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Sheriff recaps Idalia response

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Sheriff Gordon Smith summarized local response in the aftermath of Hurricane Idalia in addition to efforts to assist elsewhere.

County commissioners expressed gratitude more than once that Bradford County was spared significant damage unlike other counties, including Dixie, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

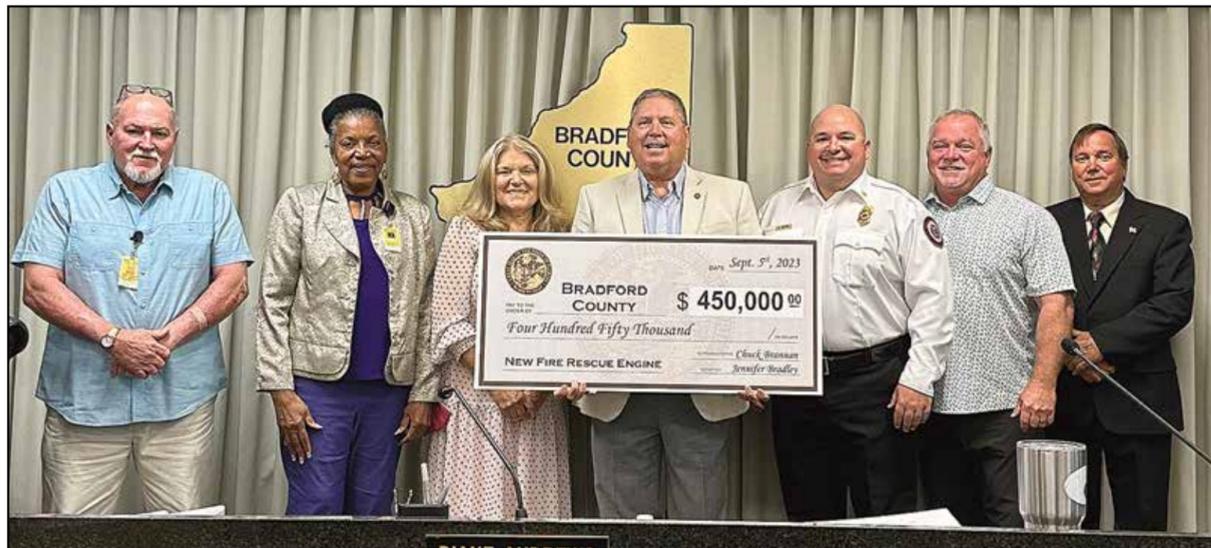
Bradford County Sheriff's Office employees responded to a call for assistance from Lafayette County Sheriff Brian Lamb. Split into three separate saw teams, they helped clear major roadways north, east and west of Mayo from the time they arrived into the evening hours until their mission was complete.

"We are very proud of this group and would also like to thank all of our other employees who worked behind the scenes to cover Bradford County during the Hurricane Idalia event," the office posted on Facebook.

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Karly Shatto, Lyndee Griffis, Laura Park and Julia Casey helped Team USA bring home a gold medal at the World Majorette Championship in Liverpool, England. They are pictured by the Wheel of Liverpool, with M&S Bank Arena, where the championship was held, pictured in the background. Story on page 14.



Rep. Chuck Brannan in center with Commission Chair Diane Andrews and Fire Rescue Chief Ben Carter, along with commissioners Kenny Thompson, Carolyn Spooner, Chris Dougherty and Danny Riddick.

Rep. Brannan delivers update and big check

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Rep. Chuck Brannan appeared with a big check representing the \$450,000 Bradford County will receive from the state to purchase a new fire engine.

It was one of many local needs met in the state's budget for 2023-24. "Sen. Bradley and I work very hard

to try to acquire funds to bring back to our districts," Brannan said. That isn't always the case, marking a difference between northern and southern districts. "We always try to bring home dollars to our counties, and some of those folks, they're not even concerned about that. That matters up here, and it matters to us."

Starke, for example, was awarded

\$2 million toward a water and sewer extension project and \$400,000 toward its City Walk downtown revitalization plan. Lawley will receive funds to purchase a dump truck.

Brannan serves on the Legislative Budget Commission, which will meet Sept. 8, and committee week in Tallahassee will begin in less than two weeks.

Early in his legislative career, Brannan served as committee chair on gaming regulation. Now, with his experience in law enforcement, his assignments include the Justice Appropriations Subcommittee where he is chairman, the Judiciary Committee and the Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

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A solution for Keystone's ugliest corner?

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City leaders discussed some possible solutions to what many consider Keystone's eyesore.

Until fairly recently, The China Chef was located at 125 East Walker Drive, aka the corner of State Roads 100 and 21, at the main entrance to the town if you are coming from the north, south, or east.

The 0.165-acre parcel on the southeast corner of East Walker Drive and South Lawrence Boulevard is currently zoned as a drive-through restaurant dating back to 1973 when

the then-new building was a fried chicken palace.

The last occupant, the Chinese restaurant, closed. The current owner is listed at the tax assessor's office as Trishool LLC in Buford, Georgia.

Since 1973, the parcel has been passed along from owner to owner with a series of quit claim and warranty deeds. In 2005, it was traded for \$42,700 with a quit claim deed. In 2022, it was sold on a warranty deed for \$240,000.

It has been no secret that the city has long wanted something done about what, for a while now, has been called "Keystone's Ugly Corner."

At a recent budget meeting, Council

Member Steve Hart and City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said that for property owners to use the land commercially, they would have to obtain many exemptions from the city since it's no longer grandfathered in.

Council member Tony Brown recommended that the city purchase the land and convert it into parking.

Rutkowski responded that the parcel was part of an FDOT study, and the state's Department of Transportation may provide funding to acquire the corner to improve the intersection.

"We have funds within our City Improvement Plan," Rutkowski told council members. "I really need an understanding from council on what

your priority projects are, so I know how to budget accordingly."

Brown responded, "There's nothing that parcel can be. Times have changed over the years since that building has operated. You can't really put anything there. And I'm always talking about safety. There's no way you can safely park in that area as designed right now."

Rutkowski explained, "Two years ago, the city of Keystone Heights went through an assessment of that corner for the traffic study on S.R. 21. They're in their final revisions now."

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WORTH NOTING

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take Tuesday, Sept. 12 and 26, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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

Food distribution announced

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex in Starke.

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

Auction raises money for 4-H

The Bradford County 4-H Auction on Thursday, Sept. 21, help raise money for 4-H camps and events, community clubs and school enrichment programs. Also, 50% of the proceeds are being earmarked to send the livestock judging team to the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Charley E. Johns Conference Center in Starke. Youth tickets (5-17) are \$10. Adult tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 the day of the event. Children under 4 attend for free. Sponsor tables for may be reserved for \$250, which includes a meal, charcuterie board appetizer and raffle tickets.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite (tinyurl.com/4h-auction). For more information, please contact the UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Office at 904-966-6224.

School board meeting Monday

The Bradford County School Board final budget hearing on Monday, Sept. 11, at 5:01 p.m. A rule development workshop on board policies and the board's regular monthly meeting will immediately follow the public hearing.

These meetings take place in the boardroom at the district office, 501 W. Washington St. in Starke.

Boutique sale at Melrose church

Believer's Worship Center Church of God, 8736 S.R. 26 in Melrose, will hold a boutique sale on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.



Over 45K co-op members lost power

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—Clay Electric Cooperative said that at the peak of Hurricane Idalia last week, over 45,000 accounts lost power and that by

Saturday, Sept. 2, 99.9% of its members were back online.

“This task would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of our skilled utility teams, as well as the patience and understanding of our members,” the utility said. “For days, Clay Electric line workers, assisted by outside crews and mutual aid, worked tirelessly to repair damaged infrastructure,

replace fallen power lines, and restore electrical service to homes and businesses. Their commitment to your safety and comfort is a source of immense pride for your cooperative.”

The co-op added that its Lake City district suffered the most damage from the storm, mainly due to downed trees and broken poles.

Plumbing company sells Starke building

Phillip McDonald Plumbing Inc. sold a 906-square-foot office building on Orange Street in August.

The structure at 741 South Orange Street, near the roadway’s intersection with Edwards Road, sits on less than an acre and has been used as a hair salon, insurance agency, and for other uses over the decades.

Sherry Dryden closed on the parcel on Aug. 22 for \$145,000. The Brooker-based plumbing company acquired the property in 2021 for \$70,000 from David L. and Retha A. Hodges and Dawn Corbett. Phillip McDonald Plumbing operates from office and warehouse space across Orange Street from the property it sold.

Ellianos named 4K inmates top franchisee evacuated

A franchise trade publication has named a drive-through coffee company with a Starke location as one of its top opportunities.

Franchise Business Review released its 18th annual top franchise rankings earlier this year and listed Lake City-based Ellianos Coffee Company for the third time in 2023.

C.O.R. Development Inc., directed by Jeff Oody and Scott Roberts, established the Starke location in 2004. M&D Perfect Blend, led by Mike and Debbie Prescott, took over the operation 12 years later.

Ellianos Coffee was founded in 2002 to serve ‘Italian Quality at America’s Pace.’ Founders Scott and Pam Stewart said the operation features a double-sided drive-through, providing consumers with speedy, convenient service while offering high-quality coffee and allowing the franchisee to maximize sales.

The Department of Corrections said it evacuated 4,000 inmates from 36 facilities before the landfall of Hurricane Idalia.

The agency reported no injuries due to the storm.

“On Thursday, Secretary Ricky Dixon and FDC leadership visited the facilities affected by Hurricane Idalia in the Big Bend to thank the incredible staff who worked tirelessly through the storm,” the agency said, “demonstrating unwavering dedication and teamwork to uphold Florida’s public safety mission.”

RV resort nearly doubles connections

The Keystone Heights RV Resort amended its developer’s agreement with the Clay County Utility Authority, nearly doubling the facility’s original water and sewer connections.

In 2020, the Middleburg-based utility agreed to provide water and sewer connections to the resort for 193 RV lots for \$172,322. In an amended agreement filed with the Bradford County Clerk’s Office on Aug. 21, the two parties added 150 RV lots for an additional \$136,077.

The amended agreement puts the total water and sewer connections at the park at 343. In April, the resort’s manager, Ken Loyd, told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that he planned to expand the facility to 550 lots by the end of 2023.

Storage facility under construction sold

A Macclenny storage company has bought a storage facility under construction in the Theresa area.

Libia Arieta sold two parcels totaling 5.39 acres to All In Storage Investments LLC on Aug. 15. The site already has concrete pads and some metal structures erected on it. The properties are surrounded by Southeast 9th Avenue and State Road 100, south of Tony’s Pizza.

The buyer now operates a storage facility south of Macclenny on State Road 121.

Organizations can adopt a precinct

The Clay County Supervisor of Elections office said that nonprofit organizations can adopt a precinct, supplying volunteers for the location and generating income for their organizations.

Under the program, the office said, “Each participating organization ‘adopts’ a precinct, or portion of a precinct, for an election cycle and provides the staff: election workers for that precinct on Election Day. The money earned may be used for your group or donated to a charity of your choice.”

Elections chief Chris Chambless and Volunteer Coordinator Stacy Whitehead recently spoke to the Village Improvement Association in Green Cove Springs about the Adopt-A-Precinct opportunity.

IRS announces tax relief

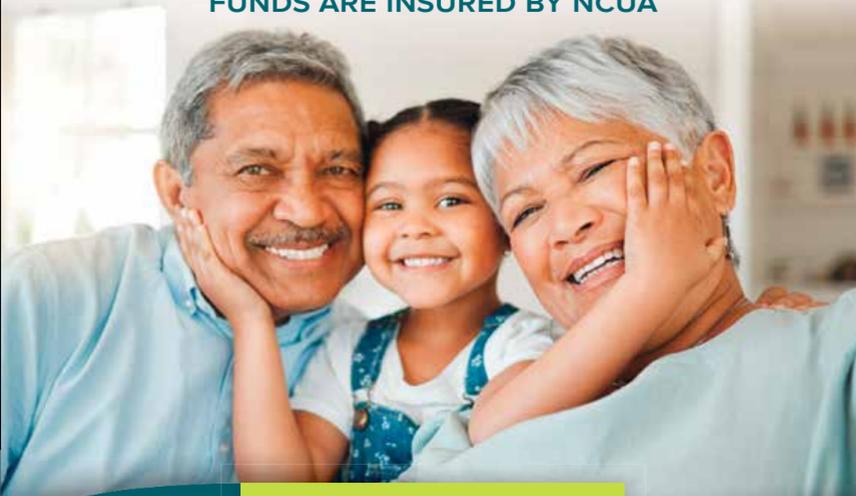
The Internal Revenue Service said taxpayers residing in 46 Florida counties affected by Hurricane Idalia, including Bradford Union and Clay, will have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file returns and make payments that had an original deadline between Aug. 27, 2023, and Feb. 15, 2024.

“As a result,” the IRS said in a news release, “affected individuals and businesses will have until Feb. 15, 2024, to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period. This includes 2022 individual income tax returns due on Oct. 16, 2023.”

The IRS noted, however, that because tax payments related to the 2022 returns were due on April 18, 2023, those payments are not eligible for the relief.

