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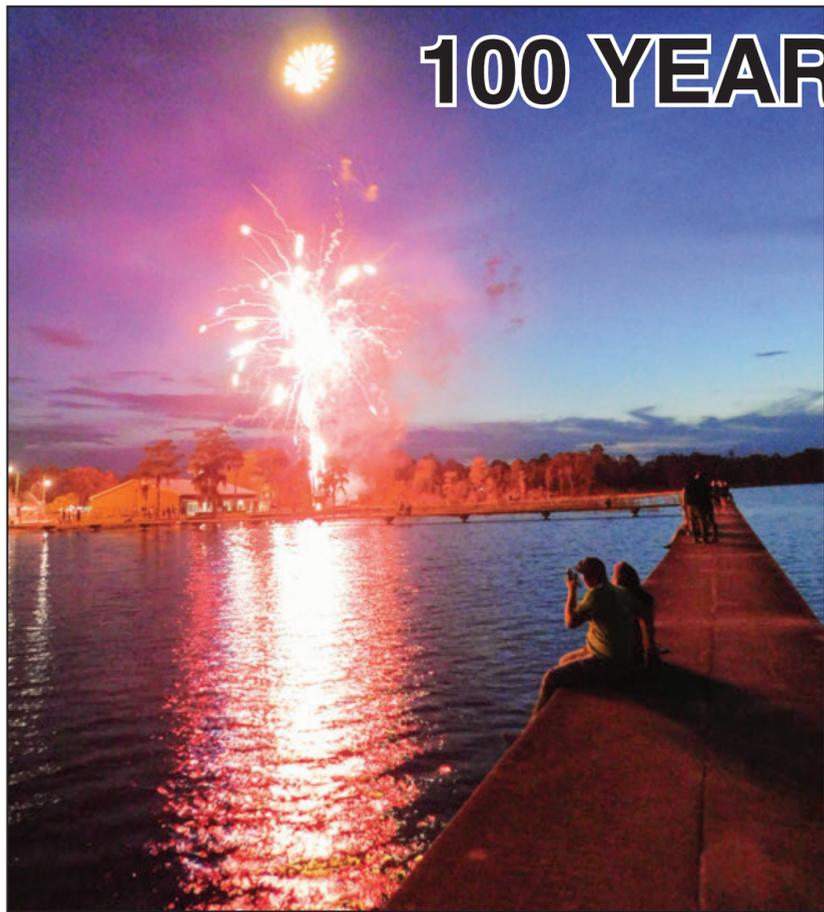
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Laura Park and Dezmond Edwards were crowned as Union County High School homecoming queen and king at the Sept. 30 Tiger Growl. Photo by Lisa Holtzendorf.

Corrections staffing crisis worsens

46 of state's 50 prisons at emergency staffing levels

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Deputy Secretary for the Department of Corrections said the number of vacant security positions in state prisons has grown by over 50% in the last seven months.

Ricky Dixon told a Florida House subcommittee that although standards require three to four correctional officers to supervise around 200 inmates in a dormitory, a single officer is now watching over those inmates during each shift in the vast majority of the state's prisons.

"Having only two staff in a dorm like that is extremely dangerous, and it should only occur for short periods of time," Dixon told the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee during a Sept. 22 hearing. "At least with two staff, the concept is that if something happens to one, the other is available to call for assistance. Never should a facility run with less than two staff (in a dorm)."

Dixon told lawmakers that because of staffing shortages, correctional officers are now working under dangerous conditions.

"The reality is at this very moment most of the housing units...throughout the state are operating not with two staff but with one staff present," he said.

"That's the case at this moment. That will be the case this evening when the inmates are most active, and that will be the case tonight when we're all sleeping safely in our beds."

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Mullins on the job as Starke manager

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Starke's attorney has successfully negotiated a contract with Drew Mullins, the city's next manager.

His first day on the job was Friday, Oct. 1.

The two-year contract begins with a starting salary of \$80,000. Opportunities to increase that salary include completing three management credentialing courses, for a total increase of 3%. He will also receive annual cost of living increases when

other employees do, and optional increases from the commission based on positive performance evaluations.

Health insurance and a retirement plan are also provided, as is \$5,000 for relocation expenses. The city may opt to provide him a work vehicle and incidental personal travel within a 50-mile radius, far enough to get to Gainesville or Jacksonville. Otherwise, the city will provide Mullins with a vehicle allowance.

Termination without cause requires a majority vote of the commission following at least five days written notice. Severance pay would be

equivalent of 14 weeks' salary. Termination with cause by a majority vote of the commission requires no notice and results in no severance.

Mullins communicated with the commission via text and phone call at the Sept. 21 meeting during which the contract was approved. He said he was 100% committed to completing the credentialing courses offered through the International City/County Management Association. He thanked the commission, and commissioners welcomed him aboard.

City Clerk-Elect Jimmy Crosby, who will take office Oct. 5, was with

Mullins on Friday, offering him a tour of the town and an opportunity to meet the people.

Mullins studied government at the University of Virginia. He previously worked as interim clerk and town manager for the Town of Pound, Virginia. He said he was brought in to assist with water and sewer issues and was overseeing the consolidation of the town's utility systems with the Wise County Public Service Authority. This would allow the town

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Spending becomes county priority

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Bradford County's administrators and finance staff are starting the fiscal year with new rules and procedures to better control spending.

Commissioners have made it clear they don't want to end another year in the red, having spent more than the county brought in. Several years of doing so has significantly impacted general fund reserves.

County Attorney Will Sexton told commissioners Oct. 4 that, per their request, more departmental purchases will be brought to them for approval. That includes purchases that under the current policy do not require formal advertisement. Purchases under \$25,000 only require that department heads seek verbal or written quotes.

Even when there are exceptions to the policy because of state contract pricing or sole source vendors, commissioners want to endorse those purchases only after confirming their necessity.

"I want you to know that in the conversations I've had with you individually, you seem to indicate — and understandably so — that you want that to be a meaningful review of those purchases so that it occurs prior to when the vendor actually gets engaged," Sexton said.

Previously when commissioners were reviewing the bills before approving them at each meeting, they were sometimes approving purchases that had already been made. In some cases, the merchandise was already in hand.

To improve responsibility and transparency, department heads will now be asked to bring a

purchase planned in December before the board for approval in November, for example.

"That's going to slow down some purchases, and we're going to have to figure that out as we go," Sexton said. "There's a lot of things that need to get purchased with less than 30 days' notice. If that happens, we're going to I think on a case-by-case basis have to look at that."

Curtailed emergency purchases to those that truly qualify instead of using emergencies to get around the process is another goal.

The board has also requested that purchase orders be required for more expenditures. Clerk of Court Denny Thompson said he is lowering the threshold requiring purchase orders from \$1,000 to \$500. Thompson said

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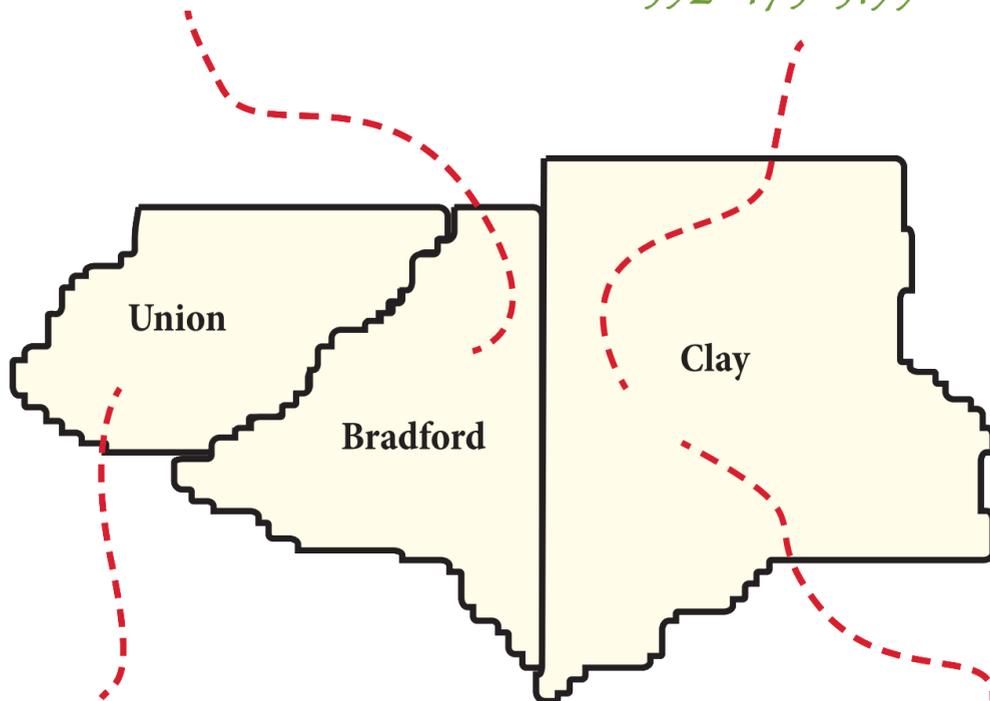
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Candidates

Feltner announces run for Lawtey police chief

The following is a paid political announcement submitted by the candidate. Candidates in the Lawtey election have until Friday, Oct. 29, to submit their announcements to editor@bctelegraph.com.



Jerry Feltner

To my friends, family and citizens of Lawtey, my name is Jerry Feltner and I am formally announcing my intentions of becoming your next Chief of Police for the City of Lawtey. As most of you know, I ran for this position back in 2006. I once again would like to thank those of you who supported me then and ask for your continued support in the upcoming election on Dec. 7.

Community
I have been a resident of Lawtey for nearly 45 years. Lawtey is my home and I believe our community deserves the best qualified law enforcement services available. With over 32 years of law enforcement experience ranging from patrol, investigations, multi-agency drug task force and working alongside with numerous federal agencies, I believe my record speaks for itself. I have the experience to provide for a safer Lawtey and am proven to be committed to my community.

Experienced
Throughout my law enforcement career, I have been blessed for the opportunities to work with some of the greatest professionals. I started my career at the Starke Police Department in 1988 as a patrol officer under the late H.F. Wiggins, later starting at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff under

Sheriff Kenneth Etheridge. An opportunity arose where I worked for the Clay County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Scott Lancaster in 1998, later promoting to detective in property crimes, then transferring to homicide. After a brief illness, and working in the private sector for three years, I returned back to the career I love at the Union County Sheriff's Office as chief investigator for the late Sheriff Jerry Whitehead. I eventually returned to the Starke Police Department as a patrol officer, and was later promoted to the rank of sergeant.

I have over 2,200 credit hours of advanced training and specialized courses ranging from narcotic investigations, traffic enforcement, DUI, homicide investigations, property crimes, etc. I am proven to be experienced in my law enforcement career.

Family
I am proud of my family and the roots that were planted back in our community in 1955. My late grandparents, Paul and Margaret Smith, started and operated Standard Oil located where the Lawtey Shell Station stands today. After a brief relocation to Ohio due to family illness, they returned to the place where they called home in

1978 where they lived until they departed this earth, right here on McKinley Drive.

My grandparents instilled hard work, commitment and dedication. That is what I passed along to my daughter and son, both of whom have pursued careers in law enforcement. My daughter Skyler (Ronnie) works for the Bradford County Sheriff's Office as well as the U.S. Marshal's Office in Jacksonville and continues to serve the community at Dick's Wings as a waitress. My son Jacob (Abby) also works at the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and is currently a master deputy K-9 handler in the school district. Both Skyler and Jacob attended Lawtey Community School and proudly graduated from Bradford High School.

I am married to Tammy (Conklin) Feltner. Step-sons J.C. (Krystal), who works for D.M.T. Trucking, and Tristan (Justice), who works at Ray's Metal Works. I am proud of my family, and where it all began. Lawtey is my home and forever will be.

On Dec. 7, 2021, place your vote in experience and dedication. As there are no campaign promises, as your Chief of Police I vow to hold myself and officers to a high standard of professionalism, and ensure we are well equipped and trained to protect you and your family in a time of need while protecting your constitutional rights as a citizen.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. I look forward to meeting with you.

Again, I ask for your prayer, support and vote on Dec. 7.

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BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

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Grover and Donna Griffis in front of the September Yard of the Month. Photo: Deirdre Murphy.

Griffis wins yard of the month

BY DEIRDRE MURPHY
Garden Club of the Lakes

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—After several rain delays, the Garden Club of the Lakes was able to present its Yard-of-the-Month Award for September 2021 to Grover and Donna Griffis at 227 Shilah Ave. in Keystone Heights.

What a pleasure it is to find

these sometimes-hidden garden gems in our community. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Griffis for sharing their beautiful garden.

They enjoy working in their yard, and it really shows. Mrs. Griffis is very knowledgeable about plants and has a real enthusiasm for gardening. She said she even attends gardening events in Gainesville. Mr. Griffis says he keeps the lawn mowed.

There are many beautiful plants in the front and side yards. The most prominent feature is a lovely arbor that showcases their Muscadine grapes.

They have so many beautiful plants, but the ones that stand out are a Peggy Martin and a Lady Banks which are thornless roses. Mrs. Griffis is training to work up the arbor. There is a red riding Coraopolis, potato vine that stays green all year and a beautiful Meyer lemon tree that's a real favorite.

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Aldi advertising position in Starke

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

STARKE — Talk of an Aldi grocery store locating in Starke appears to be true based on a recent job listing.

The posting is for an assistant manager for a new store, with the location listed as Starke, FL 32091.

When the Save A Lot grocery store located in the Deerfoot Village Shopping Center closed earlier this year — reportedly because electricity costs were too high — it was rumored that Aldi store would be taking its place.

The job posting confirms this will be the location, and the assistant manager will train at another site until the new store is ready to open.

Aldi has two locations in Gainesville, one on 13th Street and the other on Clark Butler Boulevard. The store with German roots is known as “no frills.” Limiting variety to private labels and a few well-known brands of staple food and



household items supports their discount pricing.

They are also known for requiring customers to rent shopping carts for a quarter and charging for paper and plastic bags. Carts are chained up, and customers must insert a quarter to unlock them, then deliver the cart back to the store to get their quarter back.

This and asking customers to bag their own groceries allows the company to be more efficient, hire fewer employees and pay those who do work there a higher average wage.

While customers may find it odd at first, the business world has taken note of Aldi's aggressive growth in states like Florida.



The team at Libby's Art of Healing Massage and Wellness during their grand opening in Lake Butler. (L-r) Jessie Libby, Lynn Wiggins, Chey Ware, Kristina Libby Crawford, Hailey Napier, Thomas Scoggins and Lacey Dreer.

Massage therapist opens in Lake Butler

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

LAKE BUTLER — Libby's Art of Healing Massage and Wellness held a grand opening at its new location in Lake Butler on Thursday, Sept. 30.

