance company.
- If your power is out, follow our power outage safety tips.
- Report power outages to your utility company.
- Use generators and grills outside because their fumes contain carbon monoxide. Make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working as it is a silent, odorless, killer. See more Generator Safety Tips.
- If a traffic light is out, treat the intersection as a four-way stop.
- If phone lines are down, use social media or texting to let others know you are OK.
- Look before you step. After a hurricane or flood, the ground and floors can be covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails.
- Avoid entering moving or standing floodwaters. Floodwater and mud may be contaminated by oil, gasoline, or raw sewage.
- Clean and disinfect anything that got wet, and take steps to prevent and detect mold. Consider using professional cleaning and repair services. See more tips to recover from flooding.
- Throw away food (including canned items), that has come into contact with floodwaters, was exposed to temperatures above 40 °F for more than two hours, or has an unusual odor, color, or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions and those who may need additional assistance.

Emergency Contact

- Clay Electric reporting Power Outages www.outagereport.clayelectric.com or the MyClayElectric mobile app, or by calling 888-434-9844.
- Check for power outages on the power outage map at www.clayelectric.com/power-outage-map
- Florida Power & Light - check power outages at www.fplmaps.com
- Report outages phone number 1-800-468-8243
- City of Starke- report power outages at (904) 966-6300
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BRADFORD COUNTY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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SHERIFF
Bradford County
Emergency Management Division

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 27th, 2022

**** SHELTER OPENING NOTICE ****

Due to upcoming Hurricane Ian a shelter will be open at:

STARKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1000 WELDON STREET, STARKE

Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 at 8:00 AM

GENERAL POPULATION
PETS
SPECIAL NEEDS

Please bring any essentials you will need:
personal hygiene items, medications, electronics, cot or air mattress, blankets, pillows, important papers, entertainment items, or nonperishable foods and water, etc.

Special Needs patients please bring your oxygen, medicines, special dietary needs, and a caregiver, if available.

Pets **MUST BE** in a crate with its own water and food supply.

WITH REGARD TO **COVID19 PRECAUTIONS**: WE URGE YOU TO IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF REFUGE AND TO CONSIDER THIS SHELTER OPENING AS MEANS OF LAST RESORT

NO TOBACCO OR WEAPONS ARE ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS



Union County Emergency Management
Government Closures

- Schools will be closed on Thursday and Friday is a student holiday.
- No other closures reported at this time.



Union County Emergency Management
Key Take Aways

- Hurricane Ian continues to threaten the Union County area.
- Expect flooding in low-lying areas. (If there was flooding during Irma, there will most likely be flooding during Ian.)
- Sandbags available at the road department (self-serve) limit to 15 per household.
- Sandbags may be available for municipal residents (contact your town/city hall).
- It is best to have all preparedness complete before Wednesday evening.
- Thursday and Friday traveling on roads should be avoided unless absolutely necessary.

Emergency Contact Number is (386) 496-2501

Closures Lake Region Area:

The City of Keystone Heights Closed Wednesday 9/28-9/30
Clay County School District Closed Wednesday 9/28-9/30

Non Life Threatening
Emergency Number
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Shelter Opening
Notice General
Population

Please bring any essentials you will need: Personal hygiene items, medications, electronics, cot or air mattress, blankets, pillows, important papers, entertainment items, or nonperishable food and water, etc.

Shelter Keystone Heights Jr./Sr. High School Pet Friendly

Pets must be in crate with its own water and food supply

Special Needs Shelter is Lake Asbury Jr. High School

Special Needs patients please bring your oxygen, medicines, special dietary needs, and a caregiver, if available.

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CLAY COUNTY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Website for updates from your Clay County Emergency

Alert.ClayCountyGov.com

Special Medical Needs Shelter will open tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Lake Asbury Jr. High School

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Closures:	Bradford County School District Closed Wednesday 9/28 – Friday 9/30
Non-Essential County Offices:	Closing Wednesday 9/28 at Noon
Bradford County Solid Waste Collection Sites:	Closing Wednesday 9/28 at Noon
Courts:	Closing Wednesday 9/28 at Noon
City of Starke:	Closing Wednesday 9/28 at Noon
Sandbags:	To be announced Please visit our Facebook Page for updates.

We will release more information as available.

Florida has a broad public records law (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes). Most written communications to or from state and local officials are public records, obtainable by the public upon request. Emails sent to/from the County system may be considered public and will only be withheld from disclosure if deemed confidential pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

Allergies Got You WHEEZING & SNEEZING?

- Identify if it's really allergies.
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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

Ex-boyfriend arrested for aggravated stalking

Anthony Joe Akin, 48, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 20 for the April 30 offense of aggravated stalking.

According to court papers, the defendant's ex-girlfriend told deputies she broke up with the 48-year-old after a two-year romantic relationship because of his anger and that she was afraid of him.

After the breakup, a friend of the victim allowed the woman to stay with her.

A sworn complaint by the Bradford County Sheriff's Office lists the ex-girlfriend as a victim, in addition to the friend and the confidant's boyfriend.

The ex-girlfriend's new roommate told a deputy that after she allowed the woman to stay with her, "Anthony began calling and texting her phone constantly."

"(The victim) stated that Anthony has made threats such as 'putting a hit' on her and following her or having someone follow her along with saying 'it's going to get bad' and 'stay out of her business'," wrote Bradford Corporal Jason Swaggerty in a sworn complaint.

The ex-girlfriend allowed Swaggerty to listen to a voicemail left by the defendant on her phone.

In the message, the defendant described the whereabouts of the ex-girlfriend and her friend the previous day. The voicemail sender also said, "I'm not playing with you guys anymore", "Things are about to get serious", and "You are not protected."

The three victims also said they have seen the defendant lurking around the friend's Sampson Lake home and has threatened to get a boat, anchor it near the friend's dock and remain there "24/7."

Eric Dontai Artis, 32 of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 19 for a probation violation.

Floyd Eugene Barron, 34, of Callahan was arrested on Sept. 17 for a probation violation.

James Joseph Brewer, 34, of Hampton was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 17 for resisting an officer and an out-of-county warrant.

Matthew Scott Culverson, 31, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 22 for withholding support.

Jordan Jolee Glover, 20, was arrested on Sept. 17 for disturbing the peace.

Daqwan Deshawn Hankerson, 22, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 17 for a probation violation.

Tray Markis Hankerson, 28, of Lawtey was arrested on Sept. 23 for a probation violation, child neglect, possession of drugs and possession of dangerous drugs.

Alyssa Paige Harville, 21, of Gainesville was arrested on Sept. 21 for a probation violation.

William B. Hernandez, 25, of Gainesville was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 23 for possession of drugs, possession of cocaine and possession of drug equipment.

Eric Thomas Leigh, 37, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Sept. 17 for an out-of-county warrant.

Adrian Chantell Littleton, 26, of Gainesville was arrested on Sept. 18 for resisting an officer.

Mackenzie Ilona-Lynn Malone, 23, was arrested by Starke police for battery.

Takiesha Natasha McCutchen, 39, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 21 for an out-of-county warrant.

Darold William McRae, 52, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 17 for DUI.

Kevin Richard Meng, 64, of Hampton was arrested on Sept. 17 for a probation violation.

Sydney Michelle Moore, 33, of Starke was arrested by Florida probation and parole officers on Sept. 20 for a probation violation.

Jai Ray Noble, 42, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 19 for failure to appear.

Kalab Robert Nugent, 18, of Hampton was arrested on Sept. 17 for disturbing the peace, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and resisting an officer.

Austin Arthur Elias H. Smith, 33, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 21 for possession of drugs, possession of drug equipment and a probation violation.

Ronald Wayne Stewart, 59, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 19 for failure to appear.

Krista Danielle Strohl, 37, of Hawthorne was arrested on Sept. 21 for possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Ross Truog, 53, of Spring Hill was arrested on Sept. 22 for DUI.

Jonathan Isaac Tuten, 42, of Hampton was arrested on Sept. 24 for battery, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment and obstructing justice.

Erik Brandon Underwood, 39, of Orange Park was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 19 for a probation violation.

Justin Mathew Willingham, 36, of Keystone Heights was arrested on Sept. 18 for an out-of-county warrant.

Tommy Lamar Wynn, 45, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 29 for withholding support.

Union

Megan Leah Calcada Bastos, 32, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 20 for a probation violation.

Clay

Dared deputies to shoot

A Lake Region man prohibited by court order from stepping foot on a Keystone Heights-area property did so anyway and was tased by three deputies after daring the lawmen to shoot him.

Travis Allen Wright, 37, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, cyberstalking, burglary, petit theft, resisting an officer and contempt of court.

Deputies were called to the residence after the defendant was seen on the property wielding a machete.

According to an arrest report, two girls spotted the defendant while in a barn apartment.

A deputy wrote in the report that the defendant had violated the injunction barring him from coming onto the property five times.

Three deputies located Wright on a nearby parcel and tased the defendant after he ran while shouting to the officers to shoot him.

After deputies arrested Wright, they recovered a cellphone owned by one of the girls that the defendant had taken.

Gary Edward Boyd, 42, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 22 for a probation violation.

John Paul Shaver, 57, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 23 for felony battery by strangulation.

Joshua Karsten Welch, 18, of Starke was arrested by Clay deputies on Sept. 21 for battery.



(L-R) Assistant State Attorney Bruce Helling, Union County Deputy Travis Rimes and defense attorney Dan Sikes view a video of Rimes engaging Geronnice Rollins during an Oct. 29, 2021, football game in Lake Butler.

Coach gets suspended jail term

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — A Newberry football coach convicted of three misdemeanors last week by a Union County jury was sentenced to a 30-day suspended jail term yesterday by County Judge Mitchell D. Bishop.

Geronnice Tirell Rollins was also sentenced to six months' probation and ordered to serve 50 hours of community service. If Rollins fulfills the sentence's community service and probation requirements, he will not do jail time.

On Sept. 7, a six-member jury convicted Rollins of trespassing, resisting an officer and interfering with a school function for his actions during a Union County High School football game.

Assistant State Attorney Bruce Helling told jurors that after Rollins, a Newberry assistant coach, was ejected from the game, he refused to leave. Union deputies detained Rollins on the sideline, escorted him off the field and released him to Alachua County law enforcement.

Superintendent: Newberry coach created volatile situation

In a letter to County Judge Mitchell D. Bishop, entered into evidence at the sentencing of

Rollins on Sept. 13, Union County Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger wrote that he was at the game and could not believe what he was witnessing after two Union deputies took the coach to the ground on the Newberry sideline.

"I heard and watched the reaction of the people in the stands," he wrote. "At that moment I knew that things could easily and quickly get out of hand."

The superintendent added that he made his way onto the field to help with crowd control and noticed Newberry fans emptying the stands and coming onto the field.

"I felt a volatile situation was about to explode at any moment," Ripplinger wrote. "Newberry fans were very vocal and some appeared to become more and more combative as we tried to usher them through a side gate on the visiting side and prevent Newberry and Union County fans from mingling amidst the tension that was already quite thick."

The superintendent added that he felt his safety and the safety of his administrators and deputies were in danger.

"I was surrounded by very agitated people whose fuse was ignited by the actions taken in response to the behavior of Mr. Rollins," he wrote.

In the letter, the superintendent did not ask Bishop to impose any type of sentence. However, he

did blame Rollins for creating a dangerous and potentially disastrous scenario.

"When we hold school functions and athletic events, Ripplinger wrote, "we should all feel safe as we cheer for our team and should not have to worry about events unfolding as they did in this case."

Letters support coach

The judge also received two letters supporting the defendant. One was from parent Tiffany Phillips who testified for the defense during the coach's trial.

She told Bishop that Rollins served as an unpaid coach for Newberry and has positively impacted the lives of many young men that were headed in the wrong direction.

"We need more (people like), Coach Rollins in the community to tackle the issues we are having for troubled youth," she wrote.

David A. Rodgers also asked Bishop to exercise leniency in the sentence. Rodgers wrote that he worked with Rollins for five years at FedEx in Gainesville.

"Mr. Rollins was not only a great co-worker, but he loves his family; he always puts family first along with God," Rodgers wrote. "He loves the youth and enjoys helping mentor young men and women in all activities to include encouraging them that school is first and then sports and other things in life."