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Starke budget turns attention toward infrastructure

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Controversial decisions about the city's budget have flared tempers, but the goal for City Manager Drew Mullins has been to support commissioners in focusing on their business model.

While less money is proposed for both the police and fire departments next year, this doesn't result in a savings to the city because the money is being directed to Starke's neglected utility infrastructure.

It isn't just a recent phenomenon. Mullins said it's a pattern that developed over 20 to 30 years, using revenue from utilities to fund general government services, including public safety. With revenue transfers that sometimes surpassed \$1 million, that money was being spent on primarily personnel costs in those departments, which means it couldn't be invested in the ongoing operations of the city's business, which includes providing electricity, gas, water and sewer to its customers.

Except when emergencies arose or the city was able to tap grants and loans, these systems were not maintained, not expanded, not improved. Some notable exceptions would be a voltage conversion for the

electric system as well as work at the substation, and a project to smoke test and map the wastewater collection system.

The latter revealed how badly repairs were needed.

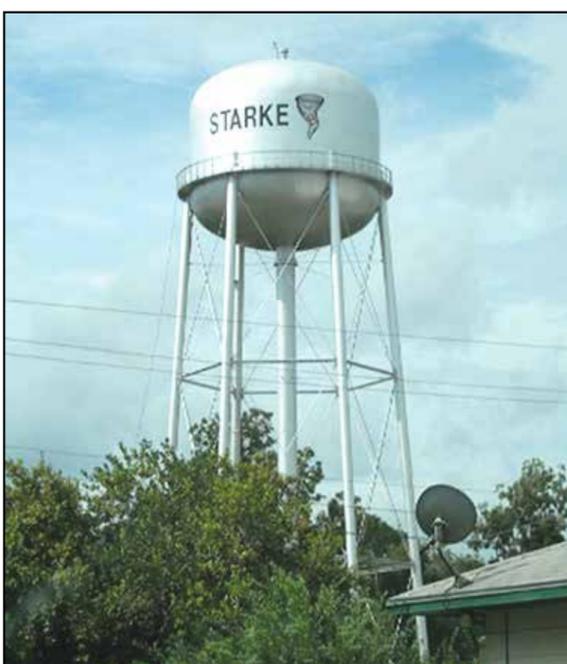
"In essence, the utilities have been cut over 20 years," Mullins said. In doing that, you set yourself up for the future where we're in the position now where our lines are falling in, roads are collapsing, lift stations are undersized. The wastewater treatment plant needed to be upgraded. Consent orders. I mean, these things just keep building up and building up."

"Now is the time we need to actually take this on," he said.

He gave the closure of Washington Street as an example, saying it is in horrible shape. You can see where wastewater collection lines have collapsed.

The ongoing repairs are part of the first phase of collection line upgrades across the city. Originally, the first phase was awarded \$5.36 million in combined grant and loan funds from the State Revolving Fund. The low bid was \$6.9 million prompting the city to request additional funding.

It will take multiple phases and many years to complete, but until it does, the city's plant will continue to be inundated with stormwater, causing backups, including sewage spills in



people's homes and their streets. A consent order from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection required the city to solve the problem or face fines.

Moving a lift station away from the flood-prone banks of Alligator Creek will help alleviate stress on the system, Mullins said. A flooded lift station can contribute to backups

into homes just as the broken lines in the city do.

"We're literally treating rainwater at the treatment plant. It just adds so much to the system," Mullins said. Some pumps in the city's lift stations are undersized. They were built for the time period and never upgraded.

The lift station at the creek is being moved closer to town on an

estate-owned parcel that the city is taking via eminent domain. The judge issued the order for the taking in the past couple of weeks, he said. The cost of the land was around \$8,000 with \$16,000 allocated for legal costs, according to the city attorney.

Moving the lift station approximately 400 feet will cost \$1.6 million. The low bid on upgrading the wastewater treatment plant was \$23.36 million on top of the millions already spent on engineering and design. It is being paid for with a combination of grant and loan funding through USDA.

In addition to serving existing customers better, Mullins said the city must prepare for the future by supporting growth and development, including opportunities the city has lost out on.

"We've got Jacksonville and Gainesville both growing this way towards us, and we've not been in a position to ever take advantage of it," he said.

There are plans to extend water and sewer lines to the bypass on State Road 16. Bradford County and the legislature have committed a combined \$6 million for the project.

In addition, engineers at Woodward and Curan developed a Water Facilities Plan that will cost \$14.3 million, and Starke will be looking to the State

Revolving Fund once again for grant and loan funds to carry it out. The plan includes a partial replacement of the water treatment plant. A new water tank and mains on Market Road are needed to provide adequate water supply and pressure. Starke will also move to an electronically monitored metering system that will more efficiently and accurately measure water usage.

The needs of the water and wastewater systems are more often discussed than the electric infrastructure. From poles to transformers, the cost of replacement has skyrocketed. According to Mullins, a transformer large enough to serve one of the shopping centers has gone from around \$50,000 to more than \$100,000 over the past couple of years. And yet, the city needs to have them sitting on the shelf and ready to go so power can be restored in hours instead of days.

Rather than a repair-as-we-go strategy, Starke needs to be more prepared for the unforeseen even as it takes charge of its future, according to Mullins. That includes investing its own money to leverage against other sources, so it could potentially turn \$1 million into \$4 million.

"In order to do that, we do have to have some skin in the game," he said.

STORM

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The office also assisted in Hamilton County, including helping to get a replacement generator to their shelter.

Smith expressed gratitude to his employees as well as Bradford County Fire Rescue and the road department for their work locally as well, including Emergency Management Director Brad Witt whose wife had just given birth.

The Bradford evacuation shelter — which opened at the fairgrounds for the first time — hosted around 20 people, including a couple with special health needs. They had volunteer assistance from Cross Church as well as employees of the Bradford School District.

The primary issue was the amount tree limbs down, with damage limited to a couple of



Sheriff's office employees departed for Lafayette County to help clear roads. (Photo: BCS.)

houses and a mobile home. No injuries were reported.

As of Tuesday, Sampson Lake was more than a foot below flood level and Santa Fe Lake a half-foot below. Alligator Creek and Sampson River were well below flood level.



Bradford County Fire Rescue works to clear roads following the storm. (Photo: Bradford County Fire Rescue.)

Bradford 4-H Awards Banquet

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

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

Flea market benefits vets, schools

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 230 is sponsoring a huge flea market on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 230, 20370 E. Hawthorne Road in Hawthorne. Sign up now for a 15-by-15 booth space for \$15. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served as well as lunch. For more information, please call 352-481-4483.

Friends and Family day at Magnolia Baptist

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church of Raiford will be celebrating Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. The speaker for the hour will be Minister Terri Reeves of Tampa. Dinner will follow the service. All are welcome to attend.

Letters

Family responds to generosity

Dear Editor:
It is with grateful hearts we wish to extend a special thank you to all our family, friends, first responders, McDonald's and the Bradford County Telegraph for the outpouring of love, support, gifts of money, furniture, clothing, etc., and especially for your prayers during this time of the tragic loss of our home.

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Lake Region

Officials discuss new city hall for Keystone Heights

BY JAMES WILLIAMS
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS —During an Aug. 21 budget workshop, Keystone Heights City Councilman Tony Brown pitched his vision for a new city hall.

The idea is not new and has not yet reached any real planning stage, but city officials received it well at the workshop, and it is clear that some level of work and investigation will proceed.

Two locations were discussed, the first across South Lawrence Boulevard from the current city hall.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski pointed to the location's legal restrictions, given its designation as a nature park. Further use of the property forbids any structure from creating revenue other than money to support the nature park itself.

Some years ago, the city

discussed putting a replica of the town's 1925 city hall on the site to include a small museum of the town's history, a project which could have been allowed.

Vice Mayor Chris Thompson suggested the city "...move the tennis courts over to Sunrise Park and put in pickleball and just make it a sports complex, then I think that would be an appropriate place for the splash park."

Thompson suggested having all city recreation activities at one location, complete with (relocated) tennis and basketball courts, pickleball courts added—and a splash park.

Presumably, that would leave space for a new and expanded city hall at the current location. The idea of incorporating usable parts of the existing building into a new one was touched upon briefly instead of simply tearing it down and starting

over. Brown said he had seen significant growth in the area since Keystone's days as a one-traffic-light town. "And I know there's going to be opposition (to a new city hall) because it's going to have a big price tag on it."

Brown told the group that Congressman Aaron Bean is excited about the project and offered to help.

City Manager Lynn Rutkowski said the assistance of Senator Jennifer Bradley and State Representatives Bobby Payne and Sam Garrison should be solicited before approaching Bean for Federal grants and other programs.

"There are requirements on our part," Rutkowski told the group. "There are duties that we have as the partner."

Councilman Steve Hart asked, "Why not have the Congressman look into getting some money so he can

quantify what's available... get him to be a little more specific. Do the museum, too. And if we get the city hall built, then use the museum as a public meeting space for Kiwanis, Rotary, or whoever because we really do need meeting space within the city. And that would be a freestanding building with parking across the street. So why not do both?"

Undaunted by the prospect of opposition, Brown and the budget group went on to consider adding space for a Clay County Tax Collector's office within the proposed building, a sheriff's office substation, an emergency operations center, and a museum of Keystone history.

Rutkowski added, "We need to have a place where our residents do not have to travel to the other side (of the county) to get services taken care of. And currently, our tax collector is in a building

she is paying rent on. And if that were in a government building, that rent (would not be) absorbing county tax dollars."

As recently as 2016, the city spent over \$250,000 for roof repairs and other upgrades on the current city hall building.

Rutkowski and Brown cited continuing electrical and other problems with the existing city hall, including lack of space while the city grows.

Rutkowski enumerated funds the city might use to cover some of the cost. But she stressed the need for presenting something concrete instead of "just asking for \$30 million."

Mayor Nina Rodenroth suggested getting an architect to put the group's ideas down on paper.

City Attorney Rich Komando added, "I've been down this road with other organizations. Maybe before you hire the architect...

put together a citizen-staff-council committee to brainstorm ideas. Otherwise, your architect will start designing, and then when the ideas come, they're going to redesign and redesign again. The closer you can get to (the final outcome), even if it's (just) sketched out, I think you'll save yourself a little bit of money."

No one at the workshop stated that a new city hall was unnecessary. No one challenged the idea that the current building has serious problems. Brown said he thought a new city hall would be his lasting legacy to the town.

Rutkowski closed this portion of the budget meeting by saying she was excited by the ideas presented during the workshop and the council's cooperation and looked forward to the work ahead.

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Councilman Steve Hart said the parcel's future was

a planning and zoning issue, and he didn't see the city's planning and zoning board allowing much, given that the property was no longer grandfathered in.

Rutkowski added, "Council would have to grant a ton of variances. At \$250 per variance, it could be expensive, but the new owners can always apply."



The southeast corner of South Lawrence Boulevard and East Walker Drive was most recently The China Chef. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

Given that the location also houses one of two traffic lights in town on two major local highways, Brown said, like everyone else, he has seen bottlenecks there on a reasonably regular basis. "And we definitely need more parking," he added.

Discussion included parking capacity in the small town, not necessarily needed for day-to-day traffic but sorely needed

for the city's well-attended special programs, such as Halloween, Independence Day, and Christmas celebrations.

"I want people to see another picture of our progress downtown...Get rid of what's right there and make it look good when people come into town," Brown said.

The council also discussed its unknowns: what FDOT plans to do with the location. They have yet to consider

what the current owner's response will be. Even if the city condemned the property to take it over, it would still have to pay a fair market value for 0.165 acres of prime commercial land.

Looking ahead to the next step, Rutkowski said, "The next conversation is going to be with FDOT on how we get funding to implement what the (study) found. And can we work with them on what that's going to look like?"

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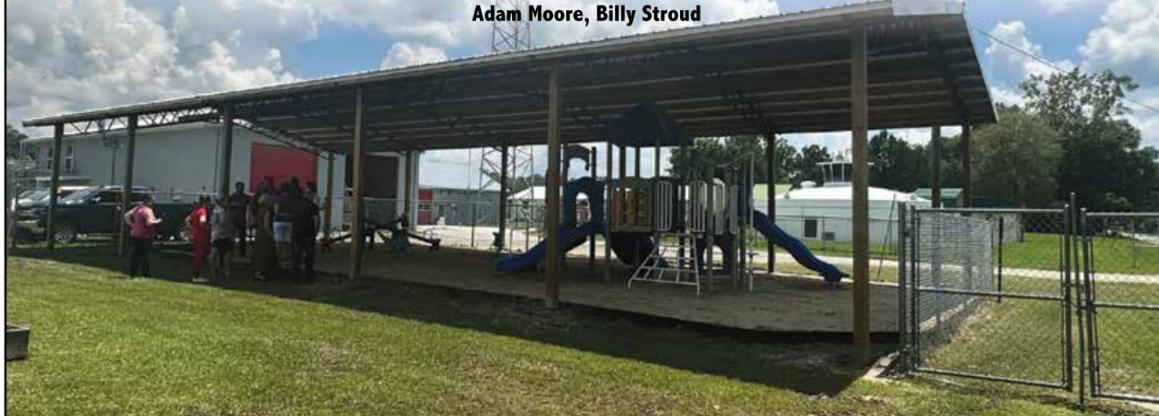
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Bean speaks to Keystone constituents

BY NATALIE GILSTRAP
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – On August 17, U.S. Representative Aaron Bean met with the community at the Keystone Beach Pavilion to share with them the legislative efforts now underway to take on the nation's challenges.