The open house included complimentary chair massages, refreshments and door prizes, including gift cards from other Lake Butler merchants and restaurants.

Owner Kristina Libby Crawford said that after operating in Starke for 10 years, the time was right for opening a second outlet on Lake Butler's Lake Street.

Crawford opened her first

location within the Shops of Thompson Street in Starke in 2010, drawn to downtown by the Great Pumpkin Escape held near Halloween.

“At the time I was working full time for a chiropractor, so I started off just doing it on the weekends,” she said.

Within one year, she was operating her new business fulltime, hiring her first employee in 2016.

As the business continued to grow, she expanded from one room within the Thompson Street shops to three, moving around the corner to Call Street in 2018.

She said the prosperity of her business is a reflection of

the growing need for relief from back pain.

“Our main focus is pain management,” she said, “to get people out of back pain.”

“We see people that have been dealing with chronic back pain for months or years,” Crawford continued. “Through a series of massages, we're able to give them their life back.”

“It's not just about getting somebody out of pain,” she added. “It's about being able to get that grandma back on the floor with her granddaughter and playing games again. You're actually restoring somebody's quality of life.”



Popeye's Chicken seeking KH location

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — City Manager Lynn Rutkowski told the city council during an

Oct. 4 meeting that a franchisee for Popeye's Louisiana Chicken has applied to the city to build a restaurant on Green Way between Walgreen's and Dollar General.

The parcel is already zoned

for a restaurant. However, the franchisee must obtain a use by exception from the city in order to operate a drive through at the location.

Letters

Reflecting on a legend

Dear Editor:

“David Hurse Night” at last Friday's football game was a huge success and a wonderful way to honor the legend of Coach David Hurse. It was sponsored by BHS with support by Will Hartley, Superintendent of Schools.

A special thanks to BHS Principal, Angela Ward and Coach Brian Tomlinson. Special recognition to Assistant Principal Chris Coffey who coordinated the event. Catering by The Grill was outstanding as well as public notification by John Miller and The Telegraph.

Terry Vaughan's tribute was the highlight, with a letter from Larry Brown, our own pro-bowl player and Super Bowl Champion. It was a great night for players to remember their former coach and his wife, Mrs. Myrna Lou Hurse. Thanks to all who made this special event a huge success.

Butch Redding
BHS Football Player

Walk Against Hate

Dear Editor:

A Walk Against Hate will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. at Melrose Heritage Park. There was a time when we rarely heard the word “hate” and hate groups were rarely heard from.

Unfortunately, hate has become enmeshed in our modern lifestyle. Now, hate speech is allowed in common vernacular, hate-fueled actions allowed in halls of Congress and higher learning, and even in places of worship.

We seem unable to avoid the torrent of vindictive acts that overwhelms the world. Yet, we must step away from the torrent and turn our attention toward building up our community.

With this inclusive walk we hope to achieve “unity” in our community by coming to terms with the wrongs of our past and begin to make strides toward improving our future. We acknowledge the damage that racism and bigotry cause in the lived experiences of all our citizens, and we are eager to start

an honest healing process.

Let us begin by walking against hate, by walking toward a more just and equitable community. We can come together and share a sense of optimism, trust and mutual support.

There will be music and food trucks as attendees gather, followed by short speeches and the walk itself. We will hear from Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County commissioner; Yvonne Hinson, State Representative House District 20; Latoya Anderson Robinson, candidate for Putnam County Commission District 2; and Pete Ackerman, Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice.

The walk will be approximately a mile through Melrose to emphasize that there is a need to overcome hate speech, thought and actions from our community, and to welcome diversity in our daily lives.

This walk is sponsored by the Florida Anti-Defamation League, Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, and the Democratic Women's Club of the Lakes Area.

Kate Ellison

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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Clay and Union

Sept. 25 through Oct. 1

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

Shamika Kiara Billie Aaron, 29, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 1 for failure to appear.

Travis Edward Aldridge, 36, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 30 for resisting an officer, driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs and possession of cocaine.

Johnnie Lee Alexander, 55, of Lake Butler was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 26 for a probation violation.

Nadawneica Shawneice Alexander, 33, of Pearson, Ga. was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 25 for a probation violation.

Erick John Burch, 25, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 1 for failure to appear.

David Earl Chesser, 32, of Citra was arrested on Oct. 1 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Elijah Cornish, 68, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 1 for fraud and dealing in stolen property.

David Wayne Debrabant, 57,

of Hawthorne was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 25 for an out-of-county warrant, burglary, larceny and dealing in stolen property.

Linda Denise Hankerson, 41, of Lawtey was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 27 for loitering.

Marona, Jane Henderson, 48, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 28 by Starke police for battery and resisting an officer.

De'undre Lepaul Hill, 33, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 1 for a probation violation.

Latray Deon Jones, 34, of Keystone Heights was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 27 for DUI and a conditional release violation.

Joshua John Knipp, 37, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 25 for a probation violation, trespassing, resisting an officer and possession of drug equipment.

Carl Lester Laycock, 37, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 25 for being an out-of-state fugitive, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Duncan James Lloyd, 19, of Brooker was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 25 for a probation violation.

Joshua Allen Matthews, 38, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 27 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, resisting an officer, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

Michael Anthony Mays, 22, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 26 for vehicle theft.

Cameron, Jamal McKenzie, 21, of Starke was arrested by Starke police on Oct. 1 for an out-of-county warrant.

Kristen Michelle McVey, 28, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 28 for child neglect.

Iesha Monique Mitchell, 27, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 27 for destroying evidence.

Amanda Brooke Murrow, 29, of Starke was arrested Sept. 29 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Michelle Anne Ouellette, 55, of Hawthorne was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 27 for larceny and possession of drug equipment.

Robert Pittman, 51, of Starke was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 27 for battery and resisting an officer.

Herman J. Sanders, 41, of Hawthorne was arrested by Starke police on Sept. 27 for larceny.

Noah Gerald Carlis Starling, 23, of Jacksonville was arrested by Bradford deputies on Sept. 27 for vehicle theft and an out-of-county warrant.

Willie Laterrance J. Weaver, 30, of Starke was arrested on Sept. 27 by Bradford deputies for a probation violation.

Walter Lecil Wilcutts, 34, was arrested by Bradford deputies on Oct. 1 for a probation violation.

Union

Kristopher Lee Davis, 21, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 27 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and attaching a tag not assigned. He was also arrested on Oct. 2 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jessica A. Green, 28, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 29 for possession of drugs and possession of narcotics equipment.

Keon Andre Hodges, 35, of Gainesville was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 29 for possession of drugs and possession of narcotics equipment.

Stacy William Howard, 43, of Lawtey was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 28 for battery.

Steven Richard Rollins, 54, of Lake Butler was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 28 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drugs and possession of drug equipment.

James Alan Williams, 29, of Starke was arrested by Union deputies on Sept. 28 for possession of drugs and possession of narcotics equipment.

Clay

Christopher Richard Ballou, 35, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Height on Oct. 1 for a probation violation.

Richard Eugene Bates, 56, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Sept. 30 for arson.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was seen on video surveillance setting fire to a neighbor's house on Campo Drive. The defendant told deputies that he lit a piece of carboard underneath the residence to search for a cat that had run under the home. He added that when the flames set the structure on fire, he became frightened and ran away.

Colin James Kenney, 32, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Sept. 30 for violating a domestic violence injunction.

Heath Jarrot Weill, 34, was arrested by Clay deputies in Keystone Heights on Sept. 27 for battery.

She lets friend stay on property, he steals tools

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

STARKE — Bradford deputies arrested a Hawthorne man after discovering he had an outstanding warrant in Alachua County and after he was accused of stealing and pawning power tools.

David Wayne Debrabant, 57, was arrested on Sept. 25 for an out-of-county warrant, burglary, larceny, dealing in stolen property and fraud.

According to an arrest report, the victim told police that around the same time she allowed the defendant to stay on her property in a motorhome, she began to notice missing items from her shed.

She added that Debrabant is a family friend.

"She also mentioned that her son had thought items were missing from his barn, which is also located on the same piece of property," wrote arresting officer Michael Garmon in the report.

Garmon added that in addition to discovering the Alachua County warrant, he found through an online database



Debrabant

that the defendant had recently pawned a large number of power tools at a local pawn shop.

"(A) cross-reference of the list of items which he pawned at (the pawn shop) was a match to the list of items which (the victim) had written in her sworn statement," Garmon wrote.

More matches occurred with the database and the list of stolen items provided by the son.

After interviewing the defendant, who was inside the motor home, Garmon arrested the man.

Double fatality in Worthington Springs crash

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
Telegraph Editor

WORTHINGTON SPRINGS — A 54-year-old woman and 9-year-old girl from Worthington Springs were killed in a tragic accident Wednesday night.

A 53-year-old man driving the sedan was seriously injured.

The accident took place just after 8 p.m. on Sept. 29 on State Road 121.

The sedan and its passengers

were traveling north on 121, while a pickup driven by a 17-year-old male was traveling south. The sedan turned to enter the Dollar General parking lot and into the path of the pickup. The pickup collided with the right side of the sedan and continued into the ditch where it overturned. The sedan at the collision site.

The pickup driver received minor injuries.

Enter the Christmas Parade

Applications for the 2021 Starke Christmas Parade are available now. The parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11, as part of the annual Christmas on Call Street festivities. Businesses, churches, schools and community groups are encouraged to sign up and make it the best parade yet.

Applications with rules are available at the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, 100 E. Call St. in Starke. Call 904-964-5278, or email pam@northfloridachamber.com.

Upcoming food distribution

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 8:30 a.m. the RJE complex located on Pine Street in Starke.

Food boxes often include fresh produce, deli and bakery items, dairy and some meats. The inventory is subject to change based on availability. Tell a friend or a neighbor. The distribution is free and open to the public. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Amvets turkey shoots on Saturdays

The Sons of Amvets will hold their annual turkey shoot every Saturday beginning Oct. 16 and continuing through Nov. 20. Signup starts at 9 a.m. Changes in the program; scopes cannot be used.

Amvets Post 86 is located at 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road in Keystone Heights. Come out and support local charities.

Flea market and pancake breakfast

The American Legion Auxiliary 230 of Hawthorne is having a huge flea market and pancake breakfast on Saturday,

Oct. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 20320 E. Hawthorne Road (S.R. 20). Outside vendor spaces are available for \$15. Pancake breakfasts with Nettles sausage available for a small donation.

All proceeds benefit veterans. For more information or to rent a flea market space, please call Wilda at 352-481-4483.

Plant sale at Dudley Farm

There will be a huge plant event by the Friends of Dudley Farm on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dudley Farm Historic State Par, 18730 W. Newberry Road in Newberry.

Heritage plants, as those in the Dudley gardens, many native plants, pollinators and trees for sale at great prices.

Park admission is \$5 per vehicle.

Church yard sale and carwash

Believer's Worship Center Church of God is having a yard sale and carwash on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 8 a.m. The church is located at 8736 S.R. 21 in Melrose.

Kingsley Lake Community Yard Sale Oct. 16

Buyers won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the multiple sale sites along Kingsley Lake Drive and at the Civic Center, 6110 Kingsley Lake Drive, on Saturday, Oct. 16. The sale runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is sponsored by Kingsley Lake Property Owners Association.

There will be a wide variety of items for sale, including holiday decorations, yard and power tools, books, CDs, DVDs, costume jewelry, handbags, new and slightly used gift items. Come do your Christmas shopping.

Sellers wishing to reserve a spot should email klpoaflorida@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

MANAGER

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to continue without water and wastewater debt and would ensure citizens have clean

drinking water and waterways free from contaminants.

Prior to that, Mullins was town manager for Coeburn, Virginia, beginning in April 2013. He said the job was particularly challenging as the town was

near fiscal insolvency when he began. A former employee had embezzled funds, and the town had a lack of equipment and aging infrastructure. He said he learned the value of assembling a highly motivated a productive

team.

The small town had a \$2.3 million budget and 30 full- and part-time employees. During his time, Mullins reestablished and directly supervised the public works department. He secured \$10 million in state and federal funding to replace and construct new water and sewer lines, replace all the water meters, and make upgrades to the plant.

Finances were stabilized after six years of mismanagement, Mullins said. The city's bills totaled more than \$300,000 on his first day. By the time he left, Coeburn had a positive cash flow and a reserve fund.

Mullins is married and once owned and operated Fourth Avenue Baked Goods with his wife.



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when he worked in finance for the sheriff's office, all expenditures over \$100 required purchase orders.

Detailed monthly spending reports will be a part of future meetings, beginning with the Oct. 21 meeting. Sexton said the board won't have to depend on an annual audit to see where the county stands financially.

Sexton said the tradeoff for the additional oversight will be longer meetings to have these discussions. Department heads will also have to become accustomed to scheduling these discussions to receive advanced purchasing approval.

After a long and delayed budget approval process, Sexton previously pledged to the board there would be no more business as usual going forward.

Commissioners stick by 3% raise

There was some discussion

about how an approved 3% pay raise for board employees would be distributed.

Commission Chairman Chris Dougherty said, and Sexton confirmed, that despite what had been said in prior discussions, some employees have received more money in recent years.

While Sexton said 2015 was the last time the commission budgeted for an across-the-board raise, employees who have been promoted, taken on additional duties, or improved their knowledge or skillset. These raises were paid for out of department budgets through cost savings and hiring freezes.

That included Sexton and his administrative assistant, who were both given raises when the commission decided against hiring a new county manager and instead split those responsibilities between the two.

Dougherty didn't think those who have seen their pay go up should receive the full 3%.

Commissioner Carolyn Spooner drew a distinction between merit raises and a cost-of-living adjustment, which the board has not budgeted for in

years. Most commissioners were not inclined to go back on their promise after voting to include the money for the raise in this year's budget.

"We voted to give everybody a 3% across-the-board raise, and I hate to take it back now," Commissioner Danny Riddick said.

Commissioner Diane Andrews agreed.

"I mean, it's been a very difficult thing. A lot of feelings have been hurt. People got angry. I just think that to be fair, and just to be honest, to put this behind us, that we stick with the 3%," she said.

Franchise fee discussions continue

Andrews asked about progress with Clay Electric and an electrical franchise fee the board has discussed. While Florida Power and Light was willing to cooperate, Clay Electric indicated it would prefer its customers be involved that decision.

Sexton said he had scheduled

a meeting with Clay Electric to discuss proceeding with a public meeting for those customers, with time for Bradford County to present its case in favor of the fee.

If not a meeting, then the county hopes to be able to include information in customers' bills asking them to support a franchise fee.

One point commissioners would like to make is that franchise fee revenue would allow them to reduce the amount of special assessments for firefighting and emergency medical services, which have also been discussed.