Chamber group hosts HCA at beach

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — The Clay Chamber of Commerce's Lake Region Prosperity Partners hosted an HCA Orange Park hospital representative during the partners' Sept. 22 meeting at the Keystone Beach Pavilion.

HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital's Vice President of Operations, Tina Pugh, gave the chamber group an overview of the hospital's activities and its plans for growth.

Pugh highlighted the hospital's two current stand-alone emergency departments and a third stand-alone ER in Middleburg, scheduled to open soon.

She added that in the fall of 2023, a \$34 million expansion at the facility's main campus on Kingsley Avenue is scheduled for completion. That addition includes two 24-patient room floors and a 20-bed intensive care unit.

The hospital is a State of Florida designated Level 2 trauma center and has treated 11,842 trauma patients since



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2016.

Pugh also highlighted the facility's honors, which include the American Heart Association Gold Award, a Five-Star Treatment-of-Heart-Attack

award from Health Grades, an Excellence Award for labor and delivery from Health Grades and a Top Teaching Hospital award from The Leapfrog Group.

Former Sheriff Dalton Bray remembered

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Mourners gathered at Highpoint Community Church in Middleburg Friday morning, Sept. 23 to celebrate the life of former Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray who died on Sept. 13.

Bray served as sheriff from 1989 to 1992 after working as an FBI special agent, FDLE supervisor and Orange Park police chief.

Former Florida State University President John Thrasher said during the service that Bray's election win in 1988 changed the political culture of the county and ultimately made possible the election of Clay County's first female sheriff 32 years later: Michelle Cook.

"I guarantee you, but for Dalton Bray being elected Sheriff back then, changing the culture of this county, a young woman so gifted like Sheriff Cook would not have been elected in this county," he said.

Thrasher highlighted Bray's penchant for eating and talent for cooking, as well as his preferred clothing of shorts, flip flops and



Hawaiian shirts.

He recalled that after becoming president of FSU, he invited Bray to attend a Seminole football game in the president's box.

"Before I became president, they had adopted a dress code for the president's box," Thrasher recalled, "and it was a hard thing for me to have to tell Dalton he couldn't wear shorts and flip-flops to the football game."

Thrasher also said that even though Bray played football at the University of Florida, he graduated from Florida State.

Mike Hailey, lead pastor at

Highpoint Community Church, said Bray and his wife Kathryn were founding members of the congregation. Hailey described the former sheriff as a larger-than-life north Florida version of John Wayne.

"He was selfless," Hailey said. "He was giving. He was loving. He was honest. He was truly respectful of everyone."

Hailey added that one of Bray's legacies is bringing the Police Athletic League to the sheriff's office.



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Southeast 49th will finally be paved

No such help for private road residents

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE— Two perennial issues for residents — both weather related — are flooding (see related story) and road conditions. County commissioners heard about both during their Sept. 15 meeting.

Road complaints centered around Southeast 49th Avenue, and not the portion behind the former Hampton Elementary School, which resident April Ewald pointed out was paved though it is no longer even in use.

“Our road hasn’t even been addressed,” she said.

Ewald said county graders cleaning out ditches place the material on the roads, making them very slippery after rainfall. It also narrows the road, so only one vehicle can travel at a time. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction must pull over or into a driveway to let someone pass. She also said her property is eroding.

“It makes it very dangerous,” she said, adding she has heard for years that the county is “going to get to it.”

“I’d like to have a firm date as to when we’re going to get to it because every year it’s been put on the back burner.”

Vito Degregorio shared many of these complaints, but also said a county grader had cut a ditch through one of his driveways without notice, and his son drive right into it and could have been injured.

Commissioner Danny Riddick — after explaining the history of how the other portion of

Southeast 49th was paved — said the paving project should begin before year’s end.

Public Works Director Jason Dodds confirmed that the plans are complete and the project is permitted. He said the work would have begun alongside the “Rails to Trails project,” but that project jumped ahead of their schedule and they were not able to piggyback on the water management permit. Now project construction is ready for bid.

The project won’t extend to other deteriorating roads in the area, however. Southeast 49th runs into Southeast 92nd Street, which is privately owned by the residents. As such the county cannot maintain the road in any way, except in a state of emergency. Thus, there was no message of relief for those residents.

Jean Norton said while the road is private, delivery trucks have difficulty traveling the road, let alone an ambulance.

“We don’t have the equipment — big enough tractors — to fix the holes that are in that road. If we can get somebody out there to help us just fix what’s there now, we can probably maintain it,” she said. “But you’re not going to get an ambulance or a fire truck if somebody gets hurt or a house is on fire. It is really bad.”

Norton described people parking roadside and walking to their homes when the road is flooded.

“Everybody says, ‘Oh, it’s a private road. It’s a private community.’ But yet you have people coming up on our doors, hanging stuff on our doors saying, ‘Oh, well vote for me! Vote for me! Vote for me!’ Well, if it’s private, what are you doing up there?”

Riddick said he fought to get

the county to grade the road, and finally commissioners did agree they would accept ownership and maintenance of the road if every property owner signed over the road to the county. Riddick said he was never able to get 100% agreement.

“I just felt like this was a golden opportunity for the citizens out there. All they had to do was sign a paper. In fact, I brought it to several people’s houses. All they had to do was sign it,” he said. Those rejecting the offer included a property owner living in Canada he called multiple times, he said.

Commissioner Kenny Thompson backed that up.

“We looked at this road and we studied this road, but nobody would (sign off on it),” he said. “It’s a private road, so the county can’t do nothing about it. I mean you can shake your head no, whatever. I’m just telling you what we went through. We tried to get the road fixed.”

As Riddick said, all of the commissioners have similar issues in their districts. Commissioner Diane Andrews talked about Wynn Cemetery Road and Riverbend. She said it breaks her heart when school buses won’t travel down a road and children have to walk these roads to be picked up. She’s gone to Tallahassee, sought grants, and “begged and pleaded” only to be told the same thing: they can only repair a private road during a state of emergency. Even then, the work only includes making the road passable, not making improvements.

Explanations didn’t assuage everyone’s hard feelings. Two irate residents stormed out of the meeting after addressing commissioners and hearing the excuses.

Organizations line up for ARPA funds

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Starke City Commissioners had more than \$834,000 of federal aid left to spend Sept. 20, and it went quickly.

Concerned Citizens of Bradford County will receive \$200,000 of the remaining funds for much needed repairs to the RJE gymnasium. This is contingent on the city’s appeal for a CDBG grant which was denied for the project.

Some on the commission were concerned about the construction bidding process and whether this would be enough money to complete the project. In truth, President Alica McMillian told the board, even with \$500,000 of ARPA funds contributed by the county, the total may not be enough to accomplish everything given the high cost of materials and labor.

The city and county contribution together should, however, be enough to repair the failing roof, which has led to other internal problems. She said fundraising and other grant prospects could address floor resurfacing, modernizing bleachers, etc.

McMillian said architect Paul Stressing, who has worked on Bradford’s new school project as well as the RJE gym, discussed the possibility of the Concerned Citizens piggybacking on the school’s bid or bids from other recreational projects.

The commission approved the allocation to Concerned Citizens 4-1, with Commissioner Danny Nugent dissenting. He said he wanted to hear other groups’ requests first.

There was certainly a line,

including a local masonic group. Dr. W.L. Perry Jr. requested \$20,000. In addition to assisting families with afterschool program fees and holiday baskets and toys, he said the lodge wanted to sponsor a Miss Lujeunteenth pageant.

But before the commission took community requests, it voted on a \$150,000 request from the city clerk for new accounting software and a \$400,000 allocation for a yet-to-be designed City Walk project that would enhance the Downtown Square.

Commissioner Scott Roberts said enhancing this area downtown would benefit all of Bradford County. The ARPA funds are providing many municipalities an opportunity to take on projects they wouldn’t normally be able to afford, he said.

Dr. Virgil Berry said the project would extend from the square through downtown to beautify the areas in the shadow of the railroad overpass. It would not only attract more visitors but new businesses and jobs, he said.

The commission voted in favor of the software and City Walk requests. That left just over \$84,000 to split among the rest, not nearly enough to fund the various requests.

Michael Heeder, organizer of the Starke Splash Bash, asked for \$9,500 to support an expansion plan that could double visitors to 10,000 at next year’s July event. This would be in addition to the city’s contribution toward the fireworks show, which amounted to \$10,000 this year.

Chrissy Allen spoke on behalf of the Bradford County Education Foundation, and the requests included \$16,000 in matching funds for an annual

grant that supports their work. They are also hoping to raise \$40,000 to help purchase supplementary Chromebooks for Bradford Middle School.

Cindy DeValerio from Communities in Schools requested funds for program expansion, additional scholarships, supplies and technology upgrades. CIS asked for \$100,000, but DeValerio said they would be grateful for any contribution. Pressed for a specific amount, she requested the remaining \$84,000.

Sherry Ruskowski from The Arc of Bradford County asked for \$35,000 in relief while they work to save their operation. The state wants Arc to transfer its disabled workers from the workshop, Sunshine Industries, into community placement. Arc will be stripped of training funds as well as a supplementary source of income for its already underfunded operation.

Jimmy Clark from the Tornado Touchdown Club asked for just under \$25,000 to help fund improvements to the football locker room, which was built in 1967 and remains without heating or air. Plans include replacing the lockers, which have been there since 1984.

It seems likely that the commission will vote to divide the remaining funds equally among these requests, but it will not do so before its Oct. 18 meeting. Commissioners will discuss the allocations more at the scheduled 5:30 p.m. workshop and hear from their attorney whether the requests meet federal and municipal public purpose requirements.

Additional requests for ARPA funding will not be heard.

MANAGE

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Andrews agreed with Spooner, addressing the fairness of the process.

“Mr. Kornegay looks like an excellent candidate, but also we asked these people to come in and do this for us, and I think it would be extremely disrespectful on our behalf if we didn’t at least, interview the four. If there was 44, that I could understand, but there was only four. They did a lot of work on our behalf, and I just think we owe them the respect of interviewing the four candidates,” Andrews said.

Commissioner Danny Riddick, based on reading the resumes alone, said he didn’t think the two candidates from New Jersey and Michigan would be a good fit for Bradford County. On the other hand, he said he’s had many people suggest the county hire Kornegay. He said he’d be willing to interview two candidates, but not all four.

Andrews said deciding based on residence without considering someone’s qualifications was not fair. But Sexton said it could be a red flag that someone from out of state is wrapping up their career and wants to retire to Florida. Positions like this give them an opportunity to do so while still earning an income.

Spooner said Kornegay might be the successful candidate, but she stood firm that there was a process they should follow to get to that point.

“I’m saying we had only four applicants. It’s a reasonable thing that we can interview those persons, even if it ended up being (Kornegay), but in a fair process. Otherwise, we shouldn’t have applicants if we’re going to preselect ahead of the process,” she said.

Andrews defended looking for outside expertise.

“Sometimes you need a little new blood, you need opinions from the outside. Maybe they have better ways and methods of doing things than we do,” she said.

“New Jersey and Michigan?” Dougherty asked.

“Yes, sir,” she said.

“Ooh. Okay,” he replied.

Discouraged by his response and the snickering, Andrews responded, “I’m sorry. Let me just keep my opinion to myself since everybody thinks it’s funny.”

“It’s not,” said Spooner in her defense. “Each of us up here have the same level of authority in terms of one vote, and we shouldn’t dismiss each other that

way.”

“I have to apologize,” Andrews said. “I’m just not used to this method where we just pick someone that we’ve known and put them in a position. Maybe they’re our friend or something like that. Where I’ve worked, we had a panel. We interviewed. We gave everybody the same opportunity. It was an equal rights opportunity that people could come in and apply for a job. Why should they even apply? Why would we even run an ad? If we’re not going to interview them, not give them an opportunity, or just X them off because, ‘Well, you live out of state, and I don’t know you, and my family don’t know you.’ That gives us such a bad image doing things like that. It’s irresponsible, and I just hate it. That’s just not the way we should do things?”