City and county officials such as Mayor Nina Rodenroth, County Manager Howard Wanamaker, County Commissioner Alexandra Compere, Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, and Council Member Tony Brown, along with others, attended the meeting.

Chinese threat

During his speech, Bean spoke about some of the significant issues affecting the nation. He talked about the rise of China's influence as a global power.

"It's bad. It is very bad. They are so much more aggressive than we ever imagined and now we are realizing it," he said.

Bean informed the audience

that China is South America's number one trading partner for raw materials, assets, and rare earth materials. He also mentioned the issue of China offering money to our colleges and buying U.S. land near our military bases. To solve the problems, he stated that stricter reporting requirements would be placed on colleges and that restrictions should be placed to stop the Chinese from continuing to purchase our lands.

Education and national debt

Another concerning issue that the lawmaker mentioned was the battle for children's education and their future. He stated that schools should not expose children to pornography and that parents should have the right to know what their children are taught.

"You should have the right to know the curriculum your school is teaching," he said.

Bean added that he supports efforts by Moms for Liberty and Gov. Ron DeSantis who he said

are fighting for a Parents' Bill of Rights.

He also talked about the country's ever-rising debt and Congress's steps to lower it.

He described one of the factors he said leads to debt increases, a system that Congress members use when they can't come to an agreement called a continuing resolution.

"It just says let it roll," he told the audience. "What we did last year, let it roll and not only let it roll but let's go ahead and put in a 6% or 7% growth rate, whether it's good or not because we don't have a budget."

He added that after 26 years of relying on the continuing resolution system, Congress has now unveiled a new plan to lower the national debt.

The first part of the plan is to reduce the CR to a 1% reduction in spending. The second part involves requiring those living on government assistance, except for veterans and people with kids, to work 20 hours a week to keep receiving aid.

In addition, Bean announced that a new budget would be revealed to help balance the debt

in 10 years.

He said the budget would fully fund the Veterans Administration and increase the pay for active military members by 5.2%. The new budget will also include increased production of military ships and aircraft.

"Our military forces are at their lowest level in terms of armaments and missiles and supply," he said. "Enough of that; let's catch up."

Local highway

Lastly, Congressman Bean talked about Clay County's Cathedral Oaks Parkway. He stated that the project has broken ground and is underway to be completed in 2025. The new road is planned to connect the First Coast Expressway to US Highway 17.

"It's absolutely spectacular," he said. "It's beautiful. You're going to be really proud of it and it's only 19 to 20 months away."

After Bean's presentation, Mayor Rodenroth, County Manager Wanamaker, and County Commissioner Compere briefly spoke to the audience



Congressman Aaron Bean speaks at the Keystone Heights Pavilion. Photo: Dan Hildebran.

about local updates and concerns. In addition, guests were able to enjoy a meal of beans and rice catered by Middleburg's Grumpy's restaurant.

Learning is Groovy at McRae Elem.

Elementary school focuses on clear expectations

BY NATALIE GILSTRAP
Special to the Monitor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – As the new school year begins, the principal at McRae Elementary said that being clear on student expectations is one of the school's top priorities this year.

"We're going to focus on behavior this year," said Tammy Winkler. "That's going to be our major focus: being clear about our behavioral expectations."

Winkler said one of the reasons why clarity is needed in the school is because times have changed. She added that the behavioral expectations at home and school were the same when she was a child. However, those expectations have changed over time.

"Kids go home to different rules," she said. "Sometimes those two environments can be different. So, we are ensuring that we set them up for success. Everybody wants to know what's expected of them, right? I mean, I know I do."

Winkler said that students are given clear instructions of what is expected of them throughout the day.

"We have rules and guidelines posted throughout our school, so kids know how



McRae Elementary School Principal Tammy Winkler (right) and Assistant Principal Tracy Burt wearing t-shirts saying: "Peace, Love and Mavericks. The shirts emphasize the school's theme: "Learning is Groovy at McRae." Photo: McRae Elementary School.

to act," she said.

She said students are reminded of cafeteria rules, morning procedures, and sidewalk rules. In addition, teachers are encouraged to review their own rules and expectations for student behavior within their classrooms.

Winkler also said she revamped last year's Maverick Pride Sheet into a new format.

"We had our Maverick Pride

Sheet, where kids earned their five horseshoes for good behavior," she recalled. "We changed it to Horsepower."

The five characteristics of horsepower students are encouraged to demonstrate are being present and punctual,

taking responsibility for their actions, displaying a winning attitude, engaging in learning, and having positive relationships with others.

When students demonstrate all five attributes, they are rewarded with a positive phone call home, candy, and a post on the school's Facebook page.

Lastly, the school is also focusing on increasing its attendance levels.

Last year, the school increased its attendance rate from 85% to 92%.

This year, the school is aiming higher.

"Ninety-two was one of the highest attendance averages we've had here at McRae," Winkler said. "We're going to try to do 95% this year."

One of the ways the school has implemented better attendance is by talking with students and families about being a part of the school family.

Winkler is preaching that learning is fun. Memorabilia from the 50s', 60s', 70s', and 80s' can be seen throughout the school from the front office to the hallway. This year's school theme is: "Learning is Groovy at McCrae."



Audubon displays exhibit at library

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times Monitor General Manager

STARKE— Santa Fe Audubon's exhibit of local birds is now on display at the Bradford County Library.

The exhibit features photographs, replicas and nests of Lake Region birds like the

Carolina wren, northern cardinal, rusty-throated hummingbird and Florida scrub jay.

The display also features the group's work in preserving and assisting in the research of the American Kestrel.

Photo: Santa Fe Audubon.

Clay hikes garbage costs

Clay County Commissioners approved a recommendation from its staff that the county raise garbage collection and disposal assessments by a combined \$91 a year during its Tuesday, Aug. 22 meeting.

The staff said the county's disposal costs have increased 60% on average. The assessment rates reflect the residential portion of the cost of disposal services. Collection costs have also risen.

"The county has not increased disposal assessment rates since 1993 and was able to decrease that rate by 14% in 2016," the county said. "The collection assessment rate has increased by less than 10% in the 17 years since 2006, while inflation increased 48% over the same period."

The assessments do not apply to residents within the City of Keystone Heights.



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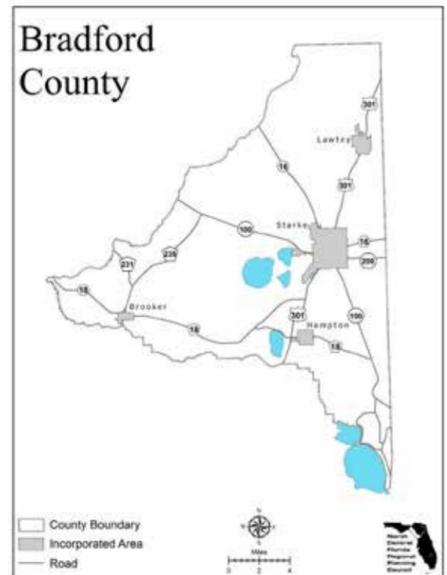
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NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, proposes to change the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text of the Bradford County Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:

CPA 23-02, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by amending Policy 1.2.2 of the Future Land Use Element to add solar facilities as a use permitted within the agricultural land use classifications and by excluding solar facilities from the Electrical Power Generating Facility land use classifications in rural areas of the County



A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of County Commissioners to consider the amendment and enactment of the ordinance adopting the amendment on September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room located in the Bradford County Courthouse, North Wing, 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-02, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY 1.2.2 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT BY ADDING SOLAR FACILITIES AS A USE PERMITTED WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS AND BY EXCLUDING SOLAR FACILITIES FROM THE ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING FACILITY LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment on the date, time and place as referenced above. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327, at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.855.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

Conservation: Something for everyone to celebrate

BY AMY MORIE
Bradford Soil and Water
Conservation District

How do you celebrate and protect the great natural resources in Bradford County? There are too many ways to count, but here's one important one that's often overlooked: Get involved with your soil and water conservation board.

Fifty years ago, John O'Meara noted in the Telegraph's 'Forestry in Bradford County' column that "While flying over Bradford County, the thing that duly impressed me was the number

of large-sized, crystal-clear lakes we have in the area. This is something that all Bradford Countians should be proud of and strive to protect."

Today, the waters of the county still shine bright, attracting recreationalists and new residents alike. Water defines Bradford County. The Santa Fe River to the southwest and its tributary, New River to the northwest, create the majority of the county's boundary on their way to the Suwannee River. And as stormwater falls and flows downhill from Highland and the Trail Ridge, much of

Bradford's lowlands remain saturated or flooded after rains.

The Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District is working to bridge communication and efforts between the many agencies that help with conservation – as well as bring conservation education to youth and the public at large. Technical assistance for landowners is also available. All conservation district meetings are open to the public, and citizen input is appreciated; come by and see what your Soil and Water Conservation

Board does for you in Bradford County. Meetings are the first and third Tuesday of each month, 4:30 p.m. at the Bradford County Extension Office, 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. You may also join via Zoom. (Contact stillpe@aol.com for a link and agendas.)

It's a big job, and we need you! If you're in or retired from an agriculture-related field, consider being a district supervisor. There is a current opening for an appointed supervisor for Districts 3 and 4, serving through the next election. Candidates for

Districts 2, 3 and 4 are also needed to run for office for the 2024 – 2028 term. Appointed board members would serve through and have an opportunity to run for election in 2024.

Florida's Soil and Water Conservation District officials serve as unpaid/voluntary government officials subject to Florida Statutes, Chapter 582, also known as the Soil and Water Conservation Law.

Last, but so important, volunteers are also needed to help with organizing and supporting district activities in Bradford County. Come

lend a hand and volunteer your time, talents, and/or resources to our programs for youth agriculture, combating invasive species, flooding and erosion control technical assistance, and more. You can make a big impact on the conservation efforts in this community.

For more information on working with the conservation district, contact Paul Still by phone 904-368-0291 or email stillpe@aol.com. You can read more on what we do by visiting <https://district.afcd.us/bradfordsoilandwater/>.

Roofing company gives back by beautifying neighborhood

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

Not long after the Southeast 48th Avenue in Deerwood Subdivision was rebuilt by the Bradford County Road Department, a professional roofing company stepped in to eliminate an eyesore.

The brick monuments flanking the entrance to the subdivision featured shingled roofing that had become worn and damaged over time, just like the roof of any home.

In addition to serving as a sort of landmark for the subdivision, they also sit at one of the busiest intersections in the county, viewable to traffic to and from Walmart.

Matt Scott, who now works for True Force Roofing, said he approached his friend and business owner about taking on the monuments as one of their community service projects.

"It sounds cliché, but truly we love making a difference," he said. That goes for their clients as well as the communities they work in.

Scott is from Bradford County. The Jacksons of Jackson Building Supply are kinfolk on his mother's side. His roots in the area are helping the company gain traction here. They've recently completed a large project at Pine Level Baptist Church, for example, and Durrance Pump as well.

Based in Alachua County, Scott said the company has been busy throughout the area



and will be opening up satellite locations, one potentially located in Bradford.

"True Force is going to be a Bradford County name here," he said.

Scott said he worked for 12 years in financial services before making the leap to his current career. True Force owner Derek King was a client and they became friends. The stress of added government regulation helped Scott decide he would rather be getting his hands dirty. All it took was a text for King to welcome him to True Force with open arms.

King grew up roofing and spent six years in the U.S. Air Force. When he returned to Gainesville, he returned to roofing and has been growing his team little by little.

"I mean, we take care of everybody. You know, whatever needs you have," he said.

Services include commercial and residential roofing, small and large repairs, leak repairs, roof coating, gutters, skylights, and emergency repairs. The company also feels called to give back.

"We obviously want to run a profitable business, but in order to do that, I think that you take your blessings, and you return them. I think that's what the Lord wants us to do," King said. They feel the reward for all they do.

"We always go above and beyond for our customers," he said. "Do the customers appreciate it? Sure. But more or less, it's that satisfaction of a job well done. You know it's something you can look back and be proud of."



Pictured are True Force Roofing owner Derek King, his uncle, Tim Burnsed, who works on the production team, and Matthew Scott, who is a project estimator.

Bradford Communities in schools honored with Gold award

Take Stock in Children of Florida honored the outstanding performance of 44 network affiliates with Silver, Gold, and Luminary awards at the organization's 2023 Student Success Conference.

Among the Gold Award recipients was Communities in Schools of Bradford County.

Take Stock in Children affiliates achieve Silver, Gold, and Luminary status by fulfilling the Take Stock Balanced Scorecard criteria. This scorecard indicates goals per pillar of student success, including mentoring, college readiness, program data and TSIC compliance standards.

Affiliates recognized with the Silver award achieved 80 points or more, while Gold award recipients achieved 90 points or more on the 100-point scorecard. Affiliates honored with both Gold and Luminary Awards reached the pinnacle of performance, scoring 100 points.