In other business:

— Spooner requested the board schedule a workshop to discuss the county's strategic plans beyond its plans for controlling the budget. An hour will be scheduled for that discussion at the board's Nov. 1 meeting.

— there was consensus among most commissioners to move meetings back to the boardroom at the courthouse. The board temporarily moved meetings back to the conference center to

allow for social distancing with COVID-19 cases began spiking.

— the public works department was thanked for its emergency work on Southeast 17th Avenue. According to Dougherty, the road was in bad shape and a large transport truck would have caused a collapse.

Public Works Director Jason Dodds also reported that preconstruction work is scheduled to begin on Southeast 49th Avenue in Hampton on Oct. 12.

Boo on the Boulevard

Boo on the Boulevard in downtown Keystone Heights will have trick-or-treating for kids along with vendors and live music by the Blue Ravens on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Presented by the Keystone Lake Region Business Association and the Lions Club, there will be plenty of candy to go around, but volunteers

are needed. If interested in volunteering, donating or sponsoring the event, please contact Barbara Franklin at 352-478-1372.

Faith Fall Fest in Melrose

Believer's Worship Center at 8736 S.R. 21 in Melrose will hold a Faith Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 6-8 p.m. There will be games, live music, food, a 22-foot bounce slide and more. They look forward to seeing you there.

Bingo at Legion Post 56 home

American Legion Post 56 is hosting bingo games every Monday evening. Early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. and regular games at 7 p.m. Proceeds aid veterans in need.

Post 56 is located at 715 Edwards Road in Starke, across from National Guard Armory.

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Hire 200, lose 400

Dixon told the lawmakers that the dangerous working conditions, in addition to mandatory overtime that requires officers to work 16-hour days for up to three days a week will likely increase the department's vacancies.

"It's just a vicious cycle," he said. "The more of them that leave, the greater the overtime burden for those staff left behind."

He showed the house members a chart that tracked a systemwide officer vacancy rate of 2.79% in December of 2010 to 28.46% in September 2021.

"Keep in mind that adequately and safely staffing a prison requires a vacancy rate of around 3% and we're at 28%," he said.

Dixon said that each month, the department hires 200 correctional officers and loses 400.

He added that in February, 18 of the department's 50 facilities were at urgent staffing levels with over 20% officer vacancies. Now the number of prisons at urgent staffing levels is 30, with all but four of the system's prisons at emergency levels with between a 10% and 20% vacancy rate.

Overtime costs have risen from \$35 million in 2015 to \$103 million this year.

"I remember when we spent \$6 million a year on average and we thought that was high," he said. "Now we're spending \$103 million in overtime."

Dixon said that a few years ago, pay was the primary reason correctional officers left the state for better paying jobs in county jails.

"Now, it's a combination of the pay combined with the conditions," he said. "Staff

are leaving in record numbers because of the exhaustion, the work environment (and) the safety issues."

Dixon said that some of the department's probation officers are working second jobs in restaurants just to make ends meet.

"In some cases, they're working next to the very inmates they supervise," he said. "We have correctional staff supervising inmates in our community release centers... where the inmates in the service industry are making more than our correctional officers who supervise them. I think we'd agree this is just not the way we want to treat our professional staff."

Drastic steps

Dixon told the committee members that a drop in prison population due to the COVID-19 Pandemic has allowed the department to close 188 dormitories across the state to provide some staffing relief.

He added that knowing that courts are ramping back up which will increase the inmate population, the department is in a race to fill staff positions to keep pace with the increasing number of inmates.

Dixon said the department has also suspended 431 work squads throughout Florida, reassigning work squad staff to dormitories. He said the move also idled around 4,000 inmates who were working in communities.

"So now those 4,000 inmates are sitting idle in our prisons," he said, "and anybody knows idleness is a recipe for disaster in a prison system."

Dixon added that work squads which do not require department staff supervision: squads which are supervised by department-trained employees of other entities, remain active.

He also said the department has closed 27 work camps and

three institutions.

He said New River Correctional was closed to provide immediate staffing relief to Florida State Prison and Union Correctional, two of the department's most critically understaffed facilities.

Dixon added however, that moving inmates from New River to other lockups was difficult because the inmates in New River were minimum and medium custody inmates while the two, close-by institutions are maximum security facilities.

Therefore, the New River inmates had to be placed in emergency beds.

"Emergency beds are temporary," he said. "They're not meant for long-term use; they're for cases such as hurricanes and natural disasters, but that's the situation we're in at this moment."

Dixon said the department had to evacuate Cross City Correctional Institution because of flooding and transferred inmates from Cross City to Taylor Correctional, two hours away.

"The problem is now staff are leaving because we've added a two-hour drive time on top of their often 16-hour day," he said, adding that the department is providing transportation to Taylor and is offering additional pay to persuade officers to stay on.

Dixon said closing Baker Correctional and moving inmates to Columbia did not trigger similar staff departures, because the two prisons are a 10-minute drive apart.

"But here's the problem with that," he added. "That's not a long-term, sustainable solution because as the population grows in our system, we're going to need those beds back on our inventory to avoid system-wide prison overcrowding."

Cuts to programs and maintenance

Dixon said cuts to the department's programming and maintenance budgets in previous years have also increased risks for violence and unrest.

Programming includes education and other activities that keep inmates active and engaged throughout the day.

Examples include anger and stress-management classes, wellness programs and art, writing, vocational and library programs.

Dixon said that when such programs are not available, inmates are left to themselves.

"We have prisons with 1,500 inmates with a large majority of those inmates having very little or absolutely nothing to do," he said. "Inmate idleness has contributed to some of the major, notorious (prison) disturbances throughout our nation over the years."

Dixon added that falling behind on facility maintenance can also contribute to inmate-on-inmate violence, or worse.

"When you compress a large number of men in an area and they have to compete over functioning sinks, showers and toilets, coupled with all the other conditions I've described, it certainly causes a potential (for) unrest," he said.

Higher starting pay and innovations

Dixon said that the governor's budget this year includes raising starting pay for state correctional officers from the current \$33,500 to \$41,600. When comparing the state's pay to that of the pay in the state's 67 county jails, the wage increase will move the state's starting pay from 50th in the state to 22nd.

Dixon also highlighted what he called success stories in the system under Corrections Secretary Mark Inch's leadership.

He said the department has isolated inmates with less than

one year remaining in their sentences, keeping them at a separate facility.

"Historically, these short-term inmates have been dispersed throughout our system," he said. "Since we've been keeping them separate, we've reduced violence against them."

Dixon added that the department launched an inmate-led mentoring program for new inmates, using longer-term inmates to mentor them.

"In targeting this population," he said, "inmate violence has almost come to a standstill in these settings."

Dixon said the department has also expanded incentivized prisons that are intended to motivate cooperative behavior throughout the system.

"Inmates strive to meet the eligibility criteria to go to locations closer to home and with enhanced privileges," he said. "Some of these facilities have not experienced an assault in over a year, which is unheard of in prisons."

Dixon said one of the innovations the department's administrative team is most proud of is extracting the most dangerous and problematic

inmates from prisons across Florida and concentrating them in one facility: Jackson Correctional in the panhandle.

"This had an instant positive effect at those facilities where we pulled them from," he said. "Now, you'd think this would be a very dangerous prison, taking all those dangerous inmates and putting them in one place, and it is, but we staffed it correctly. We ensured that 100% of the security posts associated with that mission are filled."

Dixon added that the department eliminated idleness at Jackson C.I., filling every hour of the inmates' day with work details and programs.

"We've been operating this prison for over a year now," he said. "We have the prison housing the most dangerous inmates in our state in an open population setting, experiencing the least amount of violence to include inmate-on-inmate assaults and inmate-on-staff assaults."

Dixon said the success of Jackson Correctional is an example of what the department can accomplish with the appropriate resources.

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Bradford

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

To: Javanis J. Ross
Case No: CD202100577/ D 1930669
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 5708, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5708. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 21-CP-0088
Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
THOMAS RUIZ, JR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of THOMAS RUIZ, JR., deceased, whose date of death was April 13, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this

notice is September 30, 2021.
DELIA SERRY
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Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 41134
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Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 – 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Starke will sell for cash to the highest bidder on storageauctions.net for location at 1630 North Temple Ave., Starke, County of Bradford, FL, at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 2021 and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0B010 - Kimberly Hollingsworth
0B028 - Demetrik Jenkins
0H012 - Charley Craig
0J083 - Kari Peters
10/7 2tchg 10/14-BCT

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809); Santa Fe Storage of Waldo. Will sell for CASH to the highest bidder on Storageauctions.net
For location at 15540 NE HWY 301, Waldo, County of Alachua, Florida; ending at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, the 20th day of October, 2021, and continuing day to day thereafter until sold: the household goods and misc. contents of the following:
0C001 - Krysta Coursen
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF STARKE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, SERVING ALSO AS THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Code, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Starke, Florida, serving also as the Local Planning Agency of the City of Starke, Florida, at a public hearing

to be held on October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. The amendment was previously notified for a public hearing on September 20, 2021. CPA 21-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text and Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan, based upon an evaluation completed by the City, to reflect changes in state requirements pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes, as amended.

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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection at the City Zoning Department, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decisions made at the above referenced public hearing, 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 this proceeding should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 904.964.5027 or via the Florida Relay Service 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.
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Request for Qualifications Auditing Services

The City of Starke, Florida is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or firms to provide auditing services for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. Interested parties should send an email to the City of Starke at lterry@cityofstarke.org to request a detailed copy of the RFQ. Sealed proposals must be received by 4:00 PM on October 22, 2021. Sealed proposals shall be mailed or delivered to the City of Starke at 209 N Thompson Street, Starke, FL 32091. Proposals will be opened and evaluated at a time convenient to the City.
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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 October 21, 2021 at 6:00 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. CPA 21-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended. 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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. 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. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing 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 is hereby given:

Richard E. Cribbs
Last known address of:
7987 SW 155Th Ter
Starke FL 32091
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Starke, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this publishing. Failure to respond will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system.
10/7 1tchg-BCT

Union

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2021CA0024
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
CHAD P. FRENCH; CORINNA N FRENCH; CDC CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC AS TRUSTEE OF THE 11255 W. COUNTY ROAD 18 LAKE BUTLER LAND TRUST; BILL B. WOOD A/K/A BILL B. WOOD; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILL B. WOOD A/K/A BILL B. WOOD; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE OF THE 11255 W. COUNTY ROAD 18 LAKE BUTLER LAND TRUST; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BILL B. WOOD A/K/A BILL B. WOOD LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 11255 WEST COUNTY ROAD 18, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN PROCESS SERVER ATTEMPTED SERVICE AT: 11255 WEST COUNTY ROAD 18, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054
TO: THE UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE OF THE 11255 W. COUNTY ROAD 18 LAKE BUTLER LAND TRUST
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows:
Parcel No. 6: A tract of land commencing at the NW Corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 20-T6S-R19E and run South 1 degree 10 minutes 24 seconds East along the West line of said Section 1292.95 feet to the North R/W of County Road No. 18, thence run N 88 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds East along said R/W, 1341.43 feet to the East R/W of a 60 foot access road, thence run North 2 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds West along said East R/W 300 feet, thence run N 87 degrees 54 minutes 43 seconds East, 150 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence run S 2 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds East, 300.85 feet to the North R/W of County Road No. 18, thence run North 88 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds East along said R/W 83.72 feet to the P.C. of a curve having a radius of 34,327.5 feet and being concave to the North, thence run Easterly along the arc of said R/W curve and arc distance of 66.28 feet (through a central angle of 00 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds) thence run North 2 degrees 05 minutes 16 seconds West, 301.63 feet, thence run South 87 degrees 54 minutes 43 seconds West 150 feet to the Point of Beginning, Being and lying in Section 20-T6S-R19E, Union County, Florida. Lot 6, Worthington Springs Plantation.
Property address: 11255 West County Road 18, Lake Butler, FL 32054
You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED this the 17th day of September, 2021.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.
9/30 2tchg 10/7-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO.: 63-2021-CP-0026
DIVISION: PROBATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA HAYDEN
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PATRICIA HAYDEN, deceased, whose date of death was August 16, 2021; is pending in the Circuit Court for Union County, Florida, Probate Division; File No. 63-2021-CP-0026; the address of which is 55 West Main Street Lake Butler, Florida 32054. 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, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: September 30, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Florida Bar No.: 124394
Dukes Legal, P.A.
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Lake Butler, FL 32054
386-269-2394
Personal Representative:
John Wilkerson
26019 Chapman Falls Dr
Richmond, Texas 77406
9/30 2tchg 10/7-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR UNION

COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION
DIVISION
CASE NO. 19000113CAAXMX
THE MONEY SOURCE INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MELVIN LAURENCE OWEN, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed July 15, 2021 entered in Civil Case No. 19000113CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Lake Butler, Florida, the Clerk of Court, KELLIE HENDRICKS RHOADES, CPA, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door lobby of the Union County Courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 14th day of OCTOBER 2021 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 770.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17; A DISTANCE OF 264.66 FEET TO A POINT 907.50 FEET SOUTH OF THE NW CORNER OF NW 1/4 OF SAID NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, A DISTANCE OF 561.38 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 595.09 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 209.38 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST A DISTANCE OF 352.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 FOREST MANOR HOMES OF MERIT, SERIAL NUMBER FLHML3F173729175A AND FLHML3F173729175B, LOCATED THEREON.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
DATED this 22nd day of September, 2021.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Crystal Norman
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on October 18, 2021 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. CPA 21-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended. 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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding 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 this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).
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Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning the amendment, as described below, to the City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, will be heard by the City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Lake Butler, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Lake Butler, Florida, at a public hearing on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida. CPA 21-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended. 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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. A copy of the amendment is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall located at 200 Southwest First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, 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. Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services at this meeting may contact the City Manager's Office at 386.496.3401 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).
10/7 1tchg-UCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2021-CP-0025
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSE DRIGGERS WILDES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the Estate of ROSE DRIGGERS WILDES, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for the Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Union County, Florida, the address of which is 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054. 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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this Notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is October 7, 2021. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
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Florida Bar No. 251460
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P.O. Box 172
Lake Butler, FL 32054
Telephone: 386.496.9656
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
MELANIE DAVIS
12746 NE 233rd Lane
Raiford, FL 32083
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Union County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, serving as the Planning and Zoning Board of Union County, Florida, and the Local Planning Agency of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on October 18, 2021 at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, County Courthouse, located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. CPA 21-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended. 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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing. At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment. Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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Bible investigation on Wednesdays

Providence Village Baptist Church's Faithful Bible Investigators (FBI) will meet on Wednesdays from 6–7 p.m. Classes for ages 4 to 18 with Bible study, games and lots of fun.