Dougherty said he made his decision based on his review of the resumes and was making a recommendation to negotiate with Kornegay. He left it to the other commissioners to agree or disagree. He imagined a drawn out scenario and preferred to move forward.

But Spooner said they could be as expeditious as they want to be.

“We can interview whenever we choose to do that, and it’s only four applicants. Even if it turned out to be the person that you’re suggesting, that is the fair process, and that’s the appropriate process. Preselection is not appropriate,” she said.

Andrews made it clear the people are watching.

“We’re in a position, in an open position, where these people are watching what we do, and they’re seeing us. We got four, only four applicants. I’ve interviewed probably 30 people in one day before, but we can’t interview four? And then we just pick the one that. ‘Well, I know him, so that’s the one?’”

Andrews said Kornegay was

an option when she and Spooner tried to fill the manager position in 2021, and the other three voted to appoint Sexton in her absence.

“You didn’t want us to have a county manager, and you thought it was the worst thing. Y’all said we didn’t need one,” she recalled.

Dougherty clarified it was a money saving decision, and one he wouldn’t change. With Sexton’s experience, he didn’t think the county needed a manager at that time.

Riddick said he didn’t want to see the board divided over the hiring process.

“It’s going to be tough enough, whoever we hire out of the four, and I don’t want to already start off dividing the board over this,” he said.

With Riddick resigned to interviews, Dougherty said the candidates would be brought in for interviews. But he said things will not continue as they have been, with strict rules of orders being followed at meetings. He used the unscheduled vote to award \$500,000 in federal aid to the Concerned Citizens gym rehabilitation project as an example.

Moving forward, commissioners will not vote unless a vote has been scheduled on the agenda, he said, and all commissioners will “speak through the chair,” which means they will ask for the chairman’s permission.

“If we’re going to start talking about proper order and how we do things, then we’re going to do it properly,” he said.

“I couldn’t agree more,” Spooner said. “I think it’s important that we follow Robert’s Rules of Order as you’re indicating, and we do it through the chair — but you give each person a chance to speak.”

“And everyone has always had an opportunity since I’ve been chair to speak, even if it’s out of turn,” Dougherty said.

“And even if we disagree with

each other, we must be respectful for each person,” Spooner added.

“I’m just saying, remember, you’ve always had an opportunity to speak, and you’ve never been cut off from speaking. Nobody from this board has ever been cut off from speaking — not since I’ve been in the chair,” he said.

Spooner disagreed, saying,

“Sometimes you have cut me off, and sometimes you have been condescending towards me and disrespectful. Maybe you didn’t realize that you were, but you have done that to me. But the other board members, you have allowed them to speak. I’m just

saying.”

Sexton said he would try to set up interviews for the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 9:30 a.m.

Listen to the discussion at BCTelegraph.com.

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

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Starling family reunion to take place Oct. 1

The Starling family reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Lake Butler Community Center. Signs will be posted.

This reunion is for the descendants of Alma and Joseph E. Starling, plus other Starling family relatives. Come early to visit new/old family members. Everyone is welcome.

A potluck lunch will take place at approximately noon, so bring your favorite dish to share and your recipe. Recipes will be collected to make a cookbook.

Bring enough food for your family to share with others. A covered dish, dessert or tea/drinks for your family would be appreciated.

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Help setting up, cleaning up and breaking down will be appreciated.

Local DAR chapter meets on Oct. 3

The Col. Samuel Elbert Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet on Monday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 a.m. at the Montgomery Conference Center (88 S.E. 75th St., Starke).

Chapter Regent Betty Hodges will present a program on her patriot, Cornelius Keith of South Carolina.

A \$10 brunch (payable at the door) is available.

Do you have a Revolutionary War-era patriot in your family tree? If you would like to find out, DAR can help with its genealogical resources. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove direct descent from a person who aided in achieving American independence between April 19, 1775, and Nov. 26, 1783, is eligible for membership. Please contact Registrar Jane Argo Romeo at 352-478-3544 for more information.



Karissa Lawrence (left) and Briley Parrish dive for a dig opportunity in the Eagles' 3-0 loss to First Assembly Christian. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

NCA loses for just 3rd time

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Northside Christian Academy had its five-match winning streak ended by visiting First Assembly Christian of Ocala, which defeated the Eagles 3-0 (25-12, 25-20, 25-23) on Sept. 22.

The Eagles (11-3) were coming off a 3-0 win over fellow Starke school Hope Christian. It was the fourth sweep Northside recorded during its winning streak and sixth in eight matches.

Northside, though, got off to a slow start against First Assembly in the first set of the Sept. 22 match. Finley Poyner had two early kills for the Eagles, but First Assembly had two kills and a service ace in scoring five straight points for a 7-2 lead. Northside never got closer than four points the rest of the way.

In the second set, the Eagles scored two straight points with Jodey Garrison serving to tie the score at 4-4. First Assembly responded by scoring seven of the next 10 points. Two kills by Harli Mosley and an ace from Karissa Lawrence helped Northside stay close before First Assembly scored four straight



points to go up 19-11.

With First Assembly one point away from the win, Mosley recorded a kill to force side-out. The Eagles, trailing 24-16, then scored four straight points with Lawrence serving. Mosley and Rosalea Norman each had a kill during that span, which also saw Mosley send a free ball over that found a hole in the defense for another point. First Assembly would eventually win on an error.

The visitors built a 7-3 lead

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ABOVE LEFT: Jodey Garrison settles under the ball. LEFT: Chloe Templeton (right) keeps a ball in play. Karissa Lawrence is also pictured.

Sept. 30 football games impacted by Hurricane Ian

BHS-KHHS game will be played Oct. 3

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Due to the threat of Hurricane Ian, the varsity football game between Bradford and Keystone Heights high schools in Keystone has been postponed from Friday, Sept. 30, to Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Union County High School's road game against Wildwood on Sept. 30 is off as well. Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas, during his Sept. 26 Tiger Talk show, said he didn't know if the game would be rescheduled.

Since schools in both the Bradford and Clay districts are closed from Wednesday, Sept. 28, through Friday, Sept. 30, no athletic events will take place

this week after Tuesday, Sept. 27. Union schools are closed Thursday, Sept. 29, through Friday, Sept. 30. After-school activities beginning Wednesday, Sept. 28, and running through Sunday, Oct. 2, were canceled.

As of now, the changing of the Bradford-Keystone football game will have no effect on the continuation of the Bradford-Baker County football game, which is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in Macclenny. The game, which began on Aug. 26, was suspended in the second quarter due to the weather. Bradford holds a 21-0 lead.

Fans wanting to attend the continuation of the Baker County game will have to buy tickets, though Bradford Athletic Director Sampson Jackson said he was told the admission price wouldn't exceed \$5.

Griffin siblings lead KHHS runners at Suwannee meet

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's Tyler Griffin was the runner-up in the boys race at the Sept. 24 Suwannee Invitational in Live Oak, while his sister, Olivia, placed eighth in the girls race.

Tyler Griffin finished the 90-member boys race with a time of 17:27. He trailed only Baker County's Troy Winkler, who won the race with a time of 17:09.

Five other KHHS boys runners placed in the top half of the field:

Anthony Peak with a 30th-place time of 20:29, Jaden Park with a 31st-place time of 20:32, Ryder Thomas with a 39th-place time of 21:08, Josiah Durrenberger with a 41st-place time of 21:30 and Shepherd Rozier with a 45th-place time of 21:50.

Liam Callahan also ran for the Indians, finishing with a time of 22:53.

Olivia Griffin ran a time of 22:44 in the 70-member girls race.

Also running for Keystone

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Casey Cloud (missed 7)

Obituaries

Harold Copeland Jr.

Harold "Lee" Copeland Jr., 72, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Middleburg. He was born April 19, 1950, in Jacksonville to the late Harold Lee and Virginia Mazie (Pritchard) Copeland Sr. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, serving two years active and four years in the reserves. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for many years with Motorola Telephone Company, working in their sales and service department. He was of the Church of Christ faith, had a passion for wood working, enjoyed fishing, and was very patriotic.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Judy (Capps) Copeland of Keystone Heights; their three children, Harold Lee Copeland III of Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, Cynthia Ann Copeland of Jacksonville, and Jamie Lynn (Jordan) Spaulding of Middleburg; two brothers, Wendell Brian Copeland of Red Cross, North Carolina and Keith Bernard Copeland of Keystone Heights; and a sister, Darlene Owens of Oklahoma. He was lovingly called "Pop-pop" by seven grandchildren and a set of twin great-granddaughters.

A visitation only was held on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be at a later date.

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PAID OBITUARY

Norma Hoffman

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

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

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Trinity Baptist Church with Pastor Brandon Denmark and Pastor Scott Stanland officiating. Additional services will be held at First Baptist Church of Estero with Pastor Frank Brand officiating at a later date. Entombment will follow at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Altrusa House, 2002 NW 36th Ave., Gainesville, 32605 or to the charity of your choice.

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Canova Howard

Canova McCall "Coke" Howard, 87, of Lake Butler, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. He was born in Alachua on Oct. 11, 1934, and has been a lifelong resident of Union County. He was married to the love of his life, Shirley O'steen Howard, for 70 long and cherished years. He was a devoted family man, respected businessman, farmer and lifetime member of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. He was a hard-working businessman from a young age. He and Shirley owned a corner grocery store in front of their family home when they were in their 20s, until it burned down in 1979. In 1976, he founded Ho-Bo Tractor Company, a tractor company still operated today by his sons, John and David, and grandson, Justin. He also owned Howard's Auto Parts in Lake Butler. Farming and cattle were a deep passion for him, as well as leading and guiding others to find their true paths and follow their hearts. He was an avid hunter and loved the outdoors. He had a passion for telling stories and, boy, they sure could be entertaining and quite colorful. Many people cross our paths in life that we meet and appreciate. Rare are the people we meet that deeply and even profoundly impact our lives; he was definitely one of those men! He was a larger-than-life figure that will be remembered for his devotion to his family, faith and community. His love for his grandchildren is unsurpassed and his work ethic is unmatched. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and loyal customers, but never forgotten. His memory will remain strong through his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and Amos Edge Howard; son, Charles Canova Howard; and grandson, Charles "Chuck" Canova Howard.

He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Shirley O'steen Howard of Lake Butler; sister, Mary Frances Howard of Rincon, Georgia; his sons and their wives, Andy (Gigi) Howard, John Carl (Melanie) Howard and David (Ruth Ann) Howard all of Lake Butler; niece, Aimee Howard Cress of Rincon, Georgia; grandchildren, Zeb (Georgie) Howard, Shayna (Kevin) Harrison, Justin (Jessica) Howard, Megan (Jerrod) Perry and Ashton (Kendyl) Willis; 12 great-grandchildren, Tatum, Gage, Graysen, Peyton, Kennon, Blair, Hadley, Piper, JoyDel, Jepson, Drake and Judd.

A funeral service to honor him will be held on Monday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. at his church, Harmony Free Will Baptist. The family will receive friends for a visitation on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest immediately following the service on Monday at Elzey Chapel Cemetery. Services will be officiated by pastors Larry Clyatt and Bob Brown.

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

PAID OBITUARY



Gladys Pearce

Gladys "Pat" Pearce, 78, of Sanderson went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 in Jacksonville. She was born in Lake City on Aug. 2, 1944, to Clarence Tyler and Gladys Cason. She grew up in Ft. White until she moved to Macclenny at the age of 12. She graduated from Baker County High School in 1962 and, in 1964, married the love of her life, Johnny Pearce. The couple moved to Raiford and she began working for the Union County School Board. In 1973, they bought an old homestead in Sanderson, and she called it home for almost 50 years. She went to work for the Department of Corrections in 1978 and worked for over 30 years until her retirement. She loved baking, cooking, camping, and traveling to the mountains. She was a member of the Lake Butler Chapter #40, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a longtime member of Christian Fellowship Temple in Macclenny. She was preceded in death by her father and stepmother, Clarence and Edith Tyler; her mother and stepfather, Gladys and R. L. Griffiths; and her sister, Gloria.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Johnny Pearce; son, John Pearce Jr.; and grandson, Corey Pearce, all of Sanderson; brother, Mickey (Gayle) Tyler of Alabama; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

A funeral to honor her life was held on Monday, Sept. 26, at her church, Christian Fellowship Temple. She was laid to rest in Pine Grove Cemetery, Raiford. Brother David Thomas and Brother Timmy Thomas officiated her services.