"The tireless focus on student success that drives our affiliates is reflected on the Take Stock Balanced Scorecard," said Jillian Hasner, president and CEO of Take Stock in Children. "We are very proud of our network affiliates and the number of lives they change by empowering students to break the cycle of poverty through education."

Bradford jury awards \$9.6 million

A Bradford County jury awarded a Jacksonville man \$9.6 million for a rear-end collision on U.S. 301 in Bradford County.

The jury found Rock Island Depot Inc. and driver John F. Lukens 80% negligent for the crash. Plaintiff Michael Pelfrey was 20% negligent. Pelfrey said in a deposition that at the time of the crash, he was in Bradford County to pick up a mattress from his sister.

The plaintiff added that he stopped at a traffic signal with two cars in front of him and his two sons with him in his 2013 Chevrolet Silverado. As the vehicle immediately in front of him was passing the intersection, around 2:50 p.m. on July 14, 2018, and as he took his foot off the brake pedal, Lukens's truck rear-ended his vehicle.

North Florida Elite building sold

Ronald L. McReynolds sold the building at 4092 L.M. Gaines Blvd. for \$398,000 on Aug. 15. State records list McReynolds as the president of USA Gymnastics of Florida Inc.

The buyer of the 4,900-square-foot building, built in 2006 on 1.24 acres, was POLSKA LLC, a company formed in July 2023 and based in St. Johns County.

North Florida Elite Cheer & Tumble now operates from a storefront near ALDI and Tractor Supply on U.S. 301 South of Starke.

Election myth: Mail-in ballots are counted last

Clay County's Supervisor of Elections said one of the biggest misconceptions of elections is that mail-in ballots are counted last.

Chris Chambless said that while that might be true outside of the Sunshine State, it is not true here.

"Florida law allows us to begin opening ballots before Election Day," he said, "so those results are among the first you see on Election Night."

Site selected for Clay rehab facility

Clay County staff members told commissioners they had selected the Bear Run health department office between Middleburg and Orange Park as the future site of the county's substance abuse detox and rehabilitation center.

The Florida Legislature appropriated \$3 million for the facility earlier this year. The health department is moving its staff from the Bear Run office to its new location in Fleming Island.

Staff members told the commission that they plan for the facility to house ten detox beds and six recovery beds. They added that remodeling the facility should cost around \$2.5 million while building a facility from scratch would exceed \$5 million.

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Hartley 'super' with Lawtey students

Reading and writing are fundamental for success, so the lessons begin early. Bradford School Superintendent Will Hartley joined kindergarten students at Lawtey Elementary School to help with their lessons. He is pictured above with Ace Bryant and Heidi Howard in a photo the school posted to Facebook. "The students just love it when Mr. Hartley comes to learn with them for the day! I think he may have outgrown the kindergarten chairs though," the school posted.



Pictured clockwise from top left: Caden Eison, Ryder Detweiler and Beaux Hunter; Sterlin Alexander; Caden Eison and Jaden Hendrieth; Ryder Detweiler; Adam and Amir Montaser; and Taylor Mikkelson.

Service is their business

Community service is one component for its sixth, seventh and eighth graders. This is where you can help. The program is looking for small businesses and community members to contracts with 12 Guys and 12 Girls for lawn care services. Services will be offered biweekly from March 2 to July 27, 2024. For more information and to sign up, please contact 904-364-0868 or 12gibt.12gip@gmail.com.



Attendance reaps rewards for SES

Bradford schools recognize students cannot learn if they are not in class, and so they emphasize attendance. The school district is recognizing the effort by awarding the school with the highest average daily attendance, and at 94%, August's winner was Starke Elementary School. Superintendent Will Hartley (center) is pictured with Principal Raymond Schaefer and Assistant Principal Shannon Rodriguez.



These royals have class

Bradford Elementary School recently congratulated its crowned royals. Pictured are Mr. and Miss Bradford Elementary Jack Gibson and Karley Lemire; Junior Miss Bradford Elementary Sawyer Shuford; and Little Mr. and Miss Bradford Elementary Coby Coffey and Jesslyn Hips.

State may fund Lake Butler playground equipment

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Telegraph-Times-Monitor
General Manager

LAKE BUTLER — The Florida Department of Health's Union County administrator told the city commission that the state may provide funding for playground equipment within city parks.

Amy Oody said during the Aug. 15 city commission meeting that the funding is designed to prevent chronic diseases like heart disease and diabetes.

"Everybody knows getting outside and movement of any sort is going to help," she said. "So, that's really what it's geared towards."

Oody said other counties have used the funding to build pickleball courts and to install ADA-compliant playground

equipment in their parks.

"We can't necessarily install it," Oody said of the equipment, "but we might can purchase it."

The administrator added that she did not know how much funding could be available to the city, but other local governments have received up to \$50,000 under the program.

Vice Mayor Melissa Hendrix said some citizens have asked her about the city constructing pickleball courts.

City Manager Richard Tillis said some of the municipality's playground equipment is over 20 years old and is due for replacement.

"Some of it starts to show where the plastics are starting to crack and break down because that's a long time," he said.

Oody said she would follow up with city officials with more details about the funding.

LB VFW hosts bingo

Lake Butler VFW Post 10082 has bingo on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The VFW is located off C.R. 231 just outside of Lake Butler. Look for the sign on the left (coming from town).

Lake Butler text alerts

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Union

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

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

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

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

Henton Dale Smith Jr., 46, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on August 23 for failure to appear.

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

Clay

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

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

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

James Lester Garland, 40, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Clay deputies on August 21 for possession of a firearm or

ammunition by a convicted felon and resisting an officer without violence.

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

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

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

Accused of making fraudulent bank transfers

A Starke man was arrested after a credit union accused him of stealing over \$8,000 through fraudulent bank transfers.

Devin Malik Major, 27, was arrested for fraud-swindle.

According to a sworn affidavit, the defendant opened an account with Florida Credit Union and set up transfers to the new account from a Chase Bank account owned by the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. The council is a New York-based nonprofit.

The defendant then initiated 15 transactions totaling \$10,000 from the Chase account to his credit union account. Chase then requested that the credit union reverse 11 of the transactions totaling \$7,740. The credit union said the defendant claimed the funds came from his business but could not name the business when questioned about the transactions.

Probation for Bealls shoplifting

A Hampton woman was sentenced to 13 days in jail and a year's probation after pleading to shoplifting in a Starke clothing store.

Kimberly Buhler Baker, 60,

Feeding Northeast Florida announces Hunger Action Month

Regional food bank joins national hunger awareness campaign

Feeding Northeast Florida kicked off Hunger Action Month last week, an annual observance in which people and organizations all over the country stand together against hunger each September. Started in 2008 by Feeding America, Feeding Northeast Florida leads the effort to highlight hunger in Northeast and North Central Florida across the 12 counties the organization serves.

More than 240,000 individuals, including approximately 65,000 children, living in the organization's service area struggle with some level of food insecurity — equating to one in ten adults and one in seven children. With inflationary pressures, historic rent increases and the rising cost of food and other necessities, the need for food assistance has continued to affect many families, children, seniors and veterans

in the community. In 2022, FNEFL estimates it served more than 85,000 meals per day and distributed more than 28 million pounds of food.

Throughout the month of September, FNEFL is bringing attention to hunger and its effects on many in the community through targeted initiatives in honor of Hunger Action Month, including two Southeastern Grocers sponsored food distribution events, a virtual food drive and shopping experience, and an interactive coloring wall at both Jacksonville and Gainesville facilities, among others. Local landmarks, including the Acosta Bridge, Florida Blue, Daily's Place and EverBank Stadium, will display orange lights during the month to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with FNEFL in their efforts to alleviate hunger. Additionally, Mayor Donna Deegan has proclaimed Sept. 15, 2023, as Hunger Action Day in Jacksonville.

"Every person deserves access to quality, affordable, nourishing food," said Susan

King, president and CEO of Feeding Northeast Florida. "Unfortunately, many in our community struggle to feed themselves and their families. During difficult times, we step in to help fill the meal gap so that families can focus their budgets on everything else. Throughout Hunger Action Month, we are proud to join food banks around the country in bringing awareness to this important need, keeping hunger and its effects top of mind."

Feeding Northeast Florida encourages the public to wear orange, the color of hunger, on Hunger Action Day (Friday, Sept. 15), volunteer, pledge to advocate, fundraise or donate this month and throughout the year. More information of the food bank's efforts can be found at feedingnefl.org/hungeractionmonth.

For additional details about Feeding Northeast Florida's efforts, to make a donation to the food bank or sign up to volunteer, visit feedingnefl.org. Every \$1 donated helps provide six meals.

UPDATE

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Brannan is the only police officer out of 160 legislators, he said, joking there were three chicken farmers when he was first elected.

"Now there are certainly less chicken farmers in Florida than there are policemen," the retired chief investigator said. The son of a chicken farmer himself, Brannan said he grew up collecting eggs by hand and shoveling manure on the unautomated farm.

"Moving chicken manure with pitchforks and shovels is a skill that has served me well in the

legislature," he joked.

While previously chairing Criminal Justice Policy, he said they passed 48 out of 300 bills submitted.

"What that means is we stopped 252 bad ideas. Sometimes, it's not what you pass, it's what we don't pass, because certainly there are always ideas that come up that are not good for our citizens," he said.

Brannan said his background gives him a unique perspective, adding his family serves the "courthouse block." That includes his wife, Lorelie, a judge in Baker County, as well as his brother, who runs teen court, and his sister-in-law, who is a juvenile probation supervisor.

"I appreciate that the speaker recognizes that and puts me in a role that lets me help control or have some say about criminal justice policy in the state," he said.

Justice Appropriations is important to this area as it funds the Department of Corrections. Sen. Jennifer Bradley is his counterpart in the Senate.

Brannan is also assigned to the Appropriations Committee in the House this year, as is Bradley in the Senate.

The next meeting of the Local Legislative Delegation in Bradford is tentatively set for Nov. 1.

pleaded to petit theft. County Judge D. Tatum Davis also ordered her to serve 50 hours of community service, attend an anti-theft class, and have no further contact with Bealls Outlet.

According to an arrest report, a loss prevention officer at the retailer spotted the 60-year-old in the store and called police because of the defendant's prior thefts at Bealls in Starke and Keystone Heights.

Starke Police Officer Stormi McAdams wrote in the report that she waited outside, and the store employee watched Baker on video. When the Hampton woman exited the store without paying for merchandise, McAdams took the defendant into custody.

"Post Miranda," the officer wrote, "Kimberly admitted to

units and loss prevention that she did put items in her cart that she did not pay for and left the store. The items varied from clothing to accessories. The total value of the items was \$301.75 before tax."

"Kimberly was cooperative and honest regarding her history with shoplifting and the items she took without paying for them," McAdams added. "She advised there were items that she exchanged, but the majority of the items were items she took without paying for them."

Probation for battery, resisting

A Sampson Lake-area woman was sentenced to a year's probation after pleading to throwing a punch at a woman, then grabbing her and ripping her shirt.

Christina Ann Boyd, 47, pleaded to the July 24 offense of resisting an officer without violence and to the Aug. 2 offense of battery.

According to court papers, on July 24, deputies said the victim told them she had just moved from Oregon to help Boyd care for her ailing grandfather.

"The victim stated that she woke up from a nap and Christina was being very drunk and belligerent toward her, so she walked outside," wrote reporting officer Paul Moody Jr., adding that the defendant followed the victim and yanked her hair. The victim added that Boyd was intoxicated and tried to lock the victim's boyfriend in a semi-trailer. The Oregon woman added that Boyd put a knife to the victim's wrist.

When deputies arrived, they found Boyd hiding under the semi-trailer.

In the Aug. 2 incident, deputies reported that the same victim stopped the intoxicated 47-year-old from strangling the victim's dog, and in response, Boyd took a swing at the woman. However, the victim blocked the punch.

Boyd then grabbed her while falling to the ground, ripping the victim's shirt.

Charges dropped in tire iron attack

The State Attorney's Office has dropped an aggravated battery charge against a man accused of using a tire iron to bludgeon a 50-year-old victim near Starke's Ida Street in 2020.

Christian Devon Lee Kates, 31, of Starke, had been charged, along with Carl James Denson Jr., 26, of beating the man during an argument. The state dropped charges against Denson in May 2021.

According to court documents, the victim told Starke police that the men struck him during a game of dominoes. The victim later told investigators he had to have reconstructive surgery on his face. Police reported that several witnesses to the incident refused to cooperate with the investigation.

Punched man for \$20

A Jacksonville man was sentenced to 33 days in jail and a year's probation after admitting to punching a man after the victim refused to hand over \$20.

Nathan Carl Bassett, 38, pleaded to battery and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, Bassett woke up the victim while the victim was sleeping in bed and demanded the cash, saying he was owed the money for work he had performed for the victim.

The victim told deputies that he responded by reminding the defendant that he owed the victim money for rent and food. The Lawtey-area resident said Bassett then became angry and struck him in the face and head. According to the victim, Bassett also threatened to kill him if he called law enforcement.