The church is located at 4504 W. S.R. 238 in Providence. Visit them at www.providencevillage.org.

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Union County celebrates 100 years of good living

BY TRACY LEE TATE
Times Editor

The citizens of Union County came out on Saturday to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of their home and, as always in UC, to meet and greet all of their friends and catch up on what is happening with them and their families.

The celebration began on Thursday, Sept. 30 with an actual court proceeding on the second floor of the historic Woman's Club (which was the original Union County courthouse and was moved when it was repurposed. The second floor was, in fact, the courtroom and was easily rearranged to serve that purpose again.

Later on the evening of Sept. 30, Union County High School held its annual Tiger Growl homecoming event, with much of the program designed to be in line with the historical theme of the weekend. This theme was continued in the annual Homecoming parade held the next day, Oct. 1.

The Union County Historical Museum opened a two day virtual Walk Through History, held on the bottom floor of the historic Townsend building in downtown Lake Butler (the second floor of which is home to the permanent museum display). The day was completed with the UCHS Homecoming football game, which the Tigers won, 47-0.

The day began early on the main day of the celebration, with a 5K Fun Run at 7 a.m. and a fishing tournament beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The actual historic action began at 10 a.m. with the opening of the time capsule outside the courthouse. The capsule was originally put in place and sealed on May 15, 1993, then opened and resealed on July 4, 2000. It was opened again in honor of the centennial and items were renewed and replaced by new ones.

While the speeches were still echoing from the courthouse lawn, the car show was beginning on the lawn of the Woman's Club across from the lake. Opening at the same time were the second day of the museum's virtual history display, the first trip of the Woman's Club trolley ride, the clubs open house event and the displays created by the several municipalities in the county, showcased at the Hal



A dozen palm trees on the ground around the community center and it looks like two more brilliant fireworks in the sky above.



Charlotte Emmerson and Union County Historical Society President Tom Riherd spoke to the crowd about Union County History and efforts to preserve it.

Y. Maines Community Center. The items taken from the time capsule were put on display in the community center as well. Including a box of Band aids, a list of registered voters from 1993, a key to the city of Lake Butler and a Champion spark plug. Vendor booths and food trucks also opened for the day's business at this time.

At the main stage at Lakeside Park the first of many talks and

performances of live music began at 11 a.m. with the county commissioners reading the proclamation the commission had approved declaring the celebration as a county event. Music for the rest of the morning was provided by a DJ, with talks by Property Appraiser Bruce Dukes and Dot Green (concerning Black history) interspersed with the music.

In the afternoon the musical



Union County Clerk of Court Kellie Hendricks Rhoades welcome attendees to the beginning of the celebration and the opening of the time capsule at the courthouse..



Pack 140 - Lake Butler of the Boy Scouts of America were on hand selling treats as a fundraising activity. Pictured are: Donald Church, cubmaster, Debi Malcolm, committee chair and Cynthia Church, treasurer.

performances continued, ranging from soloists to bands. Throughout the day short presentations were made, recognizing elementary school artists and the civic group 20 Strong. Local favorite Sondra Hunt was on hand with her band to cap off the evening and keep the crowd happy until the fireworks began just a few minutes after dusk.

The crowd, which ranged from about 100 at the start of the day

to about 500 hundred or more for the fireworks, were well behaved and all seemed to be enjoying the social gathering popular in the county. Many lingered, even after the last rocket fizzled, still talking and joking with one another.

Most would say the event was a success, through the efforts of the historical society and a committee formed for the purpose by the Union County Board of Commissioners and led

by Commissioner Ryan Perez. It was obvious the amount of planning and work that was put forth by all of the organizers to make the event a real birthday bash for the county.

The sentiment was expressed multiple times in a myriad of ways at the events and by the many visitors to the event, but just one more time can't hurt... so...from the Union County Times...Happy Birthday Union County!



Wanda Rhoden, Ron Harper and (in back) Jalina Rhoden, from the Lake Butler Church of God, were selling wonderful cotton candy to celebration attendees at the lake.



Sophia Elixson, Natalie Campbell and Brianna Elixson were on hand representing Girl Scout troops 1251 and 2429 from Lake Butler.



Union County Constitutional Officers SOE Debbie Osborne, PO Bruce Dukes, TC Lisa Johnson, Sheriff Brad Whitehead, Clerk of Court and Comptroller and the Honorable Judge Mitchell Bishop



Kettle Creations, of Lake Butler, was on hand selling delicious popcorn treats. Pictured are: Richard Kelley, Kasey Kelley, Addison Kelley and Kim Box.

People who respect quality find each other.

— Alan Cohen

High school dedicates monument to fallen graduate

Dick A. Lee Jr. was killed in Afghanistan

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS— School officials and veterans groups dedicated a monument to fallen heroes at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School on Friday Sept. 17.

The memorial honors KHHS 2000 graduate Dick A. Lee Jr.,

who was killed by a roadside explosive in Afghanistan on April 26, 2012.

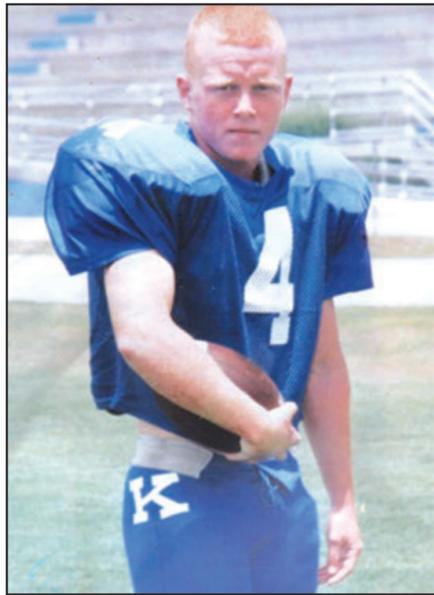
Also killed were his bomb-sniffing dog Fibi and Staff Sgt. Brandon Eggleston of Fort Bragg, NC.

Lee's family said he fulfilled a lifelong dream as a dog handler in the military. He signed up for duty while a senior in high school.

After the ceremony dedicating the monument, a current KHHS

student told a Gainesville television station that he plans to follow the fallen hero's example by serving his country.

"There's nothing better to do than to help others," student Brian Rutkowski told WCJB. "Since not only are you helping others as in you know, educating them in the form of coming to school and just talking about it, we are fighting for them."



Dick Lee was known as "Opie" on the Keystone Heights High School campus because of his red hair and likeness to the "Andy Griffith Show" character. He played linebacker for the school's football team. During a May 14, 2012 memorial service, Football Coach Chuck Dickinson said that instead of retiring Lee's number, it would be given to a deserving player each season.



Lee with his dog Fibi, who was also killed by the roadside explosive that claimed Lee's life.



The Fallen Heroes Monument at Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High School, with Staff Sgt. Dick A. Lee Jr.'s name inscribed on the book-shaped base. Photos: Clay County School District.

Home health care flourishes during COVID

Lake Region business opening third office soon

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
Monitor Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS—A client liaison with a Starke and Keystone Heights-based company told a Lake Region civic group that her company thrived during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Heather Davis told the Keystone Heights Rotary Club that the very week she joined Legacy Home Health Care last year, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the U.S.

"Literally, when everybody else was at home quarantined and not going anywhere, I was going to the hospitals and the doctor's offices and the facilities, basically in the war zone of COVID," she recalled.

Davis said that prior to taking the job with the Lake Region firm, she worked in home health care with a hospice organization.

She added that although Legacy had been in business for four years before her arrival, it had not been largely established.

However, about the same time she started, Legacy became licensed with Medicare, which has fueled much of the firm's growth.

The pandemic also played a role in exposing home health care as a valuable alternative to hospitalizations and other forms of health care delivery.

"What COVID has done is to teach people the whole point of home health," she said.

Davis said she was the company's first client liaison. At that time, Legacy had offices in Keystone Heights and in Starke.

Recently, the company hired its fourth liaison, and is preparing to open an office in Ocala: its third.

Davis said the company is



Heather Davis speaks to the Keystone Heights Rotary Club.

also establishing beachheads in Jacksonville and in DeLand.

"We have the owner's ear"

Davis said that the owners of the company: Chris and Betsy Murphy live in the Keystone Heights-area. Betsy is a registered nurse.

"Betsy worked in the home health care industry for many years, so she knows it from top to bottom," said Davis. "She is extremely experienced in all services provided within the homes, and she makes sure that in-depth trainings are done with all clinicians."

Davis said that local ownership allows the operation to rapidly respond to changes in the industry and to customize care for each patient.

"We have the owner's ear," Davis said. "I can't say that about a big, large, corporate company. You can't just go up to the CEO and say: 'Hey, can we do this for this patient?'"

Davis said many patients have needs that go outside the bounds of the policies of the

large corporate organizations.

"So, that's a benefit of working with a family-owned business," she said.

There's no place like home

Davis reminded the Rotarians that the goal of home health care is providing quality care at home and keeping patients out of hospitals.

She said home health care includes delivering care to independent or assisted living facilities, like Keystone Heights's Park of the Palms.

"The difference is in a skilled nursing facility," she said, referring to sites commonly known as nursing homes. "For a skilled nursing facility, we can't bring our services into that type of site because they're already doing their rehab, they have their own therapists within the facility. But if it's an assisted living facility, we can go in there and take care of them, and there's no place like home"

Disease processes

Davis said many common diseases can be treated at home.

Congestive heart failure

Davis said many complications can arise from congestive heart failure including edema in the legs and fluid backing up into the lungs.

She added that monitoring weight and fluid levels, in addition to providing education and watching vital signs are important in monitoring this disease.

Davis also stressed that COVID is particularly dangerous for CHF patients and that those with congestive heart failure should seek immediate treatment at the first sign of the virus.

"If they get COVID and pneumonia it's not good," she said. "If they end up on a (ventilator) it's not a good outcome, so preventing them from even getting to that point is our goal."

Diabetes

Davis said diabetes can be a very expensive disease to manage and that education is critical in treating high blood sugar.

"If they're on insulin or they're getting their blood sugar checked, they need to know how to care for themselves with that disease process," Davis said. "So we go in there and do education with the patient, but if the patient isn't able to do it themselves we make sure the family is educated."

Neurological diseases

Davis said that stroke, multiple sclerosis, ALS and Parkinson's disease are all disease processes that do not get better over time. They get worse.

She added that home health care providers can watch vital signs and for red flags in patients with neurological

diseases that could send patients to the hospital.

Alzheimer's and dementia
Davis said one of the biggest issues in treating patients with Alzheimer's and dementia is care for the caregivers.

"Who are the ones that do all the work?" she asked. "It's those caregivers. They are exhausted and they need help."

Davis said her company can equip caregivers with resources to make their lives easier, including connections to the Alzheimer's Association and Legacy's social workers.

She added that social stimulation and exercises to reduce fall risk are valuable treatments for Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

Post-surgery

Davis said post-surgery compliance: making sure that patients are doing what they're supposed to be doing after surgeries is key in successful operations.

She added that when home health workers teach patients post-surgery exercises in the home, the patients are much more likely to follow through with the activity.

"It's a huge help," she said. Davis also said watching for post-surgery infections, catheter care, ostomy care and wound care are other valuable post-surgery services home health care workers provide.

Cancer

Davis said that because many cancer patients have compromised immune systems, home health care offers the advantage of limiting exposure to infection risks.

She added that cancer patients benefit from home health care with IV infusions, patient and family education and medication management.

Davis said that when she worked in primary care, she saw patients with lists of medications of up to three

pages, increasing the risk of confusion and errors.

"Just yesterday, I had to go get a new med list from a doctor's office," she said, "because we got an established patient and found out they were taking two of the same medications. They were prescribed by two different doctors, so we go in and got a new med list. That would never have been found if you didn't have somebody looking at the whole picture."

Other at-home services

Davis told the Rotarians that other services available at home include physical therapy, balance training, evaluating durable medical equipment and connecting patients with other community services.

She also said Legacy's home health aids can assist patients with the basics of life, including bathing, cooking and housekeeping.

Garden Club of the Lakes announces schedule

The Garden Club of the Lakes is planning a wonderful year. The club meets at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1738 S.R. 21 in Melrose on the second Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon. Masks are recommended but not required at this time; six-foot social distancing is in place. The public is welcome to attend.

The following is a list of programs for the 2021-22 year:

Oct. 8 - A speaker will talk about how to grow and propagate succulents and discuss the many varieties.

Nov. 11 - Dr. Peterson from Wild Birds Unlimited will discuss the many plants that attract birds.

Dec. 9 - Make-and-take craft.

UCHS homecoming celebrates county's 100th year

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Union County High School had homecoming festivities the week of Sept. 25-Oct. 1, with a theme selected by the student council of "Celebrating 100 Years of Union County, History, Heritage and Home" to tie in with the county's 100th anniversary.

Festivities began with a Sept. 25 dance that saw the UCHS gym decorated with a New York City skyline and featuring tiny, twinkling lights to simulate NYC at night. Students entered as if attending a red-carpet event and were greeted with lots of greenery, I-Love-New York signs and a colorful photo booth. The dance was put on by the senior class and was a fundraiser for Project Grad.

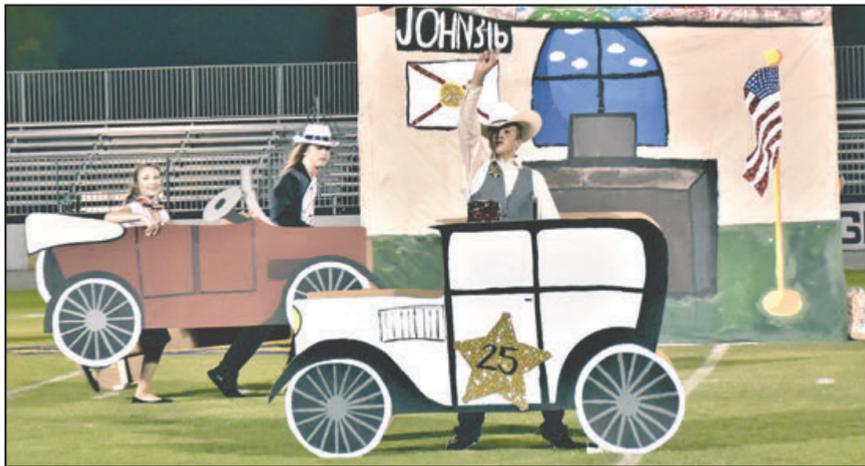
Tiger Growl, which has been held for the past 53 years (started by the Class of 1968), took place Sept. 30. In honor of the theme and the county's centennial celebration, homecoming kings and queens of the past were invited to attend and be recognized. Those who showed up were: Dale Hollingsworth Clyatt (1950), Shirley O'steen Howard (1951), Gail Duke Emerson (1956), Shirley Sapp Gowens (1961), Sandra Langley Tyre (1962), Nancy Webster (Consolidated School, 1963), Julie Sapp Croft (1963), Dorothy Lacy Green (Consolidated School, 1965), Shirley Lacy (Consolidated School, 1966), Carol Bennett Kelley (1966), Ella Mae Little (1973), Hattie Sermons Tennell (1979),



Many homecoming kings and queens of the past celebrated this year's homecoming and Union County centennial. Dale Hollingsworth Clyatt, the 1950 homecoming queen, is escorted by her son, Lanier, at Tiger Growl.