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PAID OBITUARY



David Meng

David Francis Meng, 69, of Hampton died on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, at his home in Hampton. He was born on Aug. 20, 1953, to the late Francis William Meng and Dolores Meng of Hampton. He was a lifelong resident of Hampton and graduated from Bradford High School in 1971. He was preceded in death by his father; and brother, Lawrence Meng.

He is survived by his daughters, Tina (Steve) Meng Brown of Hampton and Carrie (Todd) Meng of Palm Coast; his mother, Dolores Meng of Hampton; two grandsons; two sisters; and five brothers.

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in the third set, but it was close throughout. A Lawrence tip and a Poyner kill made it 17-15 in favor of First Assembly. Northside later scored three straight points with Briley Parrish serving to take a 20-19 lead. A Norman kill put the Eagles ahead 21-20, while a Mosley ace later evened the score at 23-23. First Assembly had a kill to force side-out before scoring the winning point on an error.

While the varsity team had its struggles, Northside's middle-school team defeated First Assembly, continuing a successful week that saw the young Eagles team sweep both Bradford Middle School and Hope Christian on Sept. 20.



Finley Poyner (far left) sends the ball over the net as Jodey Garrison (center) and Rosalea Norman look on.

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were Alexis Taylor (27:46), Ella Hutchins (27:56), Kendall Gagnon (30:56) and Shaylyn Williams (41:41).

Keystone competed in the Dwayne Cox Invitational on Sept. 20 in Interlachen, with Tyler Griffin winning the boys race with a time of 18:45.

The 78-member boys race also saw Thomas place 12th with a time of 21:18, while Park and Durrenberger finished 22nd and 25th, respectively, with times of 22:39 and 22:47.

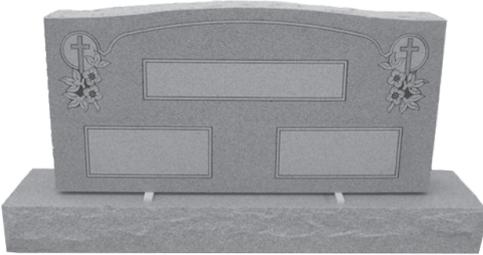
Olivia Griffin ran a seventh-place time of 25:41 in the 56-member girls race. Taylor placed 26th with a time of 31:03.

The girls team also had the following compete: Hutchins (32:18), Gagnon (37:10) and Clara Beth Robinson (40:28).

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS FOR THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

I, CORD BYRD, Secretary of State for Florida, do hereby give notice that the ballot title, summary and proposed text for each of the following proposed amendments and revisions to the Florida Constitution will be on the General Election ballot on November 8, 2022 in each county. The full text may also be found at <https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/initiatives/>, at FloridaPublicNotices.com, and at this newspaper's website.

No. 1 Constitutional Amendment

Article VII, Section 4; Article XII, Section 42

Ballot Title

Limitation on the Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes

Ballot Summary

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2023, to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to real property used for residential purposes to improve the property's resistance to flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

Text

ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided:

(a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use.

(c) Pursuant to general law (tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation.

(d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) New homestead property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law.

(7) The provisions of this amendment are severable. If any of the provisions of this amendment shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this amendment.

(8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1 and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of any of the three years immediately preceding the establishment of the new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows:

1. If the just value of the new homestead is greater than or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the prior homestead multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the prior homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

2. If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the prior homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the prior homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-subparagraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person.

(e) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use

assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law.

(f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older.

Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property.

(2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved.

(g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of real property that is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection.

(1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law; but those changes in assessments shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the assessment for the prior year.

(2) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 42. Limitation on the assessment of real property used for residential purposes.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article VII, authorizing the legislature to prohibit an increase in the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes as a result of any change or improvement made to improve the property's resistance to flood damage, shall take effect January 1, 2023.

No. 2 Constitutional Amendment, Article II, Section 5; Article XI, Section 5; repeal of Section 2 of Article XI

Ballot Title

Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission

Ballot Summary

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets at 20-year intervals and is scheduled to next convene in 2037, as a method of submitting proposed amendments or revisions to the State Constitution to electors of the state for approval. This amendment does not affect the ability to revise or amend the State Constitution through citizen initiative, constitutional convention, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or legislative joint resolution.

Text

ARTICLE II GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 5. Public officers.—(a) No person holding any office of emolument under any foreign government, or civil office of emolument under the United States or any other state, shall hold any office of honor or of emolument under the government of this state. No person shall hold at the same time more than one office under the government of the state and the counties and municipalities therein, except that a notary public or military officer may hold another office, and any officer may be a member of a constitution revision commission; taxation and budget reform commission, a constitutional convention, or a statutory body having only advisory powers.

(b) Each state and county officer, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall give bond as required by law, and shall swear or affirm: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the state; and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of... (title of office)... on which I am now about to enter. So help me God."

and thereafter shall devote personal attention to the duties of the office, and continue in office until a successor qualifies.

(c) The powers, duties, compensation and method of payment of state and county officers shall be fixed by law.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

SECTION 5. Amendment or revision election.—(a) A proposed amendment to or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the joint resolution or report of a revision commission; constitutional convention or the taxation and budget reform commission proposing it is filed with the custodian of state records, unless, pursuant to law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and limited to a single amendment or revision, it is submitted at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after such filing.

(b) A proposed amendment or revision of this constitution, or any part of it, by initiative shall be submitted to the electors at the general election provided the initiative petition is filed with the custodian of state records no later than February 1 of the year in which the general election is held.

(c) The legislature shall provide by general law, prior to the holding of an election pursuant to this section, for the provision of a statement to the public regarding the probable financial impact of any amendment proposed by initiative pursuant to section 3.

(d) Once in the tenth week, and once in the sixth week immediately preceding the week in which the election is held, the proposed amendment or revision, with notice of the date of election at which it will be submitted to the electors, shall be published in one newspaper of general circulation in each county in which a newspaper is published.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided elsewhere in this constitution, if the proposed amendment or revision is approved by vote of at least sixty percent of the electors voting on the measure, it shall be effective as an amendment to or revision of the constitution of the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following the election, or on such other date as may be specified in the amendment or revision.

(f) If a veteran who receives the discount described in paragraph (1) predeceases his or her spouse, and if upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead property and permanently resides thereon, the discount carries over to the surviving spouse until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the homestead property. If the surviving spouse sells or otherwise disposes of the property, a discount not to exceed the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new homestead property, if used as his or her permanent residence and he or she has not remarried.

(g) This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(h) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

(i) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, for all levies other than school district levies, the legislature may provide an additional homestead exemption on the assessed valuation of greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars to a classroom teacher, a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, a child welfare services professional, an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, or a member of the Florida National Guard who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner.

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(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant either or both of the following additional homestead tax exemptions:

(1) An exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars; or

(2) An exemption equal to the assessed value of the property to a person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate with a just value less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption, and who has maintained thereon the permanent residence of the owner for not less than twenty-five years, who has attained age sixty-five, and whose household income does not exceed the income limitation prescribed in paragraph (1).

The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant these additional exemptions, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e)(1) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this paragraph, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability

as combat related and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years.

(2) If a veteran who receives the discount described in paragraph (1) predeceases his or her spouse, and if upon the death of the veteran, the surviving spouse holds the legal or beneficial title to the homestead property and permanently resides thereon, the discount carries over to the surviving spouse until he or she remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the homestead property. If the surviving spouse sells or otherwise disposes of the property, a discount not to exceed the dollar amount granted from the most recent ad valorem tax roll may be transferred to the surviving spouse's new homestead property, if used as his or her permanent residence and he or she has not remarried.

(3) This subsection is self-executing and does not require implementing legislation.

(4) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to:

(1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) The surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) A first responder who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury or injuries sustained in the line of duty. Causal connection between a disability and service in the line of duty shall not be presumed but must be determined as provided by general law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "disability" does not include a chronic condition or chronic disease, unless the injury sustained in the line of duty was the sole cause of the chronic condition or chronic disease.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

(i) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, for all levies other than school district levies, the legislature may provide an additional homestead exemption on the assessed valuation of greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars to a classroom teacher, a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, a child welfare services professional, an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, or a member of the Florida National Guard who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner.

(j) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(k)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(l) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(m) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(n) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(o) New homestead property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(p) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(q) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(r)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(s) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(t)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 42. Limitation on the assessment of real property used for residential purposes.—This section and the amendment to Section 4 of Article VII, authorizing the legislature to prohibit an increase in the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes as a result of any change or improvement made to improve the property's resistance to flood damage, shall take effect January 1, 2023.

No. 3 Constitutional Amendment, Article VII, Section 6; Article XII

Ballot Title

Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce

Ballot Summary

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption for nonschool levies up to \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and Florida National Guard members. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2023.

As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term "first responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic, and the term "in the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

(i) By general law and subject to conditions and limitations specified therein, for all levies other than school district levies, the legislature may provide an additional homestead exemption on the assessed valuation of greater than one hundred thousand dollars and up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars to a classroom teacher, a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a paramedic, a child welfare services professional, an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces, or a member of the Florida National Guard who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner.

(j) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(k)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(l) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(m) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(n) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(o) New homestead property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(p) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(q) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(r)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(s) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(t)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

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c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(u) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(v) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(w) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(x) New homestead property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(y) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(z) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(aa)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(ab) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year.

b. The percent change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items 1967=100, or successor reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(ac) No assessment shall exceed just value.

(ad) After any change of ownership, as provided by general law, homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(ae) New homestead property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection as of January 1 of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall only change as provided in this subsection.

(af) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided, however, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection.

(ag) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property:

(1) Any change or improvement to real property used for residential purposes made to improve the property's resistance to wind damage or to flood damage.

(2) The installation of a solar or renewable energy source device.

(ah)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property:

a. Land used predominantly for commercial fishing purposes.

b. Land that is accessible to the public and used for vessel launches into waters that are navigable.

c. Marinas and drystacks that are open to the public.

d. Water-dependent marine manufacturing facilities, commercial fishing facilities, and marine vessel construction and repair facilities and their support activities.

(2) The assessment benefit provided by this subsection is subject to conditions and limitations and reasonable definitions as specified by the legislature by general law.

(ai) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year, but those changes in assessments shall not exceed the lower of the following:

a. Three percent (3%)

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propuesta por iniciativa de conformidad con el artículo 3.

(d) Se publicará la enmienda o revisión propuesta, con aviso en la fecha de elección en la que se presentará a los electores, una vez en la décima semana y una vez en la sexta semana inmediatamente anterior a la semana en que se lleva a cabo la elección, en un periódico de circulación general en cada condado en el que se publique un periódico.

(e) A menos que se especifique lo contrario en otra parte de esta constitución, en caso de que la enmienda o revisión propuesta se apruebe por votación de al menos el sesenta por ciento de los electores que votan con respecto a la medida, la enmienda o revisión a la constitución del estado entrará en vigor como tal el primer martes después del primer lunes de enero posterior a la elección o en otra fecha que se especifique en la enmienda o revisión.

N.º 3 Enmienda Constitucional

Capítulo VII, Artículo 6; Capítulo XII

Título de la boleta
Exención Impositiva Adicional Para Viviendas Familiares de Trabajadores de Servicios Públicos Esenciales Determinados

Resumen de la boleta

Se propone una enmienda a la Constitución Estatal que autorice al Poder Legislativo, de conformidad con la ley general, para conceder una exención impositiva adicional respecto a gravámenes no escolares de hasta USD 50,000 de la tasación de viviendas familiares de maestros de aula, policías, funcionarios penitenciarios, bomberos, técnicos médicos de emergencia, paramédicos, profesionales de servicios de asistencia social infantil, miembros en servicio activo de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos o miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Florida que tengan la titularidad legal o en equidad de bienes raíces y mantengan allí la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra persona legal o naturalmente dependiente del propietario, en una vivienda familiar o naturalmente dependiente del propietario.