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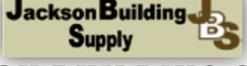
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Gainey returns to home church as pastor

Dolores Hodges

Mrs. Dolores L. Hodges, 92, of Keystone Heights passed away Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Starke. She was born Dec. 3, 1930, in Jacksonville to Nolan and Thelma (Webb) Turknett. She was a retired Realtor and a member of Community Church of Keystone Heights. She enjoyed helping others and loved spending time with her family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Hodges; and son-in-law, David West.

She is survived by three children, Ronald (Eileen) Gilmore, Darrell Gilmore, and Janice Gilmore West. She was lovingly called "Grandma" and "Mema" by grandchildren, Christopher Gilmore, Scott Gilmore, Jeremy West, Matthew West, Joshua West, Kevin West, Heather Gilmore Hill, Clinton Gilmore, and Jennifer Gilmore McCormick; great-grandchildren, Logan Shimpf, Aylssa Shimpf, Madelyn McCormick, Lexi Gilmore Spencer, Sky Hill, Katie West, Kylee West, James West, and Ava West; and a great-great-grandchild, Alastair Spencer.

A private family graveside service will be held with her nephew, Mr. Steve Melton officiating. Interment will be at Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to Community Hospice.

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PAID OBITUARY

Gainey returns to home church as pastor

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

If you were called into the ministry, could you imagine getting the opportunity to pastor at the church you grew up in?

Preston Gainey could, but he admitted he didn't think his imaginings would become reality.

"When I was young, I thought it would be a great experience to pastor there, but never thought it would come to fruition," he said.

With God, all things are possible, and it was God's will that Gainey return to Fellowship Baptist Church of Raiford. It's the fourth church Gainey has pastored at during his 27 years in the ministry.

"To be able to come back has been a true blessing for me," Gainey said.

Gainey, a 1995 Union County High School graduate, said

he received the call to go into the ministry during a sermon in which the pastor asked the congregation, "What is it God is asking you to do?"

After praying about it, Gainey believed God was telling him to preach.

"I felt like the Lord made it very evident to me," he said.

Gainey, himself, wasn't so sure. He came up with excuses in his mind for why he wouldn't be a good preacher, such as not being a good public speaker. Yet the conviction he felt that God was telling him to do just that only grew stronger. Gainey visited his older brother, Jeff, and told him about it.

"He gave me a big, old bear hug," Gainey said. "He said, 'I knew God had a plan for you.'"

That's the key. It didn't matter that Gainey had doubts. It didn't matter that in his mind he didn't what it took to be an effective pastor. God had a plan.



Preston Gainey, the pastor at Fellowship Baptist Church of Raiford, is pictured with his wife, Jessica, and their children: Emilie, Lydia and Ashlyn.

That's something that became apparent during a time of prayer and reflection when taking a walk on the campus of The Baptist College of Florida in Graceville, where Gainey earned his theology degree. Gainey said the verse John 15:16 came to mind: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and

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Tornadoes score in all 3 phases, defeat Baldwin 40-6

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Head Coach Jamie Rodgers said the goals for the Bradford High School football team entering its game against Baldwin was to be aggressive in all three phases of the game and to have fun.

Mission accomplished.

The Tornadoes scored on offense, defense and special teams in defeating host Baldwin 40-6 on Sept. 2 and improving to 2-0.

Rodgers admitted it was a different feeling after the game compared to the aftermath of the week-one win over Baker County.

"Last week, I don't think our kids had a lot of fun," Rodgers said of the 12-0 season-opening win. "I think they had a lot of pressure on them. They felt it all week. They were worried about making mistakes."

"Tonight, we weren't worried about making mistakes. They were going out there and playing



Defensive lineman Jordan Daniels celebrates after scoring a touchdown on an interception.

football. Did we make mistakes? Yes, but we made them at full speed, and it's stuff we can

correct."

Bradford, which travels to play Middleburg on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., was its usual stingy self on defense, making 11 tackles behind the line of scrimmage and limiting the Indians (1-1) to 64 total yards. Plus, the defense prevented Baldwin from scoring, with the Indians' lone score coming on special teams.

The offense struggled in the first half, going three-and-out on five of its six possessions, but eventually got things rolling. The Tornadoes had three touchdowns and 202 yards in the second half and finished with 263 yards for the game.

Even when the offense was struggling, Rodgers was still encouraged by what he saw as opposed to the Baker County game. Most first-half tackles made by Baldwin involved only one player. Rodgers said all his team had to do was to make some adjustments, and success would follow.

"When you get that, you can plan for that, and you can make sure somebody gets there," Rodgers said. "We started getting people to him in the second half. Number one (Octavious Barnes) was making a lot of plays. We started getting people on him in the second half."

Also, the offense simply played with more fire.

"We saw a lot of aggression," Rodgers said. "We saw a lot of what we were looking for in practice this week."

The first score came on a special-teams play when Baldwin muffed a punt inside its own 10-yard line. Brandon Williams recovered the loose ball for a Bradford touchdown, putting the Tornadoes up 6-0 with 3:51 to play in the first quarter. A fumble on the two-point conversion prevented Bradford from adding to its lead.

Bradford's offense managed a total of 18 yards on its first five possessions, but the Tornadoes were able to march 52 yards on their sixth to go up 12-0. The drive began with a 9-yard run by Willie Pollard and a personal-foul penalty against Baldwin. Dae'Jon Shanks broke free for a 23-yard run to set up first-and-goal at the 5. Jeremiah McKenzie, after a 3-yard run by Shanks, found the end zone on a 2-yard plunge at the 8:05 mark of the second quarter. Shanks' pass on the two-point conversion was incomplete.

Baldwin muffed the ensuing kickoff, but was able to recover at its own 12-yard line. A sack recorded by Chason Clark and



Dae'Jon Shanks (right) gets loose for a big gain in the third quarter.

Trente Jenkins helped force the Indians to go three-and-out for the sixth time in six possessions.

At that point, Baldwin had 21 yards of offense.

As good as Bradford's defense had been, it was about to get even better. Baldwin began its seventh drive at its own 7-yard line following a 34-yard punt by McKenzie. After Jenkins made a tackle to hold a run play to 2 yards, defensive lineman Torin

Brazell tipped a pass high into the air. Fellow lineman Jordan Daniels was there in the end zone to catch the ball when it came down for Bradford's third touchdown. Clark's reception on the two-point conversion put Bradford ahead 20-0.

Rodgers said the play and the score on the muffed punt were examples of players hustling 100 percent of the time.

"If you play hard, good things happen," Rodgers said.

The Indians received the second-half kickoff and picked up their initial first down. However, a tackle for loss by Williams and two incomplete passes had Baldwin punting yet again.

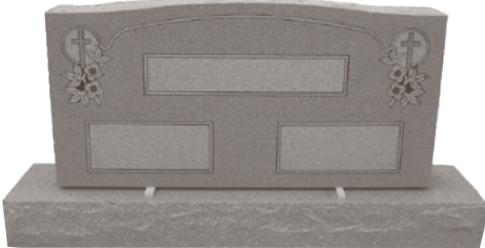
Bradford played multiple players at quarterback in the first half, but in the second half, it was all Shanks. He completed a 50-yard pass to Chalon Cummings for a first down at the Baldwin 18 on the Tornadoes' first possession of the second half. Two consecutive runs by Shanks for gains of 7 and 11 yards resulted in another touchdown at the 8:26 mark of the third quarter. Williams' run on the two-point conversion made it a 28-0 game.

Baldwin's lone score came when Bradford was forced

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Devon McBride (far right) and Chason Clark (center) have Baldwin running back Neshawn Jacobs in their sights. The Bradford defense held Baldwin to less than 70 yards and didn't give up a score, with the Indians getting their lone touchdown on special teams. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

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to punt following its second possession of the half. The low punt hit an offensive lineman. The Indians' Leon Kirkland scooped up the ball and returned it approximately 20 yards for a touchdown and a 28-6 score. The

extra point was no good. The Indians attempted an onside kick, which Bradford recovered. Pollard ripped off a 16-yard run to the Baldwin 35 on the drive's first play. Runs of 6 yards by Pollard and 10 yards by Shanks moved the Tornadoes to the 19. After a 1-yard run by Pollard, Shanks threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Cummings to

make the score 34-6 with 3:07 to play in the third quarter. The extra point was no good. Cummings finished with two catches for 68 yards. Bradford's final score came on a 60-yard drive on which Pollard and Shanks rushed for 29 and 26 yards, respectively. Shanks rushed 20 yards for a touchdown with 5:38 to play.

Shanks, who was 2 of 3 passing for 68 yards, finished with 88 rushing yards on just nine carries. "He's an unbelievable playmaker," Rodgers said. "When he's got the ball in his hands, you never know what's going to happen. Most of the time, it's positive. If he can get a crease, if he can get one on one

with somebody, he's really hard to bring down." Pollard had a solid first half, with multiple runs of more than 5 yards each. In the second half, he was able to get free for bigger gains and finish with 90 yards on 17 carries. "Willie hits it hard every time," Rodgers said. "It's only a matter of time before he starts

busting them." Bradford now prepares for its second straight road game to play a Class 3S Middleburg team that is 0-1. The Broncos, who didn't play last week, opened the season with a 26-7 loss to defending Class 1R state champion Hawthorne. The Tornadoes defeated Middleburg 21-0 last year.

GAINEY

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ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the father, he may give it to you." "I realized at that moment I did not make a choice to be God's pastor," Gainey said. Since he was chosen by God,

all that was left for Gainey to do was trust fully in God's plan. It's an example for all believers. "Be faithful," Gainey said, "Allow God to do what He's going to do." Gainey did more at The Baptist College of Florida than earn a degree. He met Jessica, the woman who would become his wife. One of the things that was on Gainey's mind during the

forementioned walk on campus was the fact he was struggling academically. He entered a laundromat following that walk. Jessica, who was there, looked at his face and said, "My goodness. What's going on?" Gainey said he told her, to which she replied, "As a woman of my word, I will help you and tutor you." Gainey doesn't doubt it was a God-led moment. He and Jessica have been married since 1997 and have three daughters: Emilie, 24, Lydia, 20, and Ashlyn, 16.

to get fired as soon as he was hired went through his mind. Gainey said he managed to read the scripture his sermon was based upon. He then prayed to end the service, followed by a time of invitation. A teen girl came forward and accepted Christ as her savior. "It was amazing," Gainey said. It was also an affirmation of God's presence. Gainey realized he could have peace and be relaxed at the pulpit. God would take care of everything. "God just kind of spoke to my heart and said, 'Preston, I'll do all the work. You just be obedient to me.'"

However, during that visit, he noticed only two youths in attendance. One was his daughter. The other was his nephew. "It felt like the Lord spoke to me about that," Gainey said. During that visit, Gainey prayed at the altar. He said God reminded him of Joshua Chapter 4 and the 12 stones that were to serve as a memorial unto the children of Israel. "I felt like the Lord told me that," Gainey said. He and his wife went to a prayer service at the church the following day. Multiple people told Gainey they were praying for him. One woman said she was praying that God would lead him to take the position at the church.

number of youths has increased from 2-3 to about 15. It's an area where Gainey wants to see continued growth, whether it be children, teenagers or college-age students. "I'm hoping that our younger people will gravitate toward us," he said. Sunday school numbers have increased as well, so there are a lot of positive things happening at Fellowship Baptist, which is doing more than ministering to its members. For example, it has a clothes closet and a food pantry for those in need. Gainey would like to partner with other churches and the Union County School District to be able to provide weekend food for children.

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God's plan takes Gainey back to Fellowship Baptist

Gainey's first position at pastor was at Beulah Baptist Church in Cedar Springs, Georgia. He actually preached at the church for a month before being officially voted in. He remembers his first official night as pastor. He got up to preach, but found he was scared and could hardly talk. "My mouth went cotton dry," Gainey said. The thought that he was going

His obedience eventually led him in a direction he didn't think he'd take.

Roy Singletary from Fellowship Baptist Church of Raiford reached out to him and asked him to consider becoming the church's youth pastor. Gainey was in the midst of looking for senior-pastor positions and had never been a youth pastor. During a visit he and Jessica made to the church, Gainey said he had been praying about the position, but in his mind, at that time, he had no intention of accepting it.



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Bringing home the gold

4 locals help Team USA to a victory at world twirling event

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

"No matter how small the county, we can still do big things."

Those words said by Lake Butler's Karly Shatto ring true for her and three other young women from Bradford and Union counties, who did more than prove they belonged at a world-championship event. They returned home with gold medals.

As members of Allstars Twirling Academy, Shatto, Julia Casey of Starke, Lyndee Griffis of Lake Butler and Laura Park of Lake Butler represented Team USA at the World Majorette Championship in Liverpool, England, earning the gold medal in the senior division of the Majorette Exhibition Corps event.

Team USA placed ahead of silver medalist Czech Republic and bronze medalist Spain.

"When the results were announced, it honestly didn't even seem real," Park said. "This was our first year competing at the world competition, and we never imagined that we would beat the other teams that had so much experience. I think we all went in with the mindset that we would be grateful just to medal, so we were in shock when we kept hearing the other countries being called for silver and bronze."

Hope turned to surprise as Team USA waited to hear its name called.