Hazel Hoffman Wall (center) was recognized at Tiger Growl as the oldest registered voter in Union County. She's escorted by Supervisor of Elections Debbie Osborne (left) and Annette Wall.



The freshman skit took first place at Tiger Growl. Ava Walker and Trenton Klein (background, l-r) play Bonnie and Clyde, while Carter Whitehead is Sheriff Whitehead during Union County's early days. Photos by Lisa Holtzendorf.

Corky Welch (1980), Twyla Reed Roberts (1981), Lisa Cunningham Powell (1984), Kim Nesmith Kennedy (1985), Frankie Rigdon O'steen (1986), Kim Huntley Bailey (1989), Christy Floyd Whitehead (1990), Tricia Fortner Dukes (1991), Anitra Highland Simmons (1995), Mindy Browning Bennett (1997), Stephanie Anderson Crawford (2001), Joanna Hunter Jackson (2002), Whitney Worthington Oden (2004), Leah McDowell (2005), Michelle Hunter (2006), Robin Thomas (2008), Dustin Floyd (2008), Jordan Reynolds Horton.

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FFA royalty ride in the parade. Pictured (l-r front-back) are Maegan Beatty, Will Harden, Kyla Boney, Eli Hendricks, Lily French and Jace Bielling.



Lake Butler Middle School cheerleader Tenley Hardee passes out candy during the parade.

Tigers roll to 47-0 victory

BY LISA HOLTZENDORF
Special to the Telegraph-Times-Monitor

Rayvon Durant rushed for two touchdowns, while the defense recorded its first shutout this season as the Union County High School football team made homecoming a happy one with a 47-0 win over Akelynn's Angels Christian Academy on Oct. 1.

The Tigers (5-0) have now won all but one of their games by double digits. They now prepare to go on the road to play Dixie County on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

Union's Daylyn Diston got the game started by returning the opening kickoff to the Tigers' 40-yard line. The Tigers earned a pair of first downs on runs by Caleb Crawford as they moved inside the red zone. On second-and-5 from the 10, Durant took a handoff around left end for a touchdown. Jonathan Edwards added the extra point for a 7-0 lead at the 8:06 mark of the first quarter.

Disaster struck for Akelynn's Angels (1-4) on the ensuing series. After three plays, the Wildcats lined up to punt, but the snap sailed over punter Dyvonique McWilliams' head. McWilliams recovered the ball as Union's Curran Webb and Thomas Williams descended upon him to record a safety and give the Tigers a 9-0 lead with 5:46 left in the first quarter.

Union fielded the free kick and once again had a great return to the 50-yard line. The Tigers moved into the red zone once again, thanks to runs that gained first downs by Diston and Durant as well as an offside penalty. The Wildcats stood strong and kept Union from earning another



Union's Cameron Williams works at shedding a blocker on his way into the offensive backfield in the Tigers' 47-0 homecoming win. Photo by Lisa Holtzendorf.

first down. Edwards added to the Tigers' lead, connecting on a 25-yard field goal to make the score 12-0 with 38 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats started the second quarter on their own 32-yard line. A tackle by Webb and a sack by Dayviontae Thompson had Akelynn's Angels facing a fourth-and-long play. The Wildcats decided to go for it, but McWilliams was sacked again by Thompson for a 9-yard loss.

Union's offense had excellent field position at the Wildcats' 21-yard line. After a fumbled snap on first down, the Tigers put their offense in motion with good runs by Durant and Crawford, resulting in a first down at the 7. Durant, on a run up the middle, appeared to have scored, but

officials marked him down at the 2. Crawford would eventually find the end zone, going virtually untouched up the middle, thanks to excellent blocking by Durant, Tucker Baynard, Dayven Kelley, Carson Rogers and Mikah Wilson. The Tigers, after Edwards' PAT, increased their lead to 19-0 with 8:35 left in the second quarter.

The Wildcats finally earned a first down on a run by Dorian Webster. However, their success was short-lived. On a third-and-7 play, Thompson and Webb teamed up to sack McWilliams and force a punt on fourth down. One play later, quarterback Martin Odum connected on a 75-yard touchdown pass to Diston.

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Myrna Lou Hurse (center) visits with Billy Rehberg (left) and Eddie Douglas — both of whom played football at BHS for her husband, David Hurse — during a gathering of former players and cheerleaders on David Hurse Night. Photos by Cliff Smelley.

BHS remembers Coach Hurse

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

On Oct. 1, an event that took place inside Bradford High School's David Hurse Stadium was all about Hurse himself.

Hurse, the legendary coach who passed away on July 25, was honored as part of David Hurse Night. Approximately 50 former players (representing any sport coached by Hurse) and cheerleaders were led onto the field by Hurse's widow, Myrna Lou, during halftime of the Tornadoes' game against American Collegiate Academy, which Bradford won 14-12 (see related story).

BHS Principal Angela Ward presented Myrna Lou Hurse with a bouquet of flowers, while Athletic Director Sampson Jackson presented her with the plaque that will be attached to the stadium seat Coach Hurse sat in, forever reserving it in his honor.

Prior to those presentations, the gathering on the field and the fans in the stadium were treated to a video on the scoreboard screen, chronicling Hurse's life and narrated by Terry Vaughan, who served as the Voice of the Tornadoes for 30 years on WEAG 106.3-FM.

Vaughan described what the

country was like leading up to Hurse's birth on Oct. 10, 1930 (Herbert Hoover was president, Prohibition had been in effect for more than a decade, gas was approximately 10 cents per gallon, etc.), before saying, "Thus began a remarkable life journey that led to monumental wins on the football field and the shaping of young lives in preparation for the game of life."

"He became a kicker and a track athlete at the University of Florida, but the school that is synonymous with his name is located right here in Starke, Florida. Within his veins flowed blood that was colored Scarlet and Gray."

Vaughan talked of Hurse's 193 victories from 1962 through 1991, the state runner-up finish in 1985 and, of course, the two "glorious" state championships in 1965 and 1966.

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Myrna Lou Hurse (center) receives flowers from BHS Principal Angela Ward (right) and a plaque from Athletic Director Sampson Jackson that reads: "In Loving Memory of Coach Davis Hurse, Oct. 10, 1930-July 25, 2021, Forever a Tornado." The plaque will be affixed to the stadium seat Coach Hurse sat in, forever reserving it in his honor.

Smile! Edith Wolfe is 109!

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Edith Wolfe believes the secret to a happy life is to have no hatred and no worries, and to live simply.

That's not all. Perhaps most importantly: always smile.

You couldn't see Wolfe's mouth on Sept. 29 because of the face covering she was wearing, but if her eyes were any indication, she had a smile underneath that mask as she celebrated her 109th birthday at Windsor Manor Health and Rehab Center in Starke.

Wolfe and Windsor Manor Activities Director Barbara Nicholls expressed their thanks to Winn-Dixie, Dunkin' Donuts, Pizza Hut, Little Caesar's and Flower Petals for providing the items to help make the day a special one for Wolfe and everyone at Windsor Manor. Wolfe also expressed her appreciation for her friends at Windsor Manor and thanked

those who work at the center for having helped her in so many ways.

Mary Everington, who used to play bingo with Wolfe at the Keystone Heights Senior Center, showed up to say happy birthday and give Wolfe a gift. Everington said the last time she saw Wolfe, Wolfe was 105.

Wolfe was born in Aurora, Illinois, to parents Olaf and Ida Henderson two years prior to the start of World War I. By the time that war ended, she was 6 years old.

An Aug. 30, 2012, Lake Region Monitor story chronicled some of Wolfe's memories as a youth, growing up with siblings Arnold and Janet. She remembered playing jacks and baseball in the streets of her hometown and riding in her family's Ford sedan. Her father worked as a welder, while her mother preserved and canned foods.

Wolfe and her husband, J. Verne Wolfe, were married for 48 years. He passed away on April 27, 1981. The couple had two children: Verne Wolfe and Kathryn Pennington, who lives in



Edith Wolfe
Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Melrose. Wolfe has five grandsons and one granddaughter.

It was in 1982 that Wolfe moved to Starke. She moved to Keystone Heights 20 years later.

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A grand cake for a grand birthday. Photo provided courtesy of Windsor Manor Health and Rehab Center.

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Michael Adams

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Michael Gene Adams "Big Mike" passed away on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at the young age of 62 in Orange Park.

Originally from Jacksonville, he moved to Keystone Heights as a child and remained in the Keystone Lake Region throughout his life as an accomplished, certified building contractor. In the year of 1985, Mike earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanized Agriculture from the University of Florida, while he and his family of four lived at Indian Lake Ranch, where he grew timber and worked as a cattle rancher for quite some time. A few years later, he became a building contractor, working to improve and build hundreds of homes for families in much of North Florida. Mike later built his dream home, where he enjoyed his life on Melrose Lake.

After overcoming his battle with cancer and selling his home in Melrose, he settled down in Green Cove Springs.

Mike loved the outdoors. He would always talk about riding his dirt bike all over town during his younger years, camping, hiking, air-boating and getting lost on dirt roads in his Jeep.

Mike lived his life to the fullest. He was happy and successful, and his life was a true testament of courage and strength. He was truly a self-made man, who loved his work as much as he loved helping people. Mike always had a smile on his face and would greet you with a firm handshake or a hug. He was quick to crack a joke and had an unforgettable laugh.

Mike would, without hesitation, lend a hand to anyone in need. He treated everyone fairly and would go above and beyond as a businessman to take good care of his customers and employees. Mike was a patient and humble man, who enjoyed seeing others succeed and be happy.

He will most definitely be missed by his family and the KHHS Class of '77, as well as the many friends and acquaintances he had in the Melrose and Keystone Heights areas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gene Delwin Adams; mother, Emmie Katherine Chason; and infant son, Mark Chason Adams.

Mike is survived by: his son, Michael B. (Lynn) Adams; and his daughter, Patricia Adams Eyster. He was a proud "Dopah" to his five grandchildren, Michael A. Adams, Chason Mckitrick, Jayden Griffis, Whitney Adams and Sayla Eyster. He is also survived by his brother, John (Patty) Adams; and his sisters, Janet (Dennis) Hall and Kathy (Mike) Fagan; as well as his precious dog, Wendy.

A celebration of life will be held for Mike on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Keystone Heights Sportsmen's Club, located at 7180 Airport Road in Starke. The family asks for your favorite photos and memories of Mike to share in lieu of flowers. This will be a true celebration — the way Mike would want it.

The family wishes to extend its gratitude to Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, 904-264-1233, for its services.



Emma Lou Bell

Emma Lou "Louvenia" Jenkins Bell was born April 3, 1933, the daughter of Joseph and Lillie Mae Jenkins in Lulu. The family moved to Lawtey shortly after her birth. She was the oldest daughter of their 11 children. She was always lovingly called "Sistuh."

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a lifetime member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church of Lawtey, where she served as a Stewardess for over 50 years. She was a prayer warrior and was constantly praying for her family, friends, church members and this world. She had a heart for God and wanted everyone to know the Lord.

She was united in holy matrimony to Freddie Douglas Bell, and from this union, six children were born.

Emma Lou Bell departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021, in her home, where she had lived for 70 years.

Many loved ones preceded Mother Bell, including her husband, Freddie Douglas; sons, Freddie Lorenzo, Tony Andrew and Dancy Daniel; grandson, Franklin Douglas Bell Jr. (Junior); and brothers and sisters, Carlton (Mattie), Melvin (Martha), Wilbert (Jessie), Paul (Marzie), Dorothy, Joseph and Naomi.

She leaves to cherish her memory: children, Franklin Douglas (Wanda) Bell, Vivian (Elder Byron) Bell Ramseur, and Lisa A. Young; daughters-in-law, Pamela Bell and Erma Bell; sister, Mary (Charlie) Brown, brothers, Silas Jenkins and Malachi Jenkins; sister-in-law, Charlie Mae Jenkins; brother-in-law, Truman Strong; grandchildren, Sekennia, Thea (Demonic), Javongia, Freddie Jr. (Latoyia), Yolanda, Patrice, Jycara, Emmali (Joshua), James, Calvin, LaClaire, Joshua, Sondra and Robert (Brandi); 23 great-grandchildren; special niece, Joan Burns; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and members of the Mt. Zion AME church family; and special lifetime friends, Harridelle Bright and Dorothy Moore.

Services for Mrs. Bell will be held at Madison Street Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m.



Martha Hodge

LAWTEY Ms. Martha Jeanne Hodge, age 61, of Lawtey, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021.

She was born in Jacksonville to Lonnie Amos and Virginia L. Starling Mizell. Jeanne spent her lifelong career in the aggregate supply industry and was currently a loyal and dedicated employee of Blue Water Industries' Jacksonville office. When she wasn't working, Jeanne enjoyed traveling to the mountains, spending time at the beach or just being outdoors. She liked going out to dinner with friends and family.

Jeanne was a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by: her son, Bruce Gregory Siemer Jr.; grandson, Trae Siemer; sister, Sharon (Terry) Smith; brother, Lonnie David (Tanya) Mizell; nephew, Cody Smith; nieces, Shannon Ash, Jennifer Lee and Kristen Newman; four great-nephews; and her significant other, Robby Cornett.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 13, in the chapel of Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin. Interment followed at Sellers Cemetery (Halsema Road) in Jacksonville. Please leave condolences at warrenfuneralservices.com.

Warren Funeral Services of Baldwin is honored to serve Ms. Hodge's family.

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Jimmy Joyner

STARKE Jimmy Ray Joyner age, 74, of Starke died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka.

He was born in Alachua County on Aug. 2, 1947. He honorably served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Prior to retirement, he worked as an electrician and was a member of the local chapter #1205 of the IBEW.

Preceding him in death were his mother and stepfather, Mildred and Albert Davis; brother, Jeff Davis; and his maternal grandparents, Alver and Nancy Cassels.

Survivors are: his daughter, Julie Joyner of Gainesville; and siblings, Janet (Ken) Ehrisman of Starke, Vicki (Durwood) Dortch of Clermont, Rob (Latrelle) Davis of Gainesville and Kenny (Dorinda) Davis of Alachua.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Fort Call Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Starke.

Jerry Lawson

STARKE Jerry Paul Lawson, 84, of Starke died at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021. His family is blessed in knowing that he lived a full, independent life on his own terms, completing everything on his "bucket list" for this life before stepping into eternity.