TEXTO

CAPÍTULO VII FINANZAS Y TRIBUTACIÓN

ARTÍCULO 6. Exenciones impositivas para viviendas familiares. —

(a) Toda persona que tenga la titularidad legal o en equidad sobre bienes raíces y mantenga allí la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra persona legal o naturalmente dependiente del propietario, estará exenta de impuestos al respecto, excepto las evaluaciones de beneficios especiales, hasta la tasación de veinticinco mil dólares y, respecto a todos los gravámenes distintos a los gravámenes del distrito escolar, sobre la tasación mayor de cincuenta mil dólares y hasta setenta y cinco mil dólares, una vez establecido el derecho sobre los mismos según lo prescribe la ley. La titularidad sobre los bienes raíces podrá ser legal o en equidad, mancomunada, solidaria, en común, como condominio, o indirectamente mediante la tenencia de acciones o participaciones que representen el derecho de propiedad del propietario o socio en una sociedad que tenga el dominio o los derechos de arrendamiento que inicialmente superen noventa y ocho años. La exención no se aplicará respecto a ningún registro fiscal hasta que primero un organismo estatal designado de conformidad con la ley general determine que dicho registro cumple las disposiciones del artículo 4. Esta exención se revocará en la fecha de entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Capítulo que disponga la tasación de la vivienda familiar a un valor inferior al valor justo.

(b) No se le permitirá más de una exención a ninguna persona o unidad familiar respecto a ninguna unidad residencial. Ninguna exención superará el valor de los bienes raíces tasables al propietario o, en caso de dominio conjunto, acciones o participación en una sociedad, el valor de la proporción que devengue la participación en la sociedad sobre la tasación del inmueble.

(c) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones que se especifiquen en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá entregarles a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes una desgravación fiscal ad valorem sobre todos los gravámenes fiscales ad valorem. Dicha desgravación fiscal ad valorem se establecerá de la forma y en el monto que disponga la ley general.

(d) El poder legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, permitirles a los condados o municipios, para efectos de sus gravámenes fiscales respectivos y con sujeción a las disposiciones de la ley general, conceder cualquiera de las siguientes exenciones impositivas adicionales para viviendas familiares o ambas:

(1) Una exención que no supere cincuenta mil dólares para una persona que tenga la titularidad legal o en equidad sobre bienes raíces y mantenga allí la residencia permanente del propietario, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos familiares, según lo define la ley general, no superen veinticinco mil dólares; o

(2) Una exención equivalente a la tasación del inmueble para una persona que tenga la titularidad legal o en equidad sobre los bienes raíces con un valor justo inferior a doscientos cincuenta mil dólares, según se determine en el primer ejercicio fiscal que aplique el propietario y que cumpla los requisitos para la exención, y que haya mantenido allí la residencia permanente del propietario durante al menos veinticinco años, que haya cumplido la edad de sesenta y cinco años, y cuyos ingresos familiares no superen la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en el apartado (1).

La ley general debe permitirles a los condados y municipios conceder dichas exenciones adicionales, dentro de los límites que se prescriben en este inciso, mediante una ordenanza que se adopte de la manera que lo prescribe la ley general, y debe disponer el ajuste periódico de la limitación sobre ingresos que se prescribe en este inciso respecto a los cambios en el costo de vida.

(e)(1) Cada veterano que tenga 65 años o más y que sufra una discapacidad parcial o total recibirá un descuento del monto del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la vivienda familiar que posea el veterano y donde el mismo residirá si la discapacidad hubiera sido causada por el combate y el veterano hubiera sido dado de baja con honor tras retirarse del servicio militar. El descuento se expresará en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente vinculada al servicio del veterano, según lo determine el Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para optar al descuento que se concede en este apartado, el solicitante debe presentarle al tasador inmobiliario del condado, a más tardar el 1 de marzo, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de los Veteranos de los Estados Unidos mediante la que se indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad vinculada al servicio del veterano y las pruebas que demuestren de manera razonable que la discapacidad fue causada por el combate, así como también una copia de la baja con honor del veterano. Si el tasador inmobiliario rechaza la solicitud de descuento, el tasador debe notificar al solicitante por escrito los motivos del rechazo, y el veterano podrá volver a realizar la solicitud. El Poder Legislativo podrá, de conformidad con la ley general, desistirse del requerimiento anual de solicitudes en los años posteriores.

(2) Si un veterano que recibe el descuento descrito en el apartado (1) fallece antes de su cónyuge, y si, al fallecer el veterano, el(la) cónyuge sobreviviente posee la titularidad legal o el usufructo de la vivienda familiar y reside permanentemente allí, el descuento se transfiere al(la) cónyuge sobreviviente hasta que se vuelva a casar, venda o de otra manera disponga de la vivienda familiar. Si el(la) cónyuge sobreviviente vende o de otra manera dispone de la vivienda, se podrá transferir a la nueva vivienda familiar del(la) cónyuge sobreviviente un descuento que no exceda el monto en dólares otorgado según el registro fiscal ad valorem más reciente, si no se ha vuelto a casar.

(3) Este inciso tiene efecto inmediato y no necesita legislación de implementación.

(f) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones que se especifiquen en la misma, el Poder Legislativo podrá concederle una desgravación fiscal ad valorem equivalente al monto total o una parte del impuesto ad valorem que se adeude sobre la vivienda familiar a:

(1) El(la) cónyuge sobreviviente de un veterano que haya fallecido durante su servicio activo en calidad de miembro de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos.

(2) El(la) cónyuge sobreviviente de un socorrista que haya fallecido en acto de servicio.

(3) Un socorrista que tenga una discapacidad total y permanente a causa de una lesión o lesiones que haya sufrido en acto de servicio. La conexión causal entre una discapacidad y el acto de servicio no debe presumirse, sino que determinarse según lo dispone la ley general. Para efectos de este apartado, el término "discapacidad" no incluye una afección crónica o enfermedad crónica, a menos que la lesión que se haya sufrido en acto de servicio hubiera sido la única causa de la afección crónica y la enfermedad crónica.

Según se usa en este inciso y según lo defina más extensamente la ley general, el término "socorrista" hace referencia a un policía, un funcionario penitenciario, un bombero, un técnico médico de emergencia o un paramédico, y el término "en acto de servicio" significa que surge a raíz del desempeño real del servicio que sea necesario en virtud del trabajo como socorrista.

(g) De conformidad con la ley general y con sujeción a las condiciones y limitaciones estipuladas en la misma, respecto a todos los gravámenes distintos a los gravámenes del distrito escolar, el poder legislativo podrá conceder una exención adicional de viviendas familiares sobre la tasación mayor de cien mil dólares y, hasta cien cincuenta mil dólares a maestros de aula, policías, funcionarios penitenciarios, bomberos, técnicos médicos de emergencia, paramédicos, profesionales de servicios de asistencia social infantil, miembros en servicio activo de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos o miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Florida que tengan la titularidad legal o en equidad de bienes raíces y mantengan allí la residencia permanente del propietario, u otra persona legal o naturalmente dependiente del propietario.

ANEXO DEL CAPÍTULO XII

Exención impositiva adicional para viviendas familiares de trabajadores de servicios públicos esenciales determinados.—Este artículo y la enmienda al Artículo 6 del Capítulo VII, mediante la que se autoriza al poder legislativo, respecto a todos los gravámenes distintos a los gravámenes del distrito escolar, para conceder una exención impositiva adicional sobre un monto de USD 50,000 de la tasación de las viviendas familiares de maestros de aula, policías, funcionarios penitenciarios, bomberos, técnicos médicos de emergencia, paramédicos, profesionales de servicios de asistencia social infantil, miembros en servicio activo de las Fuerzas Armadas de los Estados Unidos y miembros de la Guardia Nacional de Florida, entrará en vigencia el 1 de

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**INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
THE DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF FLORIDA
GATEWAY COLLEGE WILL
RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE
FOLLOWING:**

ITB # (B-039-23-0124)
Public Safety Complex / Driver
Safety & Training Track

Florida Gateway College is seeking
Invitations to Bid from experienced
contractors to construct a driver
safety & training track.
The College will consider all bids that
meet the minimum qualifications and
will provide a basis for a mutually
beneficial partnership.

Bid Documents Available From:
<https://www.fgc.edu/florida-gateway-college/procurement-contracts/solicitations-goods-services/>
Inquiries
Aaron Mathews
Director of Procurement & Contracts
Florida Gateway College
149 SE College Place
Lake City, FL 32025
P: (386) 754-4381
E: aaron.mathews@fgc.edu
Date & Time Bids Due:
Friday, September 30, 2022
Must be received no later than 5:00
p.m. (EST)

Place for Receiving Bids:
Bids will be received electronically
via FGC Dropbox with instructions
provided in the Bid Documents.
Bids must be electronically submitted
to the FGC Dropbox prior to the
5:00 p.m. deadline on September
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 04-2020-CA-000360-
CAAM

COMMUNITY STATE BANK, a
Florida corporation,
Plaintiff,

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 8th of September, 2022.
DENNY THOMPSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: K. Jenkins
Deputy Clerk

cc:
Ryan J. Mittauer, Esq.
The Liles Firm, P.A.
50 North Laura Street, Suite 1200

Jacksonville, Florida 32202
Jonathan S. Bense, Esq.
The Law Office of Jonathan S. Bense, PLLC
4731 Northwest 53rd Avenue, Suite 2
Gainesville, Florida 32653
The Unknown Heirs and Devisees of the Estate of Patricia Mock Arnold
10902 SW 105th Street
Brooker, Florida 32622
Exhibit "A"

Lot 47, River Bend Estates, an unrecorded subdivision, as per plat attached in Official Records Book 1272, Page 470. Said lot being conveyed with a right of ingress and egress over easements as shown on plat.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that ATCF II FLORIDA-A LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 94
Year of Issuance: 2020
Parcel Number: 00597-0-00301
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0016
Description of Property: A parcel of land lying in the N 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 21 East, Bradford County, Florida said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of said SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and run South 01 degrees, 32' and 40" East, along the Westerly boundary thereof 441.73 feet; thence North 88 degrees, 49' and 27" East, 468.41 feet for the Point of Beginning. From Point of Beginning thus described run North 01 degree, 47' and 15" West, 369.55 feet thence North 88 degrees, 53' and 16" East, 219.58 feet; thence South 03 degrees, 33' and 46" West, 380.44 feet; thence North 81 degrees, 15' and 31" West, 57.21 feet; thence South 88 degrees, 49' and 27" West, 127.85 feet to Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO:
A 20.00 foot easement for ingress and egress lying 10.00 feet on each side of the following described centerline; Commence at a concrete monument found at the NW corner of said N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and run South 01 degree, 32' and 40" East along the Westerly boundary thereof 441.73 feet to a found concrete monument, thence North 88 degrees, 49' and 27" East, 401.97 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 01 degree, 30' and 36" East, 150.00 feet to a set iron rod, thence North 88 degrees, 35' and 24" East, 178.72 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 01 degree, 02' and 43" West 87.67 feet to a set iron rod, thence South 85 degrees, 53' and 03" East, 47.66 feet for the Point of Beginning of said centerline. From Point of Beginning thus described, run North 29 degrees, 59' and 55" East 99.00 feet, thence South 81 degrees 15' and 31" East, 936 feet more or less, to the Westerly boundary of the right of way of NW 37th street (a county graded road) and the end of said centerline.