"It was crazy," Shatto said. "We were all so excited. There were many happy tears by athletes and coaches."

Griffis said, "We never expected to win first place on the world level. We were only hoping to place the top three, but when they kept calling other countries, we all could not believe what was about to happen. 'And in first place, All Stars from the USA.' I think this quote will replay in

my mind forever. It was truly the most memorable moment, where I felt like all of my time and hard work finally paid off.

"When they announced us as first place, we all started hugging each other and some of us (me) even started to cry. This was the closest we have ever been as a team, and I am proud to be part of this twirling family."

Casey said the events her team competed in are events that twirlers in the U.S. don't normally participate in. Therefore, she described the experience as "intimidating."

"I think many of us put a lot of pressure on ourselves to do well so that we represented our country and our group in the best way possible," Casey said.

It was the best possible representation, to say the least.

"I think it was a shock for all of us," Casey said. "Hearing our name be called for winning the World Championships in our division was something that we only dreamed of, and I have never been as grateful for the opportunities that baton twirling has given me throughout the past 18 years. Qualifying for the World Championship was something that I had always wanted to do, so to be able to go with my group and win was a moment in my career that I will never forget."

Going for the gold

The twirlers had to be early risers to ready themselves for practices and performances as well as the opening ceremonies on the first day of the two-day event.

"We were expected to be at the arena where the championships were held at 8 each morning — with hair and makeup done — so we were ready to perform almost immediately after arriving," said Casey, who has been a part of Allstars Twirling Academy for 17 years.

Griffis, who's been part of Allstars Twirling Academy for seven years, said, "A typical day during this event started with a very early morning. I would

wake up at around 4:30 or 5 to start getting ready. The arena doors would open at 7:30, and we would instantly start to warm up and stretch."

It wasn't a full day of practicing and competing, though. Park, who's been with Allstars Twirling Academy for 15 years, said, "We had a good bit of free time to get lunch or dinner and explore, even with practice times worked into our schedule."

Some of the free time was spent watching, as Griffis put it, watching "some of the most insanely talented twirlers in the world."

"The mornings were early, but many stayed after we performed so we could watch teams from other countries compete," Casey said.

That was something Casey enjoyed, as it allowed her to "see other talented twirlers from other countries that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to see otherwise."

Watching competitors from other countries was one of the things Park enjoyed the most.

"My favorite highlights were just being able to spend time with my teammates and enjoy being in England," Park said. "I also loved being able to watch twirlers from around the world. It's crazy to think that you can speak different languages and not understand each other, yet baton twirling brings us all together and connects us."

"It was so enjoyable watching the different twirling styles, dances and techniques that all of the countries had."

Shatto, who's been with Allstars Twirling Academy for 12 years, admitted that watching the other teams was intimidating, but she added, "I still felt like we had a chance."

Griffis said, "The most nerve-racking moment about all of this was knowing that other countries were watching you, and you know that you're the ones representing the entire USA. At that point, you really want to impress everyone and show what you can do."



Karly Shatto, Lyndee Griffis, Laura Park and Julia Casey are pictured at Liverpool, England's Albert Dock.

The twirlers obviously didn't allow the big stage to affect their performances. Griffis said, "To me, this competition felt like any other baton competition. People from all around the world were brought together in one place by this sport. I didn't really feel nervous when we got onto the competition floor. I knew that we all had put in our hard work and effort and that we could knock this out of the park, and we did just that."

Griffis said one of the highlights for her was her team's performance of their winning routine, which was titled "Jetset."

"I have never felt prouder of myself and my teammates," she said.

So many highlights, so many emotions — all leading up to that moment of earning a gold medal for your country.

"Hearing our national anthem because we won was so humbling," Shatto said.

Experiences

The event offered more than just the chance to compete at the highest level. Casey said meeting and talking with twirlers from other countries was a "really cool experience."

"Most interactions between twirlers from other countries

involved exchanging different goodies, such as sunglasses, beads, flags and other small gifts."

Park said she didn't have many opportunities to interact with others, but added, "It was definitely amazing being able to see all of the twirlers from different countries gather in the same room for opening ceremonies. Even just to hear the different languages being spoken was cool."

The four local twirlers all had chances to be tourists as well as competitors. Griffis, for example, was able to spend a few days in London.

"It can be intimidating at first to go to a different country, but once you learn your way around town, it is very exciting," Griffis said. "My family and I had a blast seeing Big Ben, the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the city itself. My favorite thing to do was to just wander around London because all of the buildings are just so beautiful and very different from the U.S."

Shatto, who also visited Wales and Paris, enjoyed touring London as well.

"I loved Buckingham Palace," she said. "It was so pretty — almost unbelievable."

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UCHS football team back in action Friday

After its Sept. 1 game at Columbia was postponed, the Union County High School football team will return to the field as the Tigers will make a long road trip to DeFuniak Springs to play Walton on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. Central Time.

Walton (2-0) is coming off a 45-21 win over Alabama's Flomaton.

The Class 2S Braves went 7-4 last year, qualifying for the playoffs. One of their losses was against Union by a score of 31-15.

Upcoming matches for BHS, KHHS, UCHS volleyball

Bradford High School's volleyball team, which is coming off a 3-0 loss at Fleming Island on Aug. 31, returns to action with a road match against Columbia on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. The Tornadoes then travel to play Baker County on Monday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. before playing their first home match of the season against Palatka on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m.

Each match follows a junior varsity match, which begins one hour earlier.

Keystone Heights, which is coming off of a 3-2 win over Toco Creek on Aug. 24 and a 3-0 loss to Newberry on Aug. 31, played Union County this past Tuesday. The Indians (1-2) host Pierson Taylor on Thursday, Sept. 7, and P.K. Yonge on Monday, Sept. 11. They then travel to play Baker County on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

All matches are scheduled for 7 p.m., following JV matches at 6 p.m.

Union (2-1) will host Baker County on Thursday, Sept. 7, and Branford on Monday, Sept. 11. On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Tigers travel to play Bell.

The matches will take place at 6:30 p.m., following 5:30 p.m. JV matches.



HCA Lions now hitting the links

Hope Christian Academy is participating in the sport of golf for the first time ever. The Lions opened their season against Keystone Heights High School this past Tuesday. They'll play Keystone again on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 3:30 p.m. at the Keystone Golf and Country Club. This year's inaugural team consists of (l-r) Assistant Coach Leon Petit, Ben Whalen, Jude Dugat, Luke Drew, Jacob Elmore (in front of Drew), Blayne Wilkinson and Coach Van Elmore. Not pictured: Jack Stack and Assistant Coach Juli Wilkinson.

Indians give up big pass plays in 35-0 loss to Rams

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

It was a scoreless game in the second quarter until visiting Eastside struck with big plays, scoring on five straight possessions in defeating the Keystone Heights High School football team 35-0 on Sept. 1.

It was the season-opener for the Indians, who gave up four touchdown passes of more than 30 yards. Two of Eastside's scores covered more than 70 yards.

"We've got to be in better position. I've got to get them better," Keystone Head Coach Steve Reynolds said. "There's some new stuff defensively this season that we didn't do last year. We're trying to iron the kinks out. We're going to be all right."

Keystone's offense held the ball for approximately 16 minutes in the first half, but trailed 21-0 at halftime. Reynolds said it was reminiscent of games last season in which the offense was able to move inside opponents' 25- or 30-yard lines, only to have the drives fizzle out.

"We had three possessions inside the 30 in the first half alone and came away with no points," Reynolds said. "That's something where Coach Reynolds needs to do better. We've got to get these kids ready for situational football a little better."

The Indians, who host Fort White on Friday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m., made a big play on special teams when a Connor Guy punt traveled 48 yards, pinning the Rams (2-0) at their own 3-yard line for their opening possession.

Eastside was able to gain a first down, but a holding penalty hurt the Rams, forcing them to eventually punt.

It was Eastside's only possession of the first quarter.

The Indians converted a fourth-and-1 play on their second



Darrión Grady (right) upends Eastside wide receiver Antoneo Wilson on a play that forced the Rams to punt. Keystone's Cartez Daniels is also pictured. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

possession when quarterback Baylor Ford went over center for a 4-yard gain to the Eastside 49. Ford later completed a 6-yard pass to Andru Siemer to set up third-and-4. Carez Daniels then ran for a 7-yard gain to pick up the first down.

Siemer, who finished with two receptions for 21 yards, caught another pass for a 15-yard gain to the Eastside 21. The next three plays, however, were a run play for a loss of 4 yards, an incomplete pass and a 4-yard sack. A screen pass to Daniels on fourth-and-18 went for only a 1-yard gain, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Rams quarterback Adrian Curtis misfired on a deep pass on the first play after the change of possession. However, he came back on the next play and connected with Chris Bishop for a 72-yard touchdown at the

9:52 mark of the second quarter. Brayden Wester blocked the extra point.

The Indians' offense put itself in potential scoring position again when fullback Trey Jeffries got loose for a 21-yard gain to the Eastside 35. A 5-yard reception by Jackson Parmeter later moved Keystone inside the 30, but two straight incomplete passes resulted in a turnover on downs, with the Indians needing just 4 yards to gain a first down.

Jeffries and Wester held running back Joshua Benjamin to a 2-yard gain on the first play of the Rams' ensuing series, but Benjamin broke a tackle in the backfield on second down and scampered for a gain that left Eastside inches short of a first down. After moving the chains on an 8-yard pass play,

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Julia Casey is the daughter of Lee and Karen Casey of Starke. She's a fourth-year sociology major at UF and a member of the Gatorettes.

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Casey was able to leave the U.S. early. She spent five days traveling to Paris and London.

"These were both two cities that I had wanted to see for quite some time, so I enjoyed getting to explore and learn more about each during my trip," Casey said, adding, "My favorite thing that I saw was the Palace of Versailles. The palace and the gardens were beautiful, and knowing the history of what happened there was all interesting, and I think it helped make it one of my favorite things from the trip."

Park had quite the trip outside of the world championship.

"I spent almost four weeks sightseeing both before and after our competition," Park said. "It was the trip of a lifetime. Apart from my time in England, I traveled to Italy, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro and Scotland. Part of this trip was spent traveling with the UF CALS (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) Leadership Institute.

"I honestly don't think there was any one part of the trip that I enjoyed over the other.

From family to classmates to teammates, I enjoyed the different groups of people I was able to spend time abroad with. I can say, without a doubt, that traveling abroad gives you such a different perspective on life, and I think that's what I will be most grateful for."

Twirling

Casey, a fourth-year sociology major at UF, first began baton twirling when she was 3, following in the footsteps of her sister, who twirled at the University of Florida.

"My sister was a Gatorette from 1997-2001, so we had many of her Gatorette posters hanging up in our house," Casey wrote. "I had told my mom that I wanted to be in a poster like my sister, and she decided to sign me up for baton the following fall. Through my 18 years of twirling, I have competed in group routines as well as individual events on state, regional, national and now international levels.

"Baton twirling is something that requires a lot of hard work and determination due to skills that are needed to learn and perfect all fundamentals and bodywork that is involved in the sport. I find joy in not only working to master these skills myself, but also being able to help other twirlers with problems that they have."

And that childhood dream of wanting to be on a Gatorettes poster? She made it come true. She is a fourth-year member of the Gatorettes.

"As a senior, who will be twirling for the Gators for the last time this football season, I will cherish every memory that I have made while on the line," she wrote. "Getting to twirl in front of 90,000 people in the Swamp during each home game is a feeling I will never forget. I have had the pleasure the past four years to be able to twirl with a talented group of girls from all



Lyndee Griffis is the daughter of Darrell and Elizabeth Griffis of Lake Butler. She's a senior at Union County High School and plans to attend UF and audition for the Gatorettes.

across the state and country, and also be a part of such a wonderful organization like the Gator Marching Band.

"As a Gatorette, I know that I am a role model for younger twirlers and like that I can potentially make an impact in their lives."

Griffis, a senior at Union County High School, was inspired to twirl while in elementary school.

"I started twirling in fifth grade because I saw some girls twirl fire batons at Tiger Growl during homecoming," she wrote. "I thought that was the coolest thing ever. After twirling for a couple years, a lot of my teammates became Gatorettes and were able to twirl at the collegiate level, and that became my new dream.

"I love baton because there is never a limit to what you can do. Seeing myself achieve new skills over the years really motivates me because I know that I can always learn new things."

Griffis plans to try out for the Gatorettes in the spring and follow in the footsteps of Casey, Park and Shatto.

"I adore watching all of my teammates on the field during



Laura Park is the daughter of Tim and Lori Park of Lake Butler. She's a junior studying agricultural communications at UF and is also a Gatorette.

football season, and I hope that this time next year I will join them on that field," she wrote.

Park, a junior studying agricultural communications at UF, began twirling at the age of 4.

"I started twirling shortly after my older sister, which is ultimately how I got involved," Park said. "This sport almost feels like a stress reliever at times when you really get into the music and enjoy the people who are around you. I think it's those times when it really brings me the most joy."

Park is entering her second year as a Gatorette.

"Twirling for the University of Florida will always be one of the hardest, yet most rewarding, experiences when it comes to baton twirling," she said. "It has given me so many opportunities and friendships that I will cherish for a lifetime. The adrenaline rush you get running out of the tunnel on game days is definitely an experience like no other."