Born in Pineville, Kentucky, situated in a valley surrounded by mountains just a short distance from the Cumberland Gap, Jerry was the fifth of six children born to Richard Lewis Lawson and Mable Edna Miller Lawson. He had nothing but respect for his father, a gentle-spirited career railroad man with incredible mountain wisdom. Jerry's oldest brother, Richard, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Watts Lawson, were like second parents to him. They treated him like the child they never had, and Jerry adored "Mary E."

Only his youngest sibling, Lera Jane Lawson Kapitan, survives him. She still resides in Kentucky. Their middle brother, Alvis Donald Lawson, is missing in action in Korea. Jerry was extremely close to Alvis, and this early loss had a major impact on his life. Until he breathed his last, he never stopped doing all he could to ensure his brother made it home.

After completing grade school and part of high school in Pineville, Jerry and Lera moved with their parents to Starke, where the family opened a tourist home. Jerry, an avid sports lover his entire life, played basketball — actually, his favorite sport — at Bradford High School, but football is the sport that shaped much of his adult life and allowed him to earn a four-year scholarship to Tampa University. Jerry often fondly and respectfully credited Coach Lennard Register with making a huge impact on his life and for being largely responsible for assisting him in obtaining this life-changing opportunity to continue his education and to play football as a Tampa Bay Spartan at the collegiate level. (He was also a member of the Spartan crew team.)

Injuries sustained in a tragic automobile accident during Jerry's junior and senior years at Tampa University ended his hopes of playing professional football, but he did enjoy playing semi-professionally for a time with a team called the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Upon completion of his bachelor's degree, Jerry accepted a teaching position at his high school alma mater and began to coach football with Head Coach David Hulse. About five years later, as head coach himself at Pahokee High School, Jerry led the Blue Devils to two consecutive state conference championships.

Another personal milestone for Jerry was his completion of a master's degree from Valdosta State University.

After graduation, Jerry spent the next 10 years teaching education courses to offenders with the Florida Department of Corrections. He then retired from the state of Florida with 30 years of service.

Jerry attended church from the time he was a young boy and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He would sincerely want all of you to place your trust in Jesus Christ and to accept His free gift of salvation and eternal life. A church bus driver at one church and a deacon at another, Jerry's final church home was Smyrna Baptist Church, where his memorial service was held Sept. 4, 2021.

We, Jerry's children, wish to publicly thank Pastor and Mrs. Joshua Green and Smyrna Baptist Church for all of their help. We would also like to recognize Melvin Riggins, who was a huge help and great friend to our father in the final chapter of his life.

Jerry was preceded in death by an infant son; his parents; his eldest sister, Clara Alberta Lawson Combs, who recently passed at the age of 98; the two aforementioned brothers, Richard and Alvis; and their other brother, James Tyree Lawson.

He is survived by: his sister, Lera; daughters, Kimberly Lawson Box (Mark-deceased) and Rebecca Lynn Lawson; his son, Jeremy Paul Lawson (Esther); three grandsons; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

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Shana Bridges

HAMPTON Shana Marie Bridges, age 43, was called home on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Shana was born Feb. 20, 1978, in Gainesville to Albert and Marie (Farr) Morris. She will always be remembered for the fierce loyalty and deep love she shared with her family and friends, her 25 years serving as a volunteer firefighter for the Hampton Volunteer Fire Department and her love of never planning the next adventure.

Shana was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Tina Kershner. She is survived by: her husband, David Bridges; daughters, Ashley Morris, Cheyenne (Braxton) Yowell, and Jaden Bridges; her sister, Lucinda (Kevin) Nichols; two granddaughters, MaKenna and Harlynn; and a large extended family.

A celebration of Shana's life will be held at her home on Saturday, Oct. 9, beginning at 12 p.m.

To know Shana, was to be loved fully, "until the very end."

PAID OBITUARY

Joseph Frith

ORANGE PARK Joseph Elijah Frith, 87, of Orange Park, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, at The Terrace of Jacksonville.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1933, in Blakely, Georgia, to Joseph E. Frith and Hettie Esther (Deal) Frith. He was a retired sergeant major in the United States Army, serving for 30 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Mildred, Annie Mae and Ruth.

Survivors are: his wife of 59 years, Josie J. (Maze) Frith; daughters, Diana Frith (Wayne) Lanier of Jacksonville, Sharon Lee Frith of Jacksonville, Laura Marie (Bryan) Burdetsky of Orange Park; brother, Tommie Frith of Starke; and eight grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Hope Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., with funeral services beginning at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, with Pastor Wayne Lanier officiating.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home.

Travis Griffis

LAKE CITY Travis Randall Griffis, 43, a resident of Lake City, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021.

Travis graduated from Union County High School in 1996. Upon graduation, he began his career in utilities. He started his 23-year career with Clay Electric as a construction laborer and in 2008 was promoted to a service worker.

Travis loved his family more than anything and had a true passion for the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He was a kind soul who always helped those in need.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John "Bobi" and Lily Griffis; and maternal grandparents, Richard and Catherine Touchstone.

Travis is survived by: his children, Gage (14), Adaline (12), and Kash (10) all of Lake City; his parents, Randy and Cathy Griffis of Lake Butler; his brother, Jason (Angie) Griffis; and niece and nephew, Ella and Writ, all of Lake Butler.

A service to honor Travis was held at Archer-Milton Funeral Home on Tuesday, Oct. 5. He was laid to rest at Elzey Chapel Cemetery immediately following the service.

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

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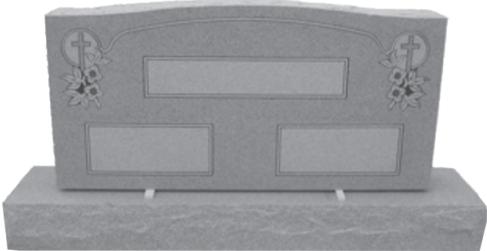
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Lorraine Logan

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS Lorraine Miller Blount Logan, 97, of Keystone Heights died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, in the Bailey Center in St. Augustine. She was born Sept. 4, 1924, in Hampton County, South Carolina, to Wilbur and Adeline (Woods). She attended Winthrop College and was a homemaker. After moving to Keystone Heights many years ago, she became active with the Park of the Palms Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands, Lt. Robert S. Blount Jr. and Edward Taylor Logan.

She is survived by: three sons, Robert S. (Andrea) Blount III of Keystone Heights, Donald F. (Vicky) Blount of Phoenix, Arizona, and Steven M. Blount of Sanford; and two grandsons.

There will be no local services. Interment will be at Harmony Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Crockettville, South Carolina.

Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home of Keystone Heights.

Alexis Walker

LAKE BUTLER Alexis Rose Walker was an outgoing third-grade student at Lake Butler Elementary School. Born Nov. 27, 2011, she was her mom's pride and joy and daddy's baby girl. Alexis loved to help with her brothers and her nana. Like most 9-year-olds, Alexis loved swimming, playing with her cousins and making TikToks.



Alexis' life was tragically cut short following a vehicle accident on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021. Her vibrant personality will be greatly missed by her family, friends and all who had the pleasure of meeting her.

Alexis was preceded in death by her Nana, Fawn Colleen Walker; and great-grandfather, Kenneth Cane.

Alexis leaves behind to cherish her memories: her parents, Joseph and Katlyn Walker; her brothers, Matthew Dewayne Elliott and Jayden Paul Walker; her grandfather, Murray Dewayne "Wayne" Walker; grandmother (nana), Connie Cane; grandfather (papa), James Elliott (Tracy Wicks); aunt, Danielle (Josh) Ward; cousins, Kenneth Elliott, Chloe Elliott, and Layla Ward; and numerous extended family members.

A dual service for Alexis and her nana, Fawn, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, at First Christian Church of Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home of Lake Butler. Alexis and Fawn will be laid to rest in Dedan Cemetery in Brooker.

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

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Fawn Walker

LAKE BUTLER Mrs. Fawn Colleen Walker, age 54, of Lake Butler, passed away after a motor vehicle accident on Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021.

Fawn was born July 8, 1967, in Starke to Freddie and Virginia Douglas Rogers. She worked for many years as a meat wrapper for Crawford's Meat Market in Lake Butler. "Tater," as her brother affectionately called her, was a feisty firecracker with a big heart. She enjoyed fishing, gardening and spending time with her family, and she was most comfortable barefoot with a Diet Coke.



Fawn was preceded in death by her father, Freddie Rogers; and granddaughter, Alexis Rose Walker.

Fawn leaves behind to cherish her memories: her husband, Murray Dewayne "Wayne" Walker; her children, Joseph Dewayne (Katlyn) Walker and Cheyenne Walker all of Lake Butler; her mother, Virginia Rogers of Quincy; brother, Johnny Lee (Cathy) Rogers of Lake Butler; sisters, Mary (Roddy) Mickel of Quincy and Lisa Colomb of Crawfordville; grandsons, Matthew Dewayne Elliott and Jayden Paul Walker both of Lake Butler; nieces and nephews, Monica Cadenaz, Rebecca Hood, Brandon Rogers, Robert Rogers, Richard Hicks, Austin Colomb, Savannah Colomb, and Meranda Reeves; and a host of extended family members.

A dual service for Fawn and her granddaughter, Alexis, will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, at First Christian Church of Lake Butler. The family will receive friends for a visitation on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Archer-Milton Funeral Home of Lake Butler. Fawn and Alexis will be laid to rest in Dedan Cemetery in Brooker.

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Richard Smith, who graduated with the BHS Class of 1980, looks the displays of football team photos.

HURSE

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"If someone chiseled a Mount Rushmore in honor of Bradford High School, his likeness would be front and center," Vaughan said. "No one before or since has embodied the essence and spirit of this school quite like David Hurse."

Vaughan said the key to much of Hurse's success could be found in the hours upon hours of preparation he undertook before each game.

"Abraham Lincoln once said, 'Give me six hours to chop down a tree, and I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe.' No one was sharper at preparing for a big game than Coach Hurse," Vaughan said. "His work ethic was second to none, and no one studied film more diligently. On game day, he knew more about the other team's tendencies than the other team's coach, and his players will attest that 'repetition' was his middle name. 'Run it again,' was his constant mantra, and they kept running the same play in practice until it became second nature."

"While his Tornado teams were typically smaller than the competition, no school relished the thought of going toe to toe with Bradford because every opposing coach knew the better-prepared team was wearing scarlet-colored jerseys."

Football defined a large part of Hurse's life, but his goals went beyond the sport.

"While he was proud to have produced great football players, he was even more proud of the successful young men he mentored, who would go on

to become great fathers, great leaders and great examples of the Christian way of life," Vaughan said.

Larry Brown, the first Black football player for BHS in the wake of desegregation, was a part of the gathering on the field. He played for the Tornadoes in 1966 and went on, after attending the University of Kansas, to play in the NFL for the Pittsburgh Steelers, being a part of four Super Bowl teams. He listened as Vaughan shared the tribute Brown wrote on the Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home website after Hurse's death: "I am eternally grateful for the confidence, support and opportunity you gave me to play on the 1966 Bradford High football team. Playing for you on that team was a life-changing experience for me. It provided an opportunity that I otherwise would not have gotten. I will always regard you with the highest esteem. You were a teacher, a coach and a leader of men. The leadership you commanded gave everyone the confidence and belief that if we followed you, and followed your directions, that we would be successful as a team and as individuals."

"You didn't just coach football. You coached life skills on how to be successful at whatever we may have chosen to do in life. 'Thank you. Rest in peace. A job well done.' Vaughan then shared a quote by College Football Hall of Fame Coach Lou Holtz: "It's good to be successful, but it's great to be significant."

After a moment of silence, the video concluded with Vaughan saying, "Now please join me in a Scarlet-and-Gray salute in the stadium that bears his name as we tip our caps and provide a round of applause in recognition of a life well-lived and a man who was both successful and certainly significant — our beloved coach, David Hurse."

Prior to the game, former players and cheerleaders attended a gathering in the BHS cafeteria, visiting with Myrna Lou Hurse and perusing the displays of old team photos and yearbooks and other memorabilia from Coach Hurse's time at the school.

Donnie Falcon, who played on the 1965 state-title football team and graduated in 1966, read a letter to the gathering

written by Mike Sexton, who coached alongside Hurse. The letter began: "If Coach Hurse could be with you at this gathering, he would thank you — thank you for remembering him at this time, but also thanking you for your commitment to Bradford High School. You made a commitment years ago to the athletic programs, and because of that commitment, we were able to build a successful program."

Sexton wrote in his letter that through good and bad seasons, the goal never changed — to strive to be the best. He wrote that Hurse believed that goal was accomplished through hard work and determination.

Striving to be the best was about more than just football.

"(Hurse) would say that nothing comes easy," Sexton

wrote. "You work hard, and you have a plan for accomplishing things we need to be successful. In our conversations over the years, Coach would say that what we are doing is more important than Xs and Os. It's about life itself."

With that in mind, Sexton believed Hurse would be pleased if he had been able to be at the Oct. 1 event.

"Coach would feel successful as he looked around this gathering today," Sexton wrote. "He'd see people who have been successful in so many ways. You have been an important part of your community and productive citizens. You are family people, good husbands, fathers, grandfathers and followers of the Lord."

"He could not have wanted more."



Myrna Lou Hurse (second from left) is escorted onto the field by Donnie Falcon (far left), who played on the 1965 state-championship team, and former cheerleaders Cindy Sink Mattson (second from right) and Cindy Strickland Futch.

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Indians stay unbeaten with 30-14 win over Fort White

BY CHUCK DOWLING
Special to the Telegraph-
Times-Monitor

Keystone Heights earned the victory in a battle of Indians on Oct. 1, overcoming an early eight-point deficit to take down the visiting Fort White Indians 30-14.

The Indians (6-0), who host Crescent City for homecoming on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m., defeated their last four opponents by an average margin of 43 points and hadn't trailed in a game all season until playing Fort White.

"I was a little worried that we were going to come out flat, but we needed a game like this. We haven't been in any games like this this year." Keystone Head Coach Chuck Dickinson said. "I told our kids it was going to be a physical game, and they lived up to it. Give Fort White credit."

Things did indeed start out a little rocky for the home side, fumbling the ball away to Fort White (3-2) on just the third play of the game. The visitors took advantage right away, and after an 18-yard run by Darren Clark, quarterback Clayton Phillipot was able to hit Houston Crews on a 35-yard gain down to the 1-yard line. A couple of plays later, Phillipot found Peighton Simard in the end zone to put his side up 7-0 early.