Name in Which Assessed: GORDON CRAWFORD
Name on last tax roll, if different:
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 12/21/2022, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins
Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 7, 2022
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022; SEPTEMBER 22, 2022; SEPTEMBER 29, 2022; OCTOBER 6, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST 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: 1249
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 05551-0-00701
Case Number: 04-2022-TD-0017
Description of Property: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND IN TRACT 2-C OF MT. PLEASANT ON SILVER LAKE, PLAT BOOK 2 PAGE 45 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT "N" OF ADAM'S UNRECORDED REPLAT OF TRACTS 1-C AND 2-C.
A parcel of land situated in Tract 2-C of "Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake", a subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 45 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of Tract 2-C of said Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake and run Southerly along the East line of said Tract 2-C a distance of 210.00 feet; thence run Westerly parallel with the North line of said 2-C a distance of 450.00 feet to a concrete monument; thence run South 00°05'00" East, and parallel with the East line of said Tract 2-C, 150.04 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00°05'00" East, and parallel with the East line of said Tract 2-C a distance of 165.00 feet to a concrete monument on the North right of way line of Linda Street; thence run North 88°38'43" West along said North right of way line, 160.00 feet; thence run North 00°05'00" West, 165.00 feet; thence run South 88°34'25" East, 160.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

*Less & Except ORB 1287 Page 234
Name in Which Assessed: KELLY E LISH & JUANITA G LISH
Name on last tax roll, if different:

JUANITA G LISH (DEC)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 01/11/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: September 7, 2022
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022; SEPTEMBER 22, 2022; SEPTEMBER 29, 2022; OCTOBER 6, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST 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: 977
Year of Issuance: 2015
Parcel Number: 04247-0-00000
Case Number, 04-2022-TD-0013
Description of Property: LOT 6 OF BLOCK SIX (6) E.W. HAYES' SUBDIVISION IN SECTIONS 32 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK TWO (2) ON PAGE 48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Name in Which Assessed: ROBERT L CLARKE; ROBERT L CLARKE ET AL; GENELL THOMPSON; JAVONGIA CHANDLER; KAREN DELL A/K/A KAREN BELL; CHIANN RATLIFF A/K/A SHIANN RATLIFF; RONALD MITCHELL A/K/A RONALD MITCHELL CLARKE; WAYNE PARRISH; VIRGINIA PARRISH CREWS; NORMA JEAN PARRISH; MYRA PARRISH
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 the 01/11/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
DATED: September 7, 2022
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022; SEPTEMBER 22, 2022; SEPTEMBER 29, 2022; OCTOBER 6, 2022

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 04-2022-CP-000076
In re: THE ESTATE OF
GERALD WYNN CHARLES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Gerald Wynn Charles, whose date of death was March 14, 2022, and whose Social Security Number is ***-**-7892, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 22, 2022.
Personal Representative:
Beth Allen
2515 Highway 205
Campton, Kentucky 41301
Attorneys for Personal Representative:
TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A.
By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla
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352-473-8088 (telephone)
352-473-8161 (facsimile)
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that MICHAEL MCDUFFIE 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: 684
Year of Issuance: 2019
Parcel Number: 02557-0-00000
Case Number: 2022-TD-0015
Description of Property: Lots 9 and 18

of Block 1 in Gahagan Subdivision, Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Name in Which Assessed: JAMES MICKENS; MODESTINE MICKENS
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 the 01/11/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins-Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 15, 2022
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 22, 2022; September 29, 2022; October 6, 2022; October 13, 2022

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Notice of Intended District Decision on Consumptive Use Permit

Pursuant to Subsection 373.2295(6), Florida Statutes (F.S.), the St. Johns River Water Management District ("District") gives it Notice of Intended District Decision for the above-referenced consumptive use permit application.
Melrose Water Association, PO Box 220, Melrose, FL 32666-0220
Consumptive Use Permit #7961-4. The District proposes to authorize the use of 0.146 million gallons per day (mgd) of groundwater from the Upper Floridan aquifer for public supply type use through 2042. The withdrawals used by this existing project will consist of Groundwater from Floridan Aquifer System - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 2 active wells in Putnam County, located in Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 23 East. This project is known as Melrose Water Association.

In part, the proposed permit would authorize the interdistrict transfer of groundwater from the St. Johns River Water Management District to the Suwannee River Water Management District for public supply use in Alachua, Bradford, Clay, and Putnam Counties.

On September 22, 2022, following consideration by the District's Notice of Preliminary Intended District Decision on the above listed permit application, and any comments or objections of interested persons made pursuant to Section 373.2295(6)(a), F.S., the District issued its Notice of Intended District Decision, which was filed on that day with the District Clerk. Within fourteen (14) days after the filing of the District's Notice of Intended District Decision, any substantially affected person(s) who previously submitted written notification of their position and comments or objections regarding the District's Notice of Preliminary Intended District Decision pursuant to Section 373.2295(6)(a), F.S., may request review of the District's Notice of Intended District Decision by the Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) pursuant to Section 373.2295(6)(d), F.S. Please note that if there is no such timely request for FDEP review, the District's Notice of Intended District Decision shall become the final order of the District. If such timely, request for review by FDEP is made, any substantially affected person who requested such review will be afforded an opportunity to request an administrative hearing pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S., within fourteen (14) days after notice of FDEP's intended action on the District's Notice of Intended District Decision.

Other Information
If you wish to receive a copy of the Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides District staff's analysis of the application, please submit your request to Director, Office of Business and Administrative Services, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also review it by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at www.sjwrmd.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, visit https://permitting.sjwrmd.com/epermitting/html/EP_FAQs.html, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

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

CASE NO.: 22000273CAAXMX
AMERIHOME MORTGAGE
COMPANY, LLC;
Plaintiff,
VS.
JOHN A. RUEBER; UNKNOWN
TENANT #1 IN POSSESSION OF
THE PROPERTY; UNKNOWN
TENANT #2 IN POSSESSION OF
THE PROPERTY; Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
JOHN A. RUEBER
Last Known Address
9377 NW COUNTY ROAD
STARKE, FL 32091

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SW ¼ OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID SW ¼ OF NE ¼ AND RUN NORTH 0°06'30" WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 528.15 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 229; THENCE SOUTH 53°32'30" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY, 322.4 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE FOR POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED CONTINUE SOUTH 53°32'30" EAST, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY, 299.2 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE

BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 5779.65 FEET; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION, ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG ARC OF SAID CURVE, 44.25 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 53°19'20" EAST; THENCE NORTH 34°34'30" EAST, 249.68 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 24°00'30" EAST, 308 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 68°20'30" WEST, 263.15 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 38°10'30" WEST, 483 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

a/k/a 9377 NW COUNTY ROAD 229, STARKE, FL 32091
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, within THIRTY days after the first publication of this Notice in the BRADFORD CO TELEGRAPH INC, 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.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2,065.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (352) 337-6237, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance. If you are hearing or voice impaired, please call 711. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22 day of September, 2022 Denny Thompson
As Clerk of the Court
By: Lisa Brannon
as Deputy Clerk
Publish: (BRADFORD CO TELEGRAPH INC)
Submitted by:
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Telephone: (954) 644-8704
Facsimile: (754) 206-1971

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Legal Notices

Legals for the week of Sept. 29, 2022

UNION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 63-2022-CP-32 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAZEL WALL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration) TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Hazel Wall, deceased, File Number 2021-CP-32, by the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida 32054; that the decedent's date of death was June 10, 2022; that the total value of the estate is \$0.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
John E. Wall, Jr. and Hazel H. Wall
Living Trust
7633 SW County Road 18
Hampton, Florida 32044
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is September 29, 2022.
Attorney for Person Giving Notice
/s/ Star M. Sansone
Star M. Sansone
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 113103

SALTER FEIBER, PA
3940 N.W. 16TH Blvd., Bldg. B
GAINESVILLE, FL 32605
Telephone: (352) 376-8201
Fax: (352) 416-0401
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Person Giving Notice:
/2/ Wanda Wall Gifford
Wanda Wall Clifford
7633 SW County Road 18
Hampton, Florida 32044
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LAKE REGION

INVITATION TO BID (ITB) THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
ITB # (B-039-23-0124)
Public Safety Complex / Driver Safety & Training Track

Florida Gateway College is seeking Invitations to Bid from experienced contractors to construct a driver safety & training track. The College will consider all bids that meet the minimum qualifications and will provide a basis for a mutually beneficial partnership. Bid Documents Available From: <https://www.fgc.edu/florida-gateway-college/procurement-contracts/solicitations-goods-services/> Inquiries: Aaron Mathews, Director of Procurement & Contracts, Florida Gateway College, 149 SE College Place, Lake City, FL 32025. P: (386) 754-4381. E: aaron.mathews@fgc.edu. Date & Time Bids Due: Friday, September 30, 2022. Must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (EST). Place for Receiving Bids: Bids will be received electronically via FGC Dropbox with instructions provided in the Bid Documents. Bids must be electronically submitted to the FGC Dropbox prior to the 5:00 p.m. deadline on September 30, 2022. The College will not be responsible for delays that cause a Proposal to arrive after the designated submission deadline.

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BHS, BMS compete at Suwannee race

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford High School had three finish in the top half of the field in the varsity girls race at the Sept. 24 Suwannee Invitational in Live Oak.

Lindsey McCoy placed 32nd out of 70 with a time of 25:37, while Natalie Thomas and Alissa Reddish placed 33rd and 34th, respectively, with times of 25:39 and 26:18.

Mackenzie Austin and Layne Loper had times of 32:17 and 32:54, respectively.

The boys race featured Bradford's Koy Hartley and Kayden Lee, who ran times of 22:28 and 28:40, respectively.

Bradford's Tucker Griffis placed seventh out of 19 in the middle-school 3K boys race with a time of 12:58. The race also included Ethan Ansley (14:59), Andrew Warren (15:01), Trevor Bedell (15:57) and Mason Scoggins (18:08).

Anna Adkins and Tinsley Fortune placed eighth and 11th, respectively, in the 24-member middle-school girls race. Adkins had a time of 14:02, while Fortune had a time of 14:53.

The race also included Dakota Thornton (17:58) and Autumn Dilung (19:34).

BHS runners competed in the Sept. 20 Dwayne Cox Invitational in Interlachen, with boys team member Jaleel Easley placing 23rd out of 78 with a time of 22:40.

Hartley ran the race in 25:51, while Lee and Hayden Starling had times of 30:34 and 30:56, respectively.

In the 56-member girls race,

Reddish placed 14th with a time of 28:25, while McCoy placed 22nd with a time of 30:54.

Austin also competed, running a time of 37:27.

KHHS girls golf team defeats Blue Devils

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School played host Clay in a girls golf match on Sept. 22, with the Indians winning by 13 strokes.

The Indians, who had a team score of 218, were led by Candace Jackson, who placed second with a score of 43. Jackson, who had a birdie and made par on three holes, finished five strokes behind medalist Taylor Young.

M.J. Rivera, who made par on one hole, shot a third-place score of 55 for Keystone, while Rexi Lewis and Mia Rivera placed fifth and sixth, respectively, with scores of 58 and 62.

Elixson places 2nd for Tigers in girls golf

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's Zoe Elixson took second in a Sept. 26 girls golf match hosted by Branford in Lake City.

Elixson made par on one hole and finished with a score of 49, which was nine strokes behind medalist Claire Bond of Branford. Elixson was 11 strokes ahead of Branford's McKayla Harrison.

The Tigers' other participant, Kerissa Seay, placed 12th with a score of 68.

KHHS boys team gets a 3rd place from Addington

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School got a third-place finish from Alex Addington in a Sept. 26 boys golf match hosted by Clay.

The Indians had a team score of 178, which put them 15 strokes behind the Blue Devils.

Addington had a birdie and made par on four holes to finish with a score of 40, while Kenneth Guy, who made par on three holes, finished with a fifth-place score of 44.

Nick Binet, who made par on four holes, placed ninth with a score of 46, while Logan Spence and Ty Mitzel each shot a 48 to tie for 10th. Spence and Mitzel each made par on three holes.

Shepherd Rozier and Nicholas Williams placed 12th and 14th, respectively, with scores of 54 and 55.

Keystone entered the match off wins over Palatka and Peniel Baptist on Sept. 21 in Palatka.

The Indians, who took five of the top six individual spots, finished with a score of 157, which put them 20 strokes ahead of Palatka and 85 strokes ahead of Peniel Baptist.

Addington finished behind medalist Cayden Annis of Palatka, making par on seven holes for a score of 37. Rozier, who made par on four holes, placed third with a score of 39, while Binet, who made par on five holes, was fourth with a score of 40.

Guy and Mitzel each shot a 41

to tie for fifth. Guy made par on four holes, while Mitzel made par on three.

Spence, who made par on two holes, had an eighth-place score of 46.



NCA's Liston runs way to SECC records

Northside Christian Academy's Noah Liston has made his mark in the sport of cross country this season, putting his name in the Southeastern Christian Conference record book.