Shatto, a freshman at Florida Gateway College, has been twirling since she was 6. As you can imagine, the ensuing years have consisted of a lot of time

devoted to becoming good at it.

"I don't remember what got me involved," she said, "but I have always loved twirling. Twirling gives me joy because it is not easy and takes lots of practice.

"Winning on a world level made all that hard work worth it."

Her hard work has also led to an opportunity to twirl with the Gatorettes, beginning this fall.

"Being able to do what I love at a collegiate level is amazing," Shatto said. "I cannot wait till the first game, being in front of all those fans, doing what I love."

Lifelong memories

Winning a world championship is an unforgettable experience, receiving a gold medal and getting that chance to represent your home as part of Team USA.

"As someone from Bradford County, it made me really proud of the opportunity that I was given and that I was able to represent my small town in such a big way," Casey said. "Growing up and later graduating from Bradford High in 2020, I always feel proud when I am a part of something that can bring pride to my hometown, such as being a part of Team USA and bringing home a world championship title.

"I think the biggest thing that I am going to remember from this trip is once we got off the floor and being able to celebrate with girls that I have twirled with for many years. There are a few of us that are reaching the end of our twirling careers, so going on the floor and performing a really good routine was something that we all were proud of, and then finding out later we won was a really special moment for us."

As for her world-championship experience, Griffis said, "I felt very honored to represent such a small county at the world level. I realized that I could accomplish incredible things even though I live in a small town.



Karly Shatto is the daughter of Tim and Kim Shatto of Lake Butler. She's a freshman at Florida Gateway College and will pursue a degree in business administration. Shatto will also be a member of the UF Gatorettes.

"I am always going to remember the time spent with my teammates. I think that the competition brought us all closer. I was able to spend some of my downtime with some of my teammates, and that really brought us closer."

Park said, "I always leave Lake Butler knowing that I am representing my faith, my family and my community, and it makes me proud knowing I was able to represent them well through this event.

"I will always remember the countless laughs, wandering around the streets of an unexplored country and our country being called as the gold medalist. I think most of all, I will remember the gratefulness that I feel to be able to experience the things that I have at such a young age. From here, it seems that the world is my oyster."

Like Shatto said, you can do big things, even if you're from a small county.

"I was so proud to represent my country and our little counties," Shatto said.

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Benjamin rushed for an 11-yard gain to the Keystone 42. Two plays later, Curtis threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Antoneo Wilson. Wilson then caught a pass for a successful two-point conversion, making it a 14-0 game with 3:24 left until halftime.

Keystone muffed the ensuing kickoff, with Eastside's Tajoun

Waldon recovering at the Indians' 31-yard line. Runs of 13 and 11 yards by Corvin Byrd helped set up first-and-goal at the 1.

The Indians looked as if they were on the verge of a successful goal-line stand. Jayden Goodman dropped Byrd for a 3-yard loss on first down, followed by Garrison Teague tackling Curtis for a 1-yard loss on a quarterback keeper. Byrd was gang tackled after gaining 2 yards on third down. On fourth down, with 4 seconds left in the half, Wilson caught his second

touchdown of the night. Elijah Dressel kicked the extra point for a 21-0 Eastside lead.

Wilson finished with 46 yards on three receptions.

Eastside opened the second half with a four-play, 65-yard drive that culminated with Curtis hitting Bishop in stride down the middle of the field for a 56-yard touchdown. The Rams, after the PAT, led 28-0 a minute into the third quarter.

Bishop finished with two receptions for 128 yards.

Darrion Grady returned the

ensuing kickoff 29 yards. A late hit out of bounds on the play tacked on 15 yards, giving the Keystone offense the ball at the Eastside 45. The Indians would pick up a first down on a 17-yard Teague reception to the 26. The drive would bog down after a quarterback-fullback collision in the backfield, a penalty and a sack.

When Eastside's offense took to the field again, its first play was a run play for no yards, courtesy of a tackle by Teague. The next play, Curtis dropped a deep pass

into the hands of Waldon for an 80-yard touchdown. Dressel kicked the extra point to conclude the scoring.

A running clock was in effect after the score. Eastside also pulled its starters after the final touchdown, which meant Curtis exited the game having gone 9 of 13 for 276 yards.

The Rams, a regional semifinal team from last year, compiled approximately 400 total yards.

Keystone rushed for 86 yards, led by Daniels, who gained 43 yards on 14 carries.

Ford completed 7 of 15 passes for 49 yards.

Damien Dunlap led Keystone in tackles with nine. Zane Leger and Wyatt Van Zant finished with six and five tackles, respectively.

The Indians' next opponent, a Class 1R playoff qualifier from last season, is off to a 1-0 start. Fort White, which didn't play last week, opened the season with a 19-13 win over Taylor County.

Last season, Fort White defeated Keystone 28-0.

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

CASE NO: 04-2023-CP-047 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DORIS LEE SANDBERG, DECEASED. FORMAL NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 37, 38, 39 and 40 of Block 3, in Dowling's Addition to Towa of Starke, in Section 29, Township 6 South, Range 22 East. Parcel Number: 03837-C-2500

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is August 3, 2023. Marcella D. Thomas Personal Representative

CHARLES DANIEL SIKES 817 W. MacMahon Street Starke, Florida 32091 Email: dan.sikes30@gmail.com (904) 964-2020 Florida Bar No: 0886858 Attorney for Petitioner 8/3 13tchg 10/26-BCT

PUBLIC HEARING Bradford County School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Final Budget, September 11, 2023 at 5:01 P.M. at Bradford County School District Office, 501 W. Washington St., Starke, Florida 32091. Immediately following the Public Hearing will be a Rule Development Workshop on Board Policies. Following the workshop will be the Regular School Board Meeting. 9/7 11tchg-BCT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 6:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida, to declare a definite time and place for a public hearing to consider the exercise of its authority pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, to close and abandon a strip of land 30.0 feet in width lying between Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Davis brothers, Truby's Sub-division as recorded in Deed Book E, page 680 of the public records of Bradford County, Florida. Said strip extending East from the Easterly boundary of the Right of Way of State Road #200, U.S. 301 to the East boundary of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the County Manager's Office, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard

with respect to this matter. The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published. All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the County Manager's Office located in the Bradford County Courthouse, Starke, Florida, 904-966-6280 at least two business days in advance; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771. 9/7 11tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: MIRACLE AUTOMOTIVE & TRUCK SERVICE CENTER INC. gives notice that on 09/22/2023 at 12:00 PM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 620 N THOMPSON ST, STARKE, FL 32091 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. JTKKU10448J013905 2008 TOYT This notification is published in BRADFORD COUNTY TELEGRAPH on 09/07/2023. 9/7 11tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 659 Year of Issuance: 2016 Parcel Number: 02487-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2023-TD-20 Description of Property: Commencing at Northwest corner of land owned by

Elmira King on East side of Railway and run East at right angles to Railway to East line of Section 21, thence North on said Section line to Center Street in Temple's Sub-Division, thence West on Street to Railway, Thence South along Railway to beginning in East Half of Northeast Quarter, Except such lots or pieces as have been heretofore been deeded Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida Name in Which Assessed: DENTON II LLC Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: Lisa Brannon, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: August 21, 2023 DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 8/24 4tchg 9/14-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY R PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 729 Year of Issuance: 2016 Parcel Number: 02723-0-00000 Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0019 Description of Property: N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot in NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 being 237', N. & S. by 100', E. & W. Sec. 22, Twp. 6, S., R-22 Name in Which Assessed: LEROY THOMAS & MARIE THOMAS Name on last tax roll, if different: MARIE THOMAS (DEC) All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: August 21, 2023 DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 8/24 4tchg 9/14-BCT

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Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: August 18, 2023 DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 8/24 4tchg 9/14-BCT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Notice is hereby given that SHIRLEY PICKFORD REVOCABLE TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 1197 Year of Issuance: 2016 Parcel Number: 05555-B-00400 Case Number: 2023-TD-0018 Description of Property: Parcel 4, Block "B" The West 75.77 feet of Lot 4 and the East 33.74 feet of Lot 5 there of, Block "B" a Re-Plat of Part of Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake. The Replat is recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 20 of the Public records of Bradford County, Florida Name in Which Assessed: NGA NGUYEN Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 10/18/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem. DATED: August 21, 2023 DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 8/24 4tchg 9/14-BCT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 607
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 02297-0-00500
Case Number: 2023-TD-0017
Description of Property: Part of the west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E, Bradford County, Florida being more particularly described as follows:
Commence at the southeast corner of west 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 18, T6S, R22E and run north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 459.69 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence south 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet, thence north 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds west for 208.72 feet; thence north 89 degrees, 35 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet; thence south 0 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds east for 208.72 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1 acre.
Name in Which Assessed: JOE LOUIS HENDERSON; PETSEY OLA BEARD

Name on last tax roll, if different: PETSEY O BEARD (DEC) % ANDREW HARRIS (NEPHEW)
All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on the 10/18/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: Kanetra Jenkins, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: AUGUST 24, 2023; AUGUST 31, 2023; SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

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

Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/08/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY: KANETRA JENKINS, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 21, 2023
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 2023-CP-0070
IN RE: ESTATE OF
PETER F. NOEL,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of PETER F. NOEL, deceased, whose date of death was April 24, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is

945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is August 31, 2023.
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Personal Representative
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Juneau, AK 99801

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

CASE NO. 22000388CAAXMX
MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,
VS.
CANDACE MCLENDON A/K/A
CANDACE MARIE MCLENDON, et al.,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: MARIA ELANA SANCHEZ GUTIERREZ, 1655 E BROWNLEE ST, STARKE, FL 32091
INES ADRIANA SANCHEZ-GUTIERREZ, 1612 LINKS DR APT 04, JONESBORO, AR 72404
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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, IN THE CITY OF STARKE, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 OF NORTHWEST 1/4 AND RUN NORTH 01 DEGREE 10 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF AND ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, 432.88 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 265.25 FEET TO A SET IRON ROD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN SOUTH 13 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST 254.04 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STATE ROAD 16, SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 3769.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE 204.66 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 76 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST TO A SET IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 297.00 FEET TO A FOUND IRON ROD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 166.12 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
TOGETHER WITH A 1999 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME WITH THE ID #S
FLHMBC133043858A AND
FLHMBC133043858B, WHICH IS LOCATED THEREON.
PARCEL NUMBER: 02842-0-00401
has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written

defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, Esq, McCalla Flaymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 28 day of August, 2023.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: L. Brannon
Deputy Clerk
Publish In: Bradford Telegraph
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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The title of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 23-02, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING POLICY 1.2.2 OF THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT BY ADDING SOLAR FACILITIES AS A USE PERMITTED WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS AND BY EXCLUDING SOLAR FACILITIES FROM THE ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATING FACILITY LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS IN RURAL AREAS OF THE COUNTY; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF 50 OR LESS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, S230811A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM AGRICULTURE-2 (LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN POLICY 1.2.2) TO COMMERCIAL 10F CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinances, which titles hereinafter appear, will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on September 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. Copies of the ordinances may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the County Clerk located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Courthouse North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinances. The title of said ordinances read, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF MORE THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-04, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-2) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF TEN OR LESS CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 23-05, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. S230811A, an application by Murray Capital Investments, LLC, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by changing the land use classification from AGRICULTURE-2 (less than or equal to dwelling 1 unit per 5 acre, except as provided for in Policy 1.2.2) to COMMERCIAL on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the North line of said Section 7 with the East right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 07°29'23" West 1,213.40 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 87°56'28" East 824.11 feet; thence North 07°18'21" East 360.37 feet; thence North 88°05'19" East 523.00 feet to the East line of said Section 7; thence South 01°17'36" East 706.11 feet, along the East line of said Section 7; thence South 87°49'06" West 1,329.15 feet; thence North 00°18'06" East 24.09 feet; thence South 89°06'54" West 122.91 feet to the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 07°27'18" East 332.64 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the Point of Beginning. Containing 15.99 acres, more or less.