After recovering the visiting Indians' second straight onside-kick attempt — this time by Caleb Moncrief at the Fort White 35 — the home side went to work. A 9-yard gain by Dalton



Keystone's Tyler Jenkins (far right) carries the ball, getting blocking from fellow running back Dalton Hollingsworth (second from left) in the Indians' 30-14 win. Mason Dicks is also pictured delivering a crushing block in the background. Photo by Sally Jackson.

Hollingsworth, plus a 15-yard horse-collar penalty at the end of the play, moved the ball to the 25-yard line. Hollingsworth would convert a fourth-and-3 play before running it in from a yard out a couple of plays later. He was stopped on the two-point conversion attempt, and FWHS still held a one-point advantage midway through the first.

They would extend that lead on the next drive. Taking over at their own 35 and putting the ball in the hands of running back Darren Clark, who would singlehandedly get his team down to the 8-yard line through both rushing and receiving, FWHS scored, with Phillipot finding wideout Tafari Moe for

his second passing touchdown of the night, extending the visitors' lead to 14-6. It would be the last time Fort White would score on the night.

The Keystone onslaught began on the following drive when the home team would take over at the 42 after another botched outside attempt from Fort White. Hollingsworth went back to work with his backfield mate, Tyler Jenkins, controlling the ground game before Conner Guy would link up with Logan Williams on a 38-yard touchdown. This time, Hollingsworth would not be denied when going for two, and with 5:03 remaining in the half, the two teams were all knotted up at 14 points apiece.

The KHHS defense would then step up and get its first stop of the night after dropping Maliki Clark behind the line on first down, followed by two standout defensive plays by Jeremy Miller to break up passes. FWHS would punt it away with 4:07 remaining, and the kick did not go the visitors' way, resulting in the home Indians taking over at the Fort White 44 with over four minutes still remaining on the clock.

A big Hollingsworth gain, coupled with a facemask penalty, moved the ball to the 25 before Hollingsworth would make the highlight play of the night, carrying four FW Indians on his back down to the 10-yard

line on a 12-yard gain. Williams would then get his second score of the night, taking it in from 10 yards out. After Hollingsworth's second straight two-point conversion, Keystone found itself up 22-14 with 1:19 left in the half.

Miller's sky kick was recovered by teammate Bo Overton after a big hit, and KHHS still had time to punch one more in, but Guy's 32-yard touchdown pass to Moncrief was quickly flagged and called back due to an illegal man downfield. A play later, Dickinson was flagged for what looked to be arguing the call, but he would later clarify that he was just asking the referee why it was called and that he wasn't the one penalized.

"It wasn't on me," he stated. "It was on a player, and that player did not have a very good halftime."

The second half saw Dickinson tack one on early and then implement his ground-and-pound style that controls the clock and keeps the ball out of the hands of the opposing team's offense.

"The offense stepped up, and

when you grind the ball like that, it is frustrating for a team when there are 48 minutes and you have the ball probably 33 or 34 of them," he said. "That's how we win."

Fort White had won the toss before the game and deferred to the second half. They came out firing with a 33-yard completion on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter, but on the next play, Luke Snider caused a fumble that was recovered by Trey Jeffries to set Keystone up with the ball at its own 38.

The turnover game has been kind to Dickinson's side this season.

"We have been fortunate this year that we actually haven't had a turnover all year, so we were like plus-12 this year coming into this game. I tell our kids, we don't turn the ball over, we've got a chance, and with what we do, as long as we don't get behind the chains, we are going to be OK."

The final KHHS score would happen with 8:04 remaining when Hollingsworth, who rushed for 238 yards on 35 carries, found

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WOLFE

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A 2013 Monitor story revealed that Wolfe, at the age of 101, was still driving herself to the Keystone Heights Senior Center twice a week to play bingo and dominoes. Wolfe, a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, was driving herself to services at Keystone Heights United Methodist Church as well.

Other activities Wolfe has

enjoyed over the years include sewing and playing golf.

Wolfe has made a lot of memories over the years. She said that is exactly what life is: a memory book. That's why her advice to all is to write great memories as well as expressing your thanks to the family and friends who support you.

Of course, don't forget Wolfe's rules to live by: no hatred, no worries, live simply and smile.

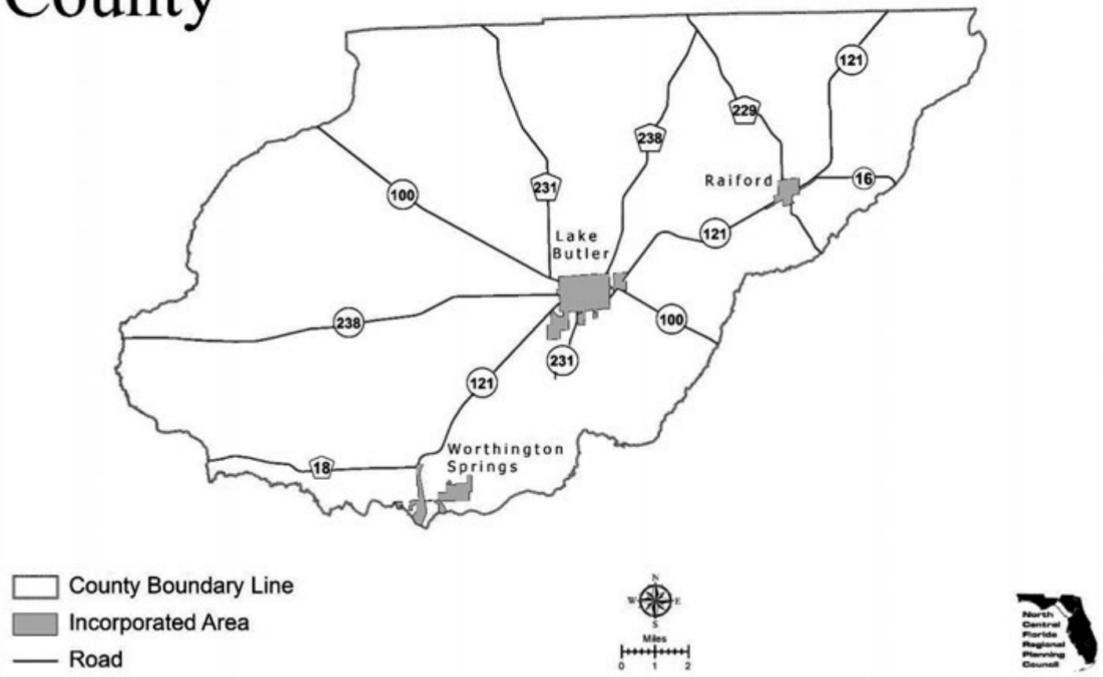
Windsor Manor was certainly a place full of smiles on Sept. 29, celebrating the life of one who's had the opportunity to smile throughout 109 years of life.

NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

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

CPA 21-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.

Union County



The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, Union County Courthouse located at 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE TEXT OF THE UNION COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, CPA 21-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER SECTION 163.3161(10), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 187.101(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the amendment.

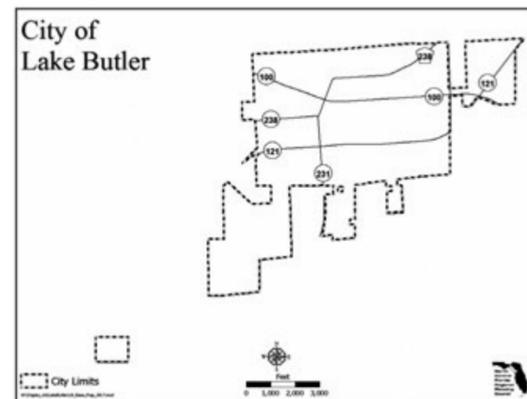
Copies of the amendment are available for public inspection, at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding 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 this proceeding should contact Dianne Hannon, Secretary to the Board of County Commissioners at 386.496.4241 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 800.955.8770 (voice) or 800.955.8771 (TTY).

NOTICE OF LAND USE CHANGE

The City Commission of the City of Lake Butler, Florida proposes to regulate the use of land within the area shown on the map below, by amending the text of the City of Lake Butler Comprehensive Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, as follows:



CPA 21-01, an application by the City Commission, to amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by adding a Property Rights Element to the Comprehensive Plan per Section 163.3161(10), Florida Statutes, as amended and Section 187.101(3), Florida Statutes, as amended.

The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall, located at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida. The City Commission will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER, FLORIDA, RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF THE TEXT OF THE CITY OF LAKE BUTLER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION CPA 21-01 BY THE CITY COMMISSION, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER SECTION 163.3161(10), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 187.101(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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At the aforementioned public hearing, all interested persons may appear and heard with respect to the amendment and the ordinance adopting the amendment on the date, time and place as stated above.

Copies of the amendment and the ordinance adopting said amendment are available for public inspection at the Office of the City Manager in the City Hall, at 200 Southwest 1st Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours.

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Tornadoes hang on for 14-12 win over American Collegiate

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Trent Hankerson got just enough of the ball in breaking up a pass in the end zone on a two-point conversion attempt, allowing the Bradford High School football team to hang on for a 14-12 victory over visiting American Collegiate Academy on Oct. 1.

“He’s not very tall,” BHS Head Coach Brian Tomlinson said of Hankerson, who’s listed at 5-7, “but he played like he was 6-5, didn’t he?”

The Rough Riders (1-3) drove 97 yards in scoring a touchdown with 39 seconds left in the game. On the two-point play, the quarterback, under heavy pressure, basically threw a jump ball into the end zone. American Collegiate’s Davion Smith was in the midst of three Tornadoes — Hankerson, Gavin Cook and Jametrius Pringle. Hankerson was able to position himself in front of Smith and make the play to seal the win, allowing Bradford (3-3) to head into its bye week off its second straight win and third in the last four games.

“It’s been a long time when we’ve been at this point in a season and had a .500 record,” said Tomlinson, who believes his team has improved a lot from the one that opened the season with two straight losses.

“We’re very close,” Tomlinson said. “Tonight, I think we grew up a lot.”

The Tornadoes had to grow up without starting quarterback Amari Jones, who was hit out of bounds and driven underneath his team’s bench, suffering a game-ending injury on the first play of the second quarter. Dae’Jon Shanks, who was last year’s quarterback, was sitting out the game with an injury from the previous week.

In stepped wide receiver/defensive back Jontez Williams, who went 7-of-10 for 158 yards. He was able to hook up with Chalil Cummings twice on short passes that Cummings took the distance for scores.

Tomlinson said Williams has practiced at quarterback maybe three times this season.

“Literally, we’ve practiced two plays with him at quarterback,”



Bradford’s Trent Hankerson (far right) gets enough of the ball in breaking up this two-point pass play to American Collegiate’s Davion Smith, allowing the Tornadoes to win 14-12. Also pictured are Jametrius Pringle (far left) and Gavin Cook. Photo by Cliff Smelley.

Tomlinson said. “He came in and ran almost the whole offense.”

Williams gave Bradford a possible scoring opportunity on the first drive of the game from his wide receiver position, catching a pass from Jones for a 40-yard gain to the American 22-yard line. The Tornadoes, however, turned the ball over on downs after three incompletions and a run for no gain.

The Rough Riders drove into Bradford territory on their first series, with Smith gaining 20 yards on a run to the Tornadoes’ 35-yard line. Bradford’s Sincere Hankerson ended the threat when he intercepted a tipped pass.

Bradford’s defense stepped up again on the Rough Riders’ next possession. On third-and-3 from the American 48, Smith eluded two tackles before being brought down by Cook for just a 1-yard gain. The Rough Riders went for it on fourth down, with Smith being stonewalled at the line of

scrimmage for no gain.

It was on Bradford’s third series that Jones was injured. The play resulted in a personal-foul penalty that gave the Tornadoes a first down at the American 29. Williams took over at quarterback and promptly gained 9 yards on a run. Three more Williams runs advanced Bradford to the 14 before Bradford fumbled the ball away.

Trente Jenkins recovered a fumble for the Bradford defense three plays later, but the Tornadoes’ offense turned the ball over on downs after four plays.

Bradford’s Chason Clark made two tackles behind the line of scrimmage on the ensuing series, including a 16-yard sack that forced the Rough Riders to punt from inside their own 20.

Taking over at the Rough Riders’ 32-yard line, the Bradford offense needed just two plays to put the first score on the board.

After Isaiah Wilcox’s 2-yard carry, Williams and Cummings connected on a 30-yard touchdown with 4:12 remaining before halftime. Hayden Hughes kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

The Rough Riders answered with a 58-yard scoring drive. Two runs totaling 16 yards moved American to the Bradford 35 before Alvontae Vance was dropped for an 8-yard loss on a reception. Jenkins followed that up by making a tackle for a 2-yard loss. On a fourth-and-10 play, Kamrhen Simpkins caught a 20-yard pass to the Bradford 22, with an additional 11 yards being tacked on because of a personal-foul penalty.

Torin Brazell, who’d later leave the game with an injury, came up with a 12-yard sack to force American into a fourth-and-19 play, but the Rough Riders scored on a 20-yard pass with 28 seconds left in the second quarter. The PAT was no good, allowing Bradford to take a one-point lead into halftime.

Bradford went three-and-out on its first drive of the second half, while the second drive got off to bad start when Williams was sacked for a 10-yard loss. Manny Covey was then held to no gain on a run before Williams completed a pass to Cummings. Cummings put his athleticism on display as he turned the play into an 87-yard touchdown. Hughes added the PAT for a 14-6 lead.

Cummings finished the game with 117 yards on two receptions.

American drove into the red zone on the ensuing series, with a 20-yard run by Winston Gibson resulting in a first down at the 15-yard line. Trent Hankerson came up big on two straight plays. First, he was in on a tackle after a fumble that resulted in a 7-yard loss. He then intercepted a pass at his own 7 to put an end to the threat.

Two runs by Wilcox and a reception by Jarrin Alexander resulted in first downs, while Bradford gained another on personal-foul penalty as the Tornadoes drove to the American 30. Covey then made a leaping catch along the sideline for a 23-yard gain, resulting in first-and-goal at the 7. Covey was tackled for a 3-yard loss on the ensuing

first-down play before being held to no gain on a second straight run. A 7-yard reception by Alexander set up fourth down at the 3. Bradford went for it, with Williams being held to no gain.

The Rough Riders proceeded to drive from their own 3 for the touchdown that made things interesting. Almost half of the yardage occurred on a deep pass play that gained 50 yards to the Bradford 35. American completed a 14-yard pass on fourth-and-6 from the 21 to set up first-and-goal at the 7. Three straight runs set up fourth down at the 1-yard line. The Rough

Riders scored from there, with the quarterback taking the ball into the end zone with 39 seconds left.