Liston broke the SECC record by running a 5,000-meter time of 19:08. He then set a new record on Sept. 10 with a time of 18:36.

On Sept. 17, Liston competed in the Bradford High School Invitational, where he placed 10th out of a field of 117 with a time of 19:37.

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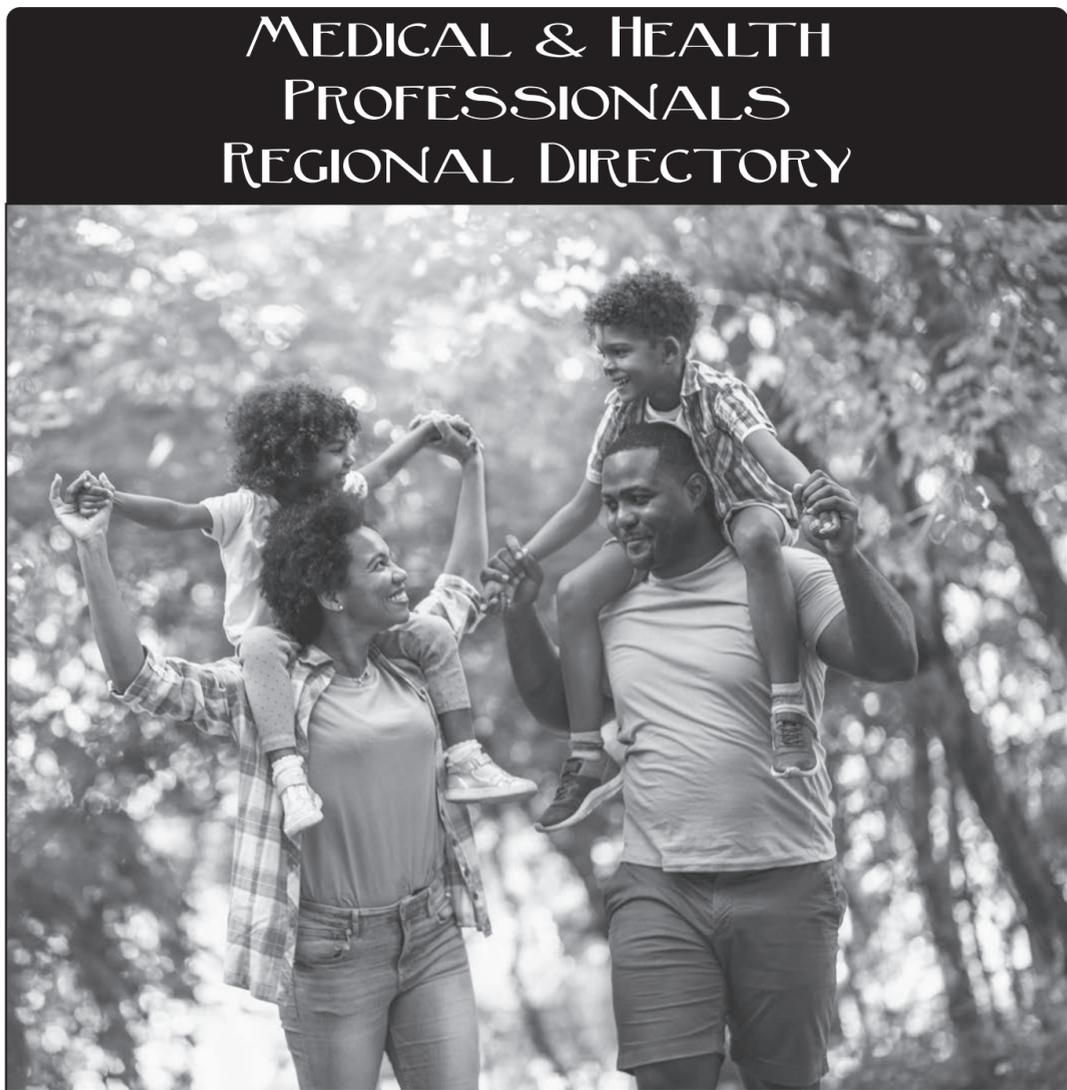
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Union County went 3-0 in winning the Sept. 24 Suwannee Classic. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Jordan Hendricks, Jurney Crim, Kamryn Southerland, (back, l-r) Assistant Coach Jaelyn Jackson, Morgyn Kirby, Emily Wilson, Rylie Parrish, Jailyn Simmons, Jaycee Davis, Layla Barber and Head Coach Tifani Knox. Photos originally published on the UCHS Volleyball Facebook page.

UCHS volleyball team goes 3-0, wins Suwannee Classic

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Union County High School's volleyball team went 3-0 against all larger schools in winning the Sept. 24 Suwannee High School Classic.

Jaycee Davis was, who had a total of 25 kills and 25 digs, was named tournament MVP as the Tigers improved to 13-5. Jurney Crim, who had a total of 16 digs, was named to the all-tournament team.

The ninth-ranked, Class 1A Tigers began play with a 2-0 (25-8, 25-7) win over Tallahassee's Community Christian. Davis and Rylie Parrish each had three kills. Emily Wilson had 12 service aces, while Jailyn Simmons had five.

Crim led the team in digs with four, while Davis, Wilson and Jordan Hendricks each had three. Kamryn Southerland had seven assists.

Davis recorded 10 kills and 15 digs in a 2-0 (25-23, 25-19) win over Class 3A Bradford. Crim and Southerland had eight and seven digs, respectively, while Hendricks had five. Southerland had 11 assists, while Crim and Hendricks each had four.

Davis led the team in aces with four, while Wilson and Crim had three and two, respectively.

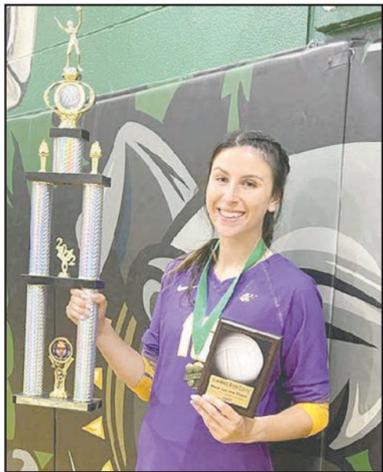
The Tigers wrapped up the championship by defeating host Suwannee (Class 4A) 2-0 (25-20, 25-11). Davis had 12 kills, nine digs and three aces, while Wilson had five kills and two blocks. Southerland and Hendricks had 14 and six assists, respectively, while Crim had four digs.

Union, which played District 6 opponents Bell and Branford this past Monday and Tuesday, will host Trenton on Monday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The Tigers host Dixie County on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Junior varsity matches will precede each match at 5:30 p.m.



Union earned a couple of individual honors as well as winning the team championship trophy. ABOVE RIGHT: Jurney Crim was named to the all-tournament team. RIGHT: Jaycee Davis was named tournament MVP.



KHHS volleyball team places 10th in River City Classic

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School, playing a schedule in which every team but one is in a larger classification, went 2-3 and placed 10th in the Coastal Division of the Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association River City Classic on Sept. 16-17.

The Indians, who are in Class 4A, were the Coastal Division's Pool 1, which consisted of Class 6A teams Fleming Island, Matanzas and Oakleaf, Class 5A Mainland and Class 3A Bishop Snyder.

Keystone opened the

tournament with a 2-1 (25-20, 20-25, 17-15) loss to Fleming Island on Sept. 16. Kiersten Shaw and Kori Jennings had 11 and seven kills, respectively, with Jennings also recording 23 assists. Riley Barry had two blocks, while Jules Padgett had 12 digs.

Fleming Island would go on to place third.

The Indians' second match was a 2-1 (19-25, 25-19, 15-10) loss to eventual seventh-place finisher Matanzas on Sept. 16. Kamryn Eatmon and Jennings had seven and five kills, respectively, with Jennings also adding 18 assists and three service aces. Sarah

Siebert had three blocks, while Kadence Carlton had six digs.

Keystone opened play on Sept. 17 with two straight wins. The first was by a score of 2-0 (25-19, 25-18) against Bishop Snyder. Jennings had 23 assists, while Siebert had seven kills and two blocks. Shaw had six kills, while Barry and Eatmon each had five. Eatmon also had three aces, while Padgett led the team in digs with 10.

Bishop Snyder went on to place 13th.

Jennings had 10 assists in a 2-0 (25-13, 25-20) win over eventual 11th-place finisher Mainland. Shaw and Siebert led the team in kills with four each, with Shaw also recording three aces. Padgett had six digs.

In the ninth-place match, it was Oakleaf defeating Keystone 2-0 (25-17, 28-26). Shaw had five kills and six digs, while Jennings had 13 assists. Siebert recorded five blocks.

The tournament consisted of a total of 44 teams playing in three divisions.

Indians defeat Tigers in 4 sets

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Sarah Siebert and Kamryn Eatmon had 15 and 14 kills, respectively, as the Keystone Heights High School volleyball team defeated host Union County 3-1 (19-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-15) on Sept. 20.

The Class 4A Indians got 42 assists from Kori Jennings, while Riley Barry had eight kills and five blocks. Jules Padgett led the team in digs with 14, while Kiersten Shaw had 10 to go along with seven kills. Kadence Carlton and Sammi

Potter had seven and six digs, respectively, for Keystone, while Taylor Marquart recorded a team-high four service aces. Eatmon and Carlton each had three aces.

Union, which is ranked ninth in Class 1A, was led by Jaycee Davis' 26 digs, 13 kills and five aces. Emily Wilson had 12 digs and nine kills, while Kamryn Southerland had 13 digs and 10 assists.

The Tigers also got 10 digs from Jurney Crim and 11 assists from Jordan Hendricks. Rylie Parrish added two blocks.

Union was coming off a 3-0 win over Bradford on Sept. 19 that was covered in the Sept. 22 issue of the Telegraph-Times-Monitor. The official stats, which weren't available by deadline, included Davis recording 18 kills, seven digs and five aces, while Hendricks had 14 digs and seven assists.

Crim and Southerland had 11 and eight digs, respectively, with Southerland also recording 14 assists.

Jailyn Simmons added two blocks.



Keystone's Kori Jennings (right) sets the ball as Sarah Siebert and Kamryn Eatmon (background) ready for an attack opportunity in the Indians' 3-0 win over Bradford. It was the third straight win for the Indians. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

KHHS takes 3-0 win over BHS

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Keystone Heights High School's volleyball team defeated visiting Bradford 3-0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-15) on Sept. 26 for its third straight win and fifth win in its last six matches.

The Indians (11-5) scored the first seven points of the first set with Taylor Marquart serving, getting kills from Caitlin Brown and Kiersten Shaw. Kamryn Eatmon and Sarah Siebert had consecutive kills later in the set to put Keystone up 20-13.

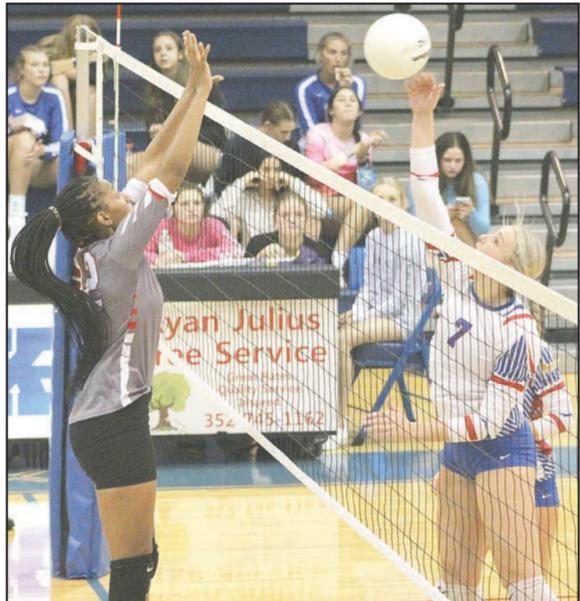
Bradford (1-8) got a block and a kill from Arnayshia Griffin before the Indians closed out the set with a Siebert kill.

Keystone scored eight straight points with Kori Jennings serving to take a 9-0 lead in the second set. Shaw and Riley Barry each had a kill during that span.