(2) Z 23-05, an application by Edith Marie Mattox and Karen Dale Mattox, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY-1 (RSF-1) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:
A parcel of land lying in Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 12; thence West 800.00 feet, along the South right-of-way line of Southeast 66th Street; thence North 80.00 feet to the North right-of-way line of said Southeast 66th Street for the Point of Beginning; thence North 300.00 feet; thence West 128.07 feet to the Easterly right-of-way line of State Road 100; thence Southwesterly 360.00 feet, along the Easterly right-of-way line of said State Road 100, to the North right-of-way line of said Southeast 66th Street; thence East 319.20 feet, along the North right-of-way line of said Southeast 66th Street to the Point of Beginning. Containing 1.84 acres, more or less.
At the aforementioned public hearings, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendments.
A copy of the amendments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearings they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the office of the County Manager at 904.966.6327 by 5:00 p.m. at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing or via Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Notice is hereby given that RB TAX INVESTMENTS 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: 1029
Year of Issuance: 2021
Parcel Number: 06230-B-03000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0016
Description of Property:
A parcel of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 9 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida, locally referred to as Lot Thirty (30) of an unrecorded plat of "SEMINOLE RIDGE, UNIT NO. 2" and more particularly described on attached Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof.
Name in Which Assessed: CHRISTOPHER G R CHIAPPINI
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY L. Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 31, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023; SEPTEMBER 21, 2023; SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS TO THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendments, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Bradford County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Bradford County, Florida, at public hearings on September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. (1) Z 23-04, an application by Murray Capital Investments, LLC, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the Land Development Regulations by changing the zoning district from AGRICULTURAL-2 (A-2) to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE (CI) on property described, as follows:

A parcel of land lying in Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida. Being more particularly described, as follows: Commence at the intersection of the North line of said Section 7 with the East right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence South 07°29'23" West 1,213.40 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 87°56'28" East 824.11 feet; thence North 07°18'21" East 360.37 feet; thence North 88°05'19" East 523.00 feet to the East line of said Section 7; thence South 01°17'36" East 706.11 feet, along the East line of said Section 7; thence South 87°49'06" West 1,329.15 feet; thence North 00°18'06" East 24.09 feet; thence South 89°06'54" West 122.91 feet to the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200); thence North 07°27'18" East 332.64 feet, along the East right-of-way line of said U.S. Highway 301 (State Road 200) to the Point of Beginning. Containing 15.99 acres, more or less.
At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the amendment.
Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, County Courthouse located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.
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Name in Which Assessed: CHRISTOPHER G R CHIAPPINI
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson,
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY L. Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: August 31, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: SEPTEMBER 7, 2023; SEPTEMBER 14, 2023; SEPTEMBER 21, 2023; SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

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

Certificate Number: 994
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 04676-0-00500
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0025
Description of Property: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 2664.73 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 1376.02 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SE 139TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, ALONG LAST SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 500.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, PARALLE.: WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 500.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SE 139TH STREET, 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 500.94 FEET TO SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.30 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
Name in Which Assessed: MICHAEL A DEW
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
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Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Bradford County, Florida
BY L. Brannon
LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk
Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 1, 2023 .
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 1, 2023; September 14, 2023; September 21, 2023; September 28, 2023

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Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0025
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Certificate Number: 1246
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 05920-0-00000
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0026
Description of Property: Lot 20, Keystone Club Estates, Unit One Replat, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 50-51, of the public records of Bradford County, Florida.
Name in Which Assessed: CARL GECKENROAD
Name on last tax roll, if different: All of said property being in the County of Bradford, State of Florida. Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/8/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: L. Brannon LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 1, 2023
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Certificate Number: 993
Year of Issuance: 2016
Parcel Number: 04676-0-00400
Case Number: 04-2023-TD-0028
Description of Property: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 4 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 2664.73 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTH 1/2 OF NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 1376.02 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF SE 139TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, ALONG LAST SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 300.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 500.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID WESTERLY BOUNDARY, 500.94 FEET TO SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 54 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY, 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.30 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
Name in Which Assessed: PATSY DEW COX
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

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law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the BRADFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, STARKE, FL on 11/1/2023, at 11:00 AM, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
Denny Thompson, Clerk Of The Circuit Court Bradford County, Florida
BY: L. Brannon LISA BRANNON, Deputy Clerk Contact the Tax Deed Office at 904-966-6280 to obtain the amount necessary to redeem.
DATED: September 1, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: September 7, 2023; September 14, 2023; September 21, 2023; September 28, 2023

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NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP REGARDING THE BELOW RULES WILL BE HELD September 11, 2023 Following the 5:01 P.M. 2023-2024 Final Budget Public Hearing Bradford County School District Office
501 West Washington Street, Starke Florida 32091
SUMMARY: BOARD POLICIES: New and Revisions
POLICY NUMBER: 8.257
POLICY TITLE: Unpaid Meal Charge
SUBJECT AREA: Auxiliary Services
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Notice of New Policy
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.
LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: 570.98, 570.981, F.S.
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
RULE(S): 5P-1.0041001.41, 1001.42, F.S.
POLICY NUMBER: 6.321
POLICY TITLE: Health Insurance Premiums
SUBJECT AREA: Human Resources
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Changes in Insurance
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23, F.S.
LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: 112.0801, 250.341, 1001.43, F.S.
POLICY NUMBER: 6.216
POLICY TITLE: Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)
SUBJECT AREA: Human Resources
PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Change of Drop Rules
RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23, F.S.
LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: 121.091, 1001.43, F.S.
R U L E M A K I N G AUTHORITY: 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23, F.S.
LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: CHAPTER 120, 790.115, 1001.43, 1012.22, 1012.27, 1012.33, 1012.335, 1012.795, F.S.

All policies can be found on the Bradford County School District web page @ www.bradfordschools.org-School Board - Agenda tab
THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: For information regarding the proposed rule development, and to obtain a copy (at no charge) of any available preliminary draft, please contact: Lila Sellars, sellars.lila@mybradford.us and 904-966-6018.
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NOTICE OF SALE
T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell these vehicles on September 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2016 Ford Vin# 1FTEW1EF4GFA00761
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NOTICE OF SELF STORAGE SALE
Please take notice Lake Butler Mini Storage, located at 1015 SW 3rd St. Lake Butler, FL, 32054 intends to hold an auction of goods stored in the following units in default for non-payment of rent on Lockerfox.com. The sale will occur on 9/22/2023 at 12:00 am on Lockerfox.com. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.
Unit #11 Lakeisha Hawkins
Unit #27 Tashonia Jackson
Unit #32 Katherine M. Wyatt
Unit #78 Unknown AKA John Doe
All property is being stored at the above self-storage facility. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.
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VOTER REGISTRATION

The Voter registration books will close on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 5:00 pm for the Railroad City Election to be held on October 10, 2023. If you need to get registered or vote or change your address, please stop by the Supervisor of Elections Office at 175 W. Main St. Lake Butler, Florida. The registration books close 29 days prior to the election. If you have any questions call the elections office at (386) 496-2236.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: FMCE-23-009103 (33) FAMILY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD. RE: INFANT BOY GRIFFIS AKA ZACHARIAH DALTON GRIFFIS (DOB: JULY 26, 2023)

NOTICE TO APPEAR
NOTICE OF PETITION AND HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION
TO : Jeremy Stoddard
ADDRESS: Last known address in Lake Butler, Florida
PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Male, 33 years old
DATE OF BIRTH: May 16, 1990
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights Pending Adoption has been filed in the above-styled Court for the termination of parental rights of Infant Boy Griffis aka Zachariah Dalton Griffis, a male child born on July 26, 2023 in Marion County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ellen M. Kaplan, Esq., The Law Offices of Ellen M. Kaplan, P.A., whose address is 9900 West Sample Road, Third Floor, Coral Springs, Florida 33065 and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled court on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. There will be a hearing on the Petition to Terminate Parental Rights Pending Adoption on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 8:45 AM before Judge Francis Viamonetes by Zoom (Zoom ID 562-237-373), from the Broward County Courthouse, 201 S.E. 6th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The Court has set aside five (5) minutes for this hearing. UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE AND PETITION WITH THE COURT AND TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE OR ASSERT REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD. WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 26th day of August, 2023.
Brenda D. Forman, Clerk of Court
By: /s/ Deputy Clerk Ellen M. Kaplan, Esq. Law Offices of Ellen M. Kaplan, P.A. Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 0875228 9900 West Sample Road, Third Floor Coral Springs, Florida 33065 Phone: (954) 341-1309 Fax: (954) 510-2292

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 22000028CAAXMX CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, vs. ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON; DARREN E. WORTHINGTON; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al., Defendant(s).
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
(Publish in the The Union County Times)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2023 and an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated August 24, 2023, entered in Civil Case No.: 22000028CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff, and ANE-ELISE WORTHINGTON; DARREN E. WORTHINGTON, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in the Front Lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 at 11:00 AM, on the 2nd day of November, 2023, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 20'12" EAST A DISTANCE OF 22.30 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47" EAST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A DISTANCE OF 281.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 47'47"

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EAST, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 791, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 18, SAID POINT BEING THE ARC OF A CURVE; THENCE RUN WESTERLY, ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 18, A DISTANCE OF 450.48 FEET AS MEASURED ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 3869.82 FEET, SAID ARC BEING SUBTENED BY A CHORD HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 89 DEGREES 25'50" WEST AND A DISTANCE OF 450.23 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 37'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 287.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 4'53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 149.53 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 37'19" WEST A DISTANCE OF 308.25 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46' 11" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 608.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352-337-6237) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice-impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.
If you are deaf or hard of hearing and require an ASL interpreter or an assisted listening device to participate in a proceeding, please contact Court Interpreting at interpreter@circuit8.org
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on August 28, 2023.
KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: Crystal Norman Deputy Clerk Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030; Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
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Notice of Intent to Enact Union County Ordinance
When: Monday, September 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Where: County Commissioners' Chambers
Union County Courthouse
55 West Main Street, Room 103
Lake Butler, Florida
Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida will consider the enactment of a county ordinance in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1, of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 125, Florida Statutes. The proposed county ordinance will be: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA LEVYING A FIVE (5) CENT ADDITIONAL LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX UPON EVERY GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL SOLD WITHIN UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SAID LEVY; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE FUNDS; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. There will be one public hearing held in the County Commissioners' Chambers, Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Room 103, Lake Butler, Florida. The public hearing will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard. Copies of this Notice and the proposed Ordinance are on file in the Board of County Commissioners Office of Union County. The public may inspect or copy the Ordinance during regular business hours. The Board of County Commissioners Office of Union County is located at 15 Northeast 1st Street; Lake Butler, Florida. Interested parties may appear at the meeting, in person or through a representative, and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. To appeal a Board decision made at this hearing, a record of the proceedings will be necessary. The person appealing the decision must ensure that the necessary verbatim record is made. If adopted by the Board at this meeting, the Ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2024 in accordance with the text of the ordinance. If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodations for your attendance at the public hearing, please call the Union County Board of County Commissioners at 386-496-4241 for information. The form and content of this notice is in compliance with Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.
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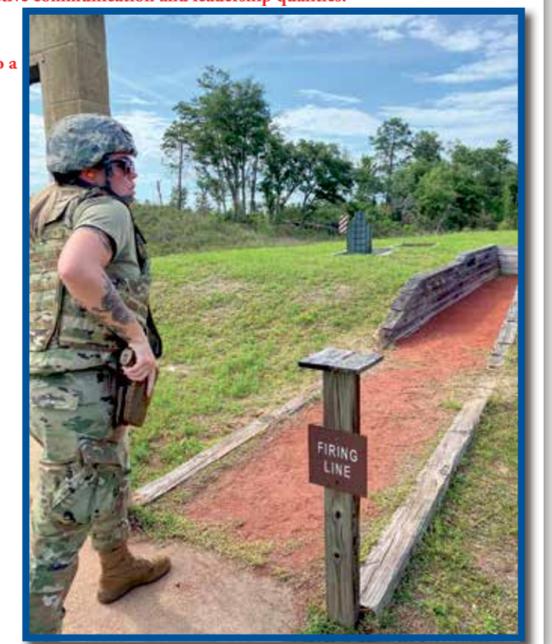
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V/R
//SIGNED//
SrA Walker, Harleigh
Materiel Management202 RHS

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9/11 STAIR CLIMB

We invite you to join us on 9/11/23 for our 3rd Annual 9/11 Stair Climb hosted by Bradford County Fire Rescue!

Where: Bradford County Highschool
When: 9/11/23 at 6pm



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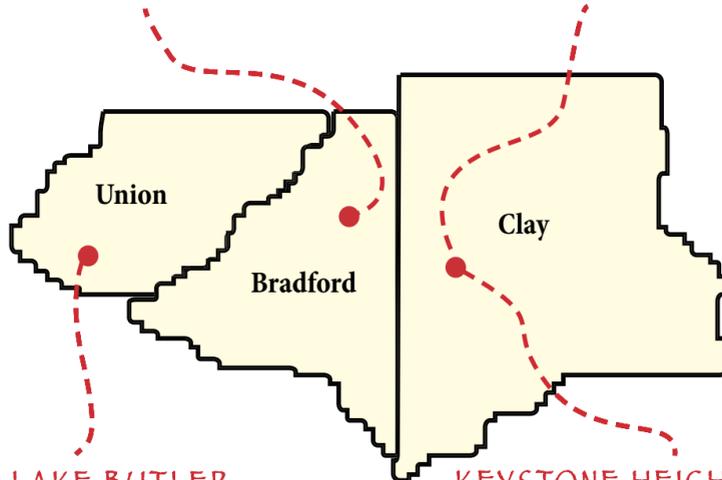
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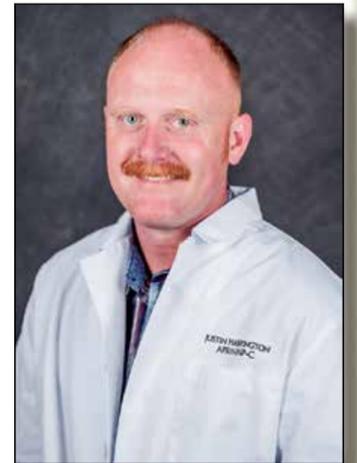
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