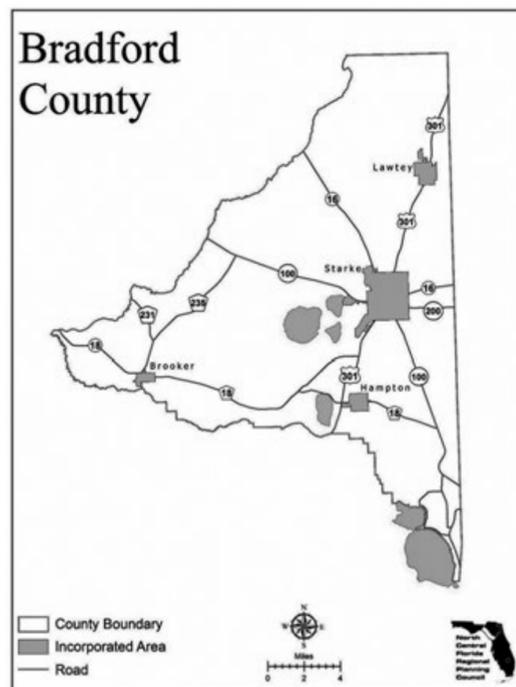
Hankerson’s effort on the ensuing two-point conversion was just one of the big plays in a game that featured a “gutsy” effort by his team, Tomlinson said, adding, “There have been times in the past where we’ve kind of let the emotion of a close game get to us. It didn’t tonight. I’m just proud of our guys.”

Bradford returns to action Friday, Oct. 15, with a road game against Baldwin (3-1) at 6 p.m.

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The first of two public hearings on the proposed amendment will be held on October 21, 2021 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 Board of County Commissioners will hold the public hearing to consider the amendment, conduct a first reading of the ordinance adopting the amendment and consider transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. 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 21-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3215, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR ADDING A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PER SECTION 163.3161(10), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 187.101(3), FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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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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BHS, BMS have 5 place in top 10 at home invitational

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Bradford Middle School’s Madison Kennedy and Axel Markwich almost won their races, while Bradford High School’s Tristan Holder and Alissa Reddish earned top-10 finishes at the Oct. 2 Bradford Cross Country Invitational, which was held at O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex in Lake Butler.

Kennedy placed second out of 42 in the middle school girls race with a time of 12:50, which left her trailing Suwannee Speed’s Olivia Hermanson, who had a time of 12:25.

BMS didn’t have a full girls team, but did have another top-10 finisher in Autumn Hunt, who had a seventh-place time of 14:35.

Madison Spencer and Kaydence Curtis also competed, finishing with times of 16:48 and 18:52, respectively.

BMS placed fourth in the boys team standings with a score of 93, leaving the Tornadoes trailing Oakleaf (43), Indian Trails (59) and Imagine (74). Peniel Baptist (108) and Belmont (116) placed fifth and sixth.

Markwich led the team, finishing as runner-up in the 47-member field with a time of 11:49. Lake City’s Nolan Martin took first with a time of 11:42.

BMS’ Koy Hartley and Tucker Griffis placed 11th and 18th, respectively, with times of 13:32 and 14:28. Mason Scoggins (16:00) and Jaden Williams (20:59) also competed.

In the 98-member high school boys race, BHS’ Holder ran a sixth-place time of 18:49, while teammate Jaleel Easley ran an 11th-place time of 19:02.

Jordan Barton and Silas Markwich earned 23rd- and 39th-place finishes for BHS, respectively, with times of 20:38 and 21:39.

Reddish earned an eighth-place finish for BHS in the girls race with a time of 24:18. The Tornadoes’ Natalie Thomas and Alyssa Hunt placed 15th and 16th, respectively, in the 77-member field with times of 26:05 and 26:14.

BHS’ Layne Loper (29:26) and Chadsity Stevens (33:40) also competed as the Tornadoes placed sixth in the team standings with a score of 136, which was just one point behind Baker County.

The top four teams were P.K. Yonge (21), Suwannee (92), Branford (107) and Ridgeview (123).

Crescent City (147), Keystone Heights (170) and Baldwin (200) placed behind BHS.

2 from KHHS place in top 4 at Bradford Invitational

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Tyler Griffin and Olivia Griffin earned third- and fourth-place finishes, respectively, for the Keystone Heights High School cross country teams at the Oct. 2 Bradford Invitational at O.J. Phillips Recreation Complex in Lake Butler.

In the 98-member boys field, Tyler Griffin crossed the finish line in 18:08 to help Keystone

finish fifth in the team standings. The Indians had a score of 115 to place ahead of P.K. Yonge (121). Ridgeview (42) placed first, followed by Suwannee (47), Baldwin (91) and Baker County (105).

Two additional KHHS boys runners placed in the top half of the field. Ryder Thomas had a 30th-place time of 21:12, while Anthony Peak had a 37th-place time of 21:31.

Also competing for KHHS were Will Begue (22:45), Ayden Graff (23:11), Clark Byrnes (25:52) and Bekett Capper (29:03).

Olivia Griffin ran a fourth-place time of 23:27 in the 77-member girls field. Teammate Alexis Taylor earned a 28th-place finish with a time of 28:02.

The Indians were also represented by Morgan Kenney (29:11), Ella Hutchins (30:25) and Shaylyn Williams (32:24).

Keystone placed eighth in the team standings with a score 170, with the top seven teams being P.K. Yonge (21), Suwannee (92), Branford (107), Ridgeview (123), Baker County (135), Bradford (136) and Crescent City (147). Baldwin (200) took the ninth and last spot.

TIGERS

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Edwards again kicked the extra point, making the score 26-0.

The following kickoff was mishandled by the Wildcats, with Williams making a recovery for the Tigers at the Akelynn’s Angels’ 33-yard line. The Wildcats did force Union into having to go for it on a fourth-and-6 play, but the Tigers converted on a run by Crawford. Odum then kept the ball on an option play, scoring on a 5-yard run late in the second quarter. Edwards added the PAT for a 33-0 lead.

Akelynn’s Angels wanted to go into halftime on a positive

note. They put together a drive that produced two first downs, thanks to a run by Webster and a penalty. However, Thompson and Webb would once again team up for a sack.

It was the type of play Union Head Coach Andrew Thomas stressed the previous week that he wanted to see from his team. He wants his team to not let up when getting a big lead.

The Wildcats put together their best drive to start the second half, with Webster busting out with a 27-yard run. McWilliams then completed his first pass, which was caught by Webster for an 11-yard gain. The drive, though, began to fall apart after multiple penalties, one of which negated what would’ve been a touchdown. On a fourth-and-

long play, Brycen Boney came up with a sack for the Tigers.

Durant, who finished with 98 yards on 13 carries, stole the show on the following series. He earned back-to-back first downs before busting out with an 18-yard run through Wildcat defenders for a touchdown. Edwards added the extra point to extend the lead to 40-0 as the third quarter came to a close.

Members of the junior varsity team, which ended its season with a 4-1 record, saw playing time in the fourth quarter. With Trenton Klein stepping in at quarterback, the Tigers went on to score a final time, with Williams taking a pitch into the end zone on a 9-yard run. Edwards kicked the extra point to cap the scoring.

The Tigers rushed for 251

yards. Crawford was second on the team behind Durant with 57 yards on 10 carries. Diston had 31 yards on seven carries, while Klein gained 26 yards on just three carries.

Odum attempted four passes, completing three for 105 yards.

Webb led the defense with 11 tackles, with 4.5 for loss. Trevor Holtzendorf made nine tackles, while Jimmy Cox had a fumble recovery.

On Friday, the Tigers take on a Dixie County team that has won three of its last four games. The Bears (3-2) are coming off a bye week, which followed their 56-27 win over Hamilton County. Dixie also has a 49-10 win over Williston, while its first win came by forfeit.

Jackson's 38 leads KHHS in girls golf win over Palatka

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
Telegraph Staff Writer

Candace Jackson finished with her best-ever score to help lead the Keystone Heights High School girls golf team to a win over host Palatka on Sept. 29.

The Indians finished with a team score of 220, which was 14 strokes ahead of Palatka.

Jackson sank a putt on hole eight for an eagle and finished with a score of 38.

M.J. Rivera shot a 48, while Mia Rivera and Rexi Lewis had scores of 62 and 72, respectively.

On Sept. 23, Keystone lost to visiting Fleming Island, which won by 50 strokes with a score

of 169.

Jackson finished tied for first with Fleming Island's Cambree Hodge. Each shot a 39, with Jackson making par on four holes as well as making a birdie.

M.J. Rivera finished in a three-way tie for fifth with a score of 48. Mia Rivera was ninth with a score of 61, while Lewis was 10th with a score of 71.

The Indians played against Clay and Oakleaf at Eagle Landing on Sept. 28, with Jackson taking second overall with a score of 43. She made par on four holes and was five strokes behind medalist Taylor Young of Clay.

Lewis and Mia Rivera finished in a three-way tie with Clay's Rebecca Gibson for eighth with a score of 61.

M.J. Rivera was unable to participate, so Keystone, with only three players, didn't have team score.

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Starke Police Department's Shop With a Cop returns for its 17th year, with children from all the county's public elementary schools getting the chance to shop at Starke's Walmart with escorts from various law-enforcement agencies as well as the Florida Department of Corrections.

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the Starke Police Department's main number at 904-964-5400.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 5.

Children who participate in Shop With a Cop are selected by teachers and guidance counselors, who identify students

as having needs (financial, emotional or psychological), but who are still striving to do their best in the classroom and to be outstanding citizens.

Last year's event consisted of 285 students.

KHHS

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the end zone for his second touchdown of the night.

The victory was secured when Jenkins intercepted a Phillipot pass inside the 10-yard line late in the game to end all of Fort White's hopes and keep the Tribe undefeated on the season.

Keystone did have an opportunity for an even larger margin of victory, driving inside the 10 with 2:25 to go, but a holding call put the Indians back 10 yards. Dickinson would run the clock out.

Snider led the defense with six tackles, while Clayton Kicklighter had five.

"They fought hard," he said. "That is the first time we have been behind all year. That was a good thing for us to come back, take the lead like that, and I thought as the game went on, we did what we were supposed to." He then added, "We became the most physical team on the night."

On the impressive start to the season, Dickinson stayed humble, saying, "We play one game at a time. I tell the kids going into the week that we are 0-0, and our goal is to win this one." He concluded with, "We

just have to work on the little things and get better each week."

So far, Dickinson seems to have his team working on all the right things, as well as on all cylinders. While it's not on the forefront of everybody's minds quite yet, it's only a matter of time before people begin to wonder aloud if this is the season that Keystone can record its first-ever FHSAA playoff victory.

This Friday marks Keystone's final home game. Crescent City (3-2) is coming off a bye that followed a 42-21 loss to Hilliard. That loss snapped a string of wins in which the Raiders defeated Umattilla, Interlachen and Trenton.

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Members of the senior court besides Laura Park and Dezmond Edwards, who'd be crowned queen and king, were (l-r) Josie Croft and Andrew Laux, Kyra Johnson and Jackson Crook, and Anna Ward and Jakeb O'steen.



Karly Shatto, a member of All-Star Twirling Academy, performed a hot number to Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire" at Tiger Growl. Also pictured (background) are Lyndee Griffis and Darby Andrews.



Eli Rimes rides with the senior class, representing the iconic flag pole at the Loop.

UCHS

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(2009), Jessie O'steen Howard (2010), Morgan Dukes Starling (2011), Alexa Park Perez (2014), Valerie Seay (2015), Alli Perez (2017), Shelby Spratlin and Trace Croft (2018) and Victoria Park and Ryan Harden (2019).

Roberto Saravia and Desiree Edwards, the king and queen from 2020, returned as well to crown this year's king and queen: Dezmond Edwards and Laura Park.

The past kings and queens were presented with carnations by Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger.

Also in honor of Union County's past, Hazel Hoffman Wall was escorted by car around the track, receiving a standing ovation. Wall, 103, is the oldest registered voter in the county. She was joined by Supervisor of Elections Debbie Osborne and

Sheriff Brad Whitehead.

Capt. Emma Fulton, Cadet Command Sergeant Major Adam Ali, Cadet Captain Violet Romero and Cadet Major Alauna Brown of the UCHS JROTC presented the colors to begin Tiger Growl, with junior Major Gaffney singing the national anthem. Senior Student Body President Tahj Merriex gave the invocation.

Football players, cheerleaders and their escorts were introduced, with a new jumbotron broadcasting all the activity for the benefit of those in the stands.

UCHS and Lake Butler Middle School cheerleaders performed, as did Pop Warner cheerleaders in the Tiny Mites, Might Mites and Junior Pee Wee divisions.

Following the introduction of the golf and volleyball teams, members of the All-Star Twirling Academy, coached by June Stoeber, took to the field to stun those in attendance with

fire batons and high-flying baton antics.

Each of the classes performed skits related to the theme, with the seniors setting the bar high with their "Chronicles of Rip," acting out the past 25 years in Superintendent Ripplinger's life.

The junior skit portrayed the years 1971-96, Students, trapped inside the Centennial Hall of Fame after hours, received words of wisdom on how to get out and how to beat homecoming opponent Akelynn's Angels Christian Academy from museum exhibits that came to life.

It was the Greasers vs. the Meatheads in the sophomore skit, which covered the years 1946-71. The two groups would eventually join forces to defeat the Wildcats on the field.

Bonnie and Clyde were terrorizing the county and chased by Sheriff Whitehead in the freshman skit, which portrayed the years 1921-46. Due to a polio quarantine, students had to round up players for the homecoming game. Babe Ruth, Albert Einstein, Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz," the Three Stooges and Rosie the Riveter got the job done as UCHS defeated the Wildcats in a "Rumble in the Jungle."

The freshmen won the competition, followed by the juniors in second, the sophomores in third and the seniors in fourth.

Most everyone eagerly awaits

the coronation of class royalty, which took place following the skits. Philip Noah Williams and Ava Kate Walker were the freshman prince and princess, while the sophomore class was represented by Tanner Dale Connell and Sydney Ann Box. The junior prince and princess were Cole Andersen-Davis and Bailey Jade Handley.

Seniors vying for the positions of king and queen were introduced. Laura Park and Dezmond Edwards, Anna Ward and Jake O'steen, Josie Croft and

announcement of the class float competition. The freshmen took first place, followed by the juniors in second, the sophomores in third and the seniors in fourth.

Andrew Laux, and Kyra Jordan and Jackson Crook.

Park and Edwards were crowned, the results of voting which took place on Sept. 27. The crowd joined in singing the alma mater and took to the field to congratulate the winners.

The ceremonial senior bonfire followed, as did the



Make way for the Freshman Express, the winning parade float. Riders are (l-r) Jake Walker, Kutter Durrance, Andrew Mohl, Skyler Moates, Heaven Scott and Jaylin Moates.



Class royalty consisted of (l-r) Ava Walker and Noah Williams in the freshman class, Sydney Box and Tanner Connell in the sophomore class, and Bailey Handley and Cole Andersen-Davis in the junior class.

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