The Indians would go on to build a 20-7 lead, getting kills from Shaw and Abbie Roach, a block by Siebert and service aces by Shaw and Jules Padgett.

Bradford got a kill from Ajiyah Jackson and an ace from Reagan Harris late in the set before Keystone won on a passing error.

It was the Tornadoes getting off to a fast start in the third set, scoring four points with Takeirra Bakken serving to go up 5-0.



Keystone's Sarah Siebert (right) attempts to send a ball past the block of Bradford's Arnayshia Griffin.

Keystone pulled to within 7-4, getting a kill from Eatmon, a block from Siebert and an ace by Jennings. The Indians then scored eight straight points with Eatmon serving to take a 15-8 lead. Eatmon had two aces during that span, which also included two kills by Siebert.

Barry and Siebert each had a kill late in the set before Keystone earned the win on a Jennings ace.

Shaw finished with eight kills, while Barry and Siebert each had seven. Siebert also had four blocks, while Shaw had two aces.

Padgett and Sammi Potter had nine and eight digs, respectively, while Eatmon finished with four aces.

Marquart led the team in assists with 13, while Jennings had 12 to go along with two aces.

The Telegraph-Times-Monitor, despite requests, has been unsuccessful in obtaining Bradford stats this season.

Keystone entered the match off a 3-0 win over visiting Umatilla on Sept. 22. Jennings recorded 22 assists and 11 aces, while Shaw had eight kills and five aces. Barry and Siebert each had seven blocks, with Barry adding seven kills and Siebert adding five kills. Padgett had 11 digs.



Bradford's Raelynn Moore sets the ball as Keystone's Abbie Roach watches from the other side of the net.



Keystone's Kiersten Shaw (far right) and Riley Barry (center) go up for a block attempt of a ball sent over by Bradford's Kencie Wainwright.

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Will Lusignan (far left) and Torin Brazzell (far right) tackle Munroe's Ostin Perkins for a loss in the Tornadoes' 21-7 win. Bradford plays its first District 6-2S game at Keystone Heights on Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Shutout streak ends, but Tornadoes improve to 4-0

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Visiting Munroe scored the first points against the Bradford High School defense this season, but the Tornadoes recorded a shutout in the second half, outscoring the Class 1S Bobcats 14-0 for a 21-7 win on Sept. 23.

"I'll be honest with you. This didn't feel like a real solid win to me because we didn't play very good early on," Bradford Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said.

The 4-0 Tornadoes played their usual game on defense, giving up a total of 99 yards and forcing three turnovers. Bradford, which begins its District 6-2S schedule with a road game against Keystone Heights on Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m., continues to be strong against the run. Munroe (2-2) was held to minus-6 yards on 16 carries — one week after the Tornadoes held Eastside to minus-1 yard on the ground.

"We're a really good team on that side of the ball," Rodgers said.

What concerns Rodgers is his team's overall play, with an emphasis on penalties. Bradford was flagged 19 times against Munroe for 165 yards.

"We've got a lot of stuff to clean up," Rodgers said.

The game got off to a good start for Bradford, which received the opening kickoff and marched 66 yards for a score. Runs by Manny Covey and Willie Pollard resulted in four first downs on the 12-play drive. Quarterback Dae'Jon Shanks, who returned from injury, had a 20-yard run to set up first-and-goal from the 2. Covey then took a direct snap and scored from there with 6:26 remaining in the first quarter. Hayden Hughes kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Bradford's defense forced Munroe to go three-and-out on the Bobcats' first series. The Tornadoes blocked the punt, which set their offense up at the Munroe 6. However, a fumble went out the back of the end zone and resulted in a touchback, giving the Bobcats the ball back at their own 20.

Despite Torin Brazzell, Chalil Cummings, Devon McBride and Tray Schmitt all recording tackles for lost yardage, Munroe put together an eight-play scoring drive that was aided by three penalties. Noah Murphy completed a 33-yard pass on third-and-17 to give the Bobcats first-and-goal at the 9. After an offside penalty on Bradford, Murphy scored on a keeper as time expired in the opening quarter. Jose Centeno added the PAT to even the score at 7-7.

Neither offense did much in the second quarter, with each team turning the ball over once. One of those turnovers was an interception made by Bradford's C.J. Carn.

Munroe had good field position to start the second half, with Ostin Perkins returning the kickoff 24 yards to the Bobcats' 36-yard line. Perkins had a 7-yard run on first down, but D.J. Johnson was held to a gain of just a yard on second down. On third-and-2, Perkins was tackled for a 4-yard loss by Will Lusignan. Munroe punted, with Gavin Cook fielding the ball at his own 25 and taking it the distance for a touchdown. A penalty for a crackback block nullified the score.

Still, the Tornadoes had good field position at their own 45. Covey had a 13-yard run on third down to pick up a first down at the Munroe 40. Shanks later completed a 9-yard pass to

Brazzell to set up third-and-1 at the 31-yard line. Covey lined up to receive a direct snap, avoided a tackle for a loss and reversed field for his second touchdown of the night. Hughes kicked the extra point as Bradford took a 14-7 lead at the 6:26 mark of the third quarter.

Covey finished the game with 115 yards on 15 carries.

The Bobcats' Murphy had a rough second half as he completed 3 of 11 passes for 23 yards. Bradford's Jarrin Alexander and Bryson Bowen each had an interception as the Tornadoes held Munroe to 19 total yards in the half.

A 21-yard punt return by Cook set the Bradford offense up at the Munroe 30-yard line early in the fourth quarter. Covey had a 12-yard run before Shanks scored on an 18-yard run with 10:34 left in the game. Hughes added the PAT to complete the scoring at 21-7.

Shanks rushed for 85 yards on 17 carries and completed 5 of 12 passes for 73 yards. Covey caught one pass for 31 yards, while Cummings caught two for 29 yards.

Rodgers said he believed his team needed to have a game in which it struggled at times.

"Things have been a little bit too easy," he said. "I think our guys thought it was going to be easy again. It wasn't, but we made plays when we had to."

Rodgers felt it was especially important to have this type of game before they begin district play.

"We needed this to make sure we have focus when we come out on Monday," he said. "I'll have it now. We're going to watch some film before we come to practice together. We're going to point out a lot of mistakes, and we're going to get them cleaned up."

Daniels begin his job as workhorse, but penalties kept the Tribe pinned deep in their own territory, and they were forced to punt from their own 28-yard line.

Neither team made much headway in the first quarter, which ended in a scoreless tie.

Ever relentless, the Indians began the second quarter with the ball in Rams territory at the 26-yard line. Daniels would then carry it to the 14 before a shoestring tackle saved it from being a touchdown. The Rams' defense put up a fierce fight deep in their own territory, but Daniels ultimately punched it in on fourth-and-1 near the goal line. The two-point conversion was no good, but the Indians still led 6-0.

The Rams (5-0) would immediately answer, as they continued to throw passes out to the flat and try to take advantage of their speed. On first down from the 40, they did just that, getting a long touchdown run from Der'tavius Mack.

The game stood at 6-all before Daniels found the end zone again to put the visitors up by six heading into the locker rooms at halftime.

Daniels finished with 74 yards on 19 carries.

The second half began with the Rams meaning business. They came out firing on all cylinders offensively and defensively. They would go on to dominate the second half and score three unanswered touchdowns to keep their perfect record intact.

Indians outscored 20-0 in 2nd half of 26-12 loss to Interlachen

BY CHUCK DOWLING
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The Keystone Heights Indians have made a living out of beating local rival Interlachen. However, the undefeated Rams are putting together a special season down the road. Although Keystone held a 12-6 lead at halftime, IHS would not be deterred and outscored the visitors 20-0 in the second half of what would be a 26-12 loss for the Indians on Sept. 23.

"This is a rivalry I have been a part of for a long time as a player and a coach, and I think that's probably only the fourth time they've ever beaten us," Head Coach Chuck Dickinson said, referring to the game's he's been a part of. "I told the kids regardless of records, this is a game we always expect to win."

Even though the Indians (1-3) entered the game with just one win on the season, they showed their coach and the crowd that they were there to win. With all the injuries, Cartez Daniels was giving the run responsibility of carrying the rock early and often. Backfield teammate Vernell Jackson helped the cause as well.

"I tell the kids during practice every day that we are here for a reason and that they are one play away from being in the game and having to take that responsibility. We live by the philosophy of next man up around here," Dickinson said.

After receiving the kickoff,

Interlachen gained a total of 261 yards to Keystone's 158.

"The Rams are a pretty good football team, and once you lose momentum, it can be hard to come back," Dickinson said.

Keystone quarterback Baylor Ford completed 3 of 8 passes for 48 yards. Darrion Grady had one reception for 33 yards.

Bryar Schenck finished with 90 all-purpose yards, including 66 yards on kickoff returns.

Jayden Goodman led the defense with eight tackles, while Grady, Jackson and Bo Overton each had seven. Grady also had an interception.

Tyler Anthony Rozier and Jackson Herman each had six tackles, while Sam Ulsch had five.

The Indians will open its District 6-2S schedule with a home game against Bradford on Monday, Oct. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Tigers defeat Newberry 45-0

BY JADEE O'STEEN
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Host Newberry was favored, but the Union County High School football team debunked sportswriters' predictions by showing up big time on both sides of the ball in a 45-0 win on Sept. 23.

Senior running back Rayvon Durant had quite an exciting game once again for the Tigers, who improved to 3-1. He had a total of 302 rushing yards and two touchdowns. He and quarterback A.J. Cortese, a fellow senior, worked well together on the offensive side of the ball.

"The offensive line really did their assignment," Cortese said, adding, "They made it happen and opened up a lot of holes for us."

The quarterback said he and his teammates repped a lot of plays during practice and were prepared when it was time to finally face the Panthers (3-1).

Cortese completed 67 percent of his passes, finishing with 89 yards and scoring a touchdown. He claimed that this was one of the Tigers' best games this season — offensively and defensively.

Senior Daylyn Diston had quite a game also, with a pick-six that covered 105 yards. It was the longest interception in school history.

"I was waiting all night, and I guess I had to get it done on defense," said Diston, who plays both sides of the ball at slot receiver and free safety.



Rayvon Durant carries the ball as part of a 302-yard, two-touchdown night in the Tigers' 45-0 win. Photo by Jadee O'Steen.

The Panthers, who were also intercepted by senior Auntrell Ross, mostly passed throughout the game. Diston explained that's what the Tigers expected.

"We played zone defense a lot tonight, sat on it, and read it," he said.

The Panthers weren't able to make much work when they had the ball. The Tigers showed up big time with a total of 33 tackles. Five of those were made by junior Thomas Williams. The team had a total of four sacks and two interceptions.

Senior Markus Strong and juniors James Cox and Jacob Jenkins all had multiple tackles

for loss.

Senior linebacker Dalton Lane, who had three tackles, explained that the shut out was personal for his team. The Tigers and the Panthers look forward to facing each other every season as they are both in the same class.

"This is a big rival for us," Lane said, adding, "We played physical, and they couldn't handle it."

Union's scheduled game at Wildwood on Friday, Sept. 30, was called off due to Hurricane Ian. The Tigers will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. when they host Dixie County (2-3) for homecoming.

BHS is top team in 2S, UCHS 4th in 1R in inaugural rankings

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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The Florida High School Athletic Association released its inaugural football power rankings on Sept. 27, which revealed that Bradford was the number-one team in Class 2S.

Bradford is also the top team in Region 2 of Class 2S. Fellow Region 2 team Baldwin, which lost 35-0 to the Tornadoes in week two, is ranked sixth in Class 2S.

The second- through fifth-ranked teams between Bradford and Baldwin are Florida High (Region 1), South Sumter (Region 3), Walton (Region 1) and Pensacola Catholic (Region 1).

In Class 1R, Union County is ranked fourth behind Chiefland, Pahoee and Williston. The Tigers are the highest ranked team in Region 3 of that class. Lafayette, the second-highest ranked team in Region 3, is 11th

overall in 1R.

End-of-season rankings will determine all of the playoff qualifiers in Class 1R, with the top six in each region advancing.

In Class 2S, which also includes 46th-ranked Keystone Heights, the champions of

each district qualify for the postseason. Rankings are then used to determine at-large qualifiers.

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