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Class of 2025, "We're the Best Alive"

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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One hundred sixty-four Union County High School seniors walked onto Marvin H. Pritchett Field on Friday, May 16, to receive their diplomas in front of a packed crowd.

The school's symphonic band played the processional, led by Kelly Dorsey. Senior Class Treasurer Amelia Newsom led the opening prayer, and Senior Class Secretary Ava Walker led the pledge to the flag.

Senior Class President Braden Adams welcomed the standing-room-only crowd, acknowledging the many individuals who had helped the soon-to-be graduates.

"None of this would have been possible without the support of our families and past and present staff members who have supported us during our time at UCHS," he said. "I speak for the entire student class when I say thank you for being here to celebrate this momentous occasion, and we appreciate all that you have done for us."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Senior Class Vice President Joseph Harris led the crowd in the school's Alma Mater, SaraBeth



At the direction of Superintendent of Schools Mike Ripplinger, the Class of 2025 turns their tassels, marking their official graduation.

Vaughn and Erin Waters introduced the graduates, and Superintendent of

Schools Mike Ripplinger officially proclaimed the departing seniors as

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Union man named finalist for Florida Teacher of the Year

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Florida Department of Education announced Mark Harrison, a teacher at Union County High School, as one of five finalists for the 2026 Florida Teacher of the Year.

The department said in a news release that state finalists were chosen from 76 district teachers of the year. The 2026 Florida Department of Education Teacher of the Year winner will be announced in July.

"Mr. Harrison's dedication to the success of his students is evident in his teaching and his commitment to going above and beyond for his students," said Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, Jr. "Congratulations to Mr. Harrison for being chosen as a 2026 Teacher of the Year finalist."

"Mr. Harrison is one of the most capable, remarkable, and highly regarded teachers I have ever had the

pleasure of knowing throughout my career," added Union County School District Superintendent Michael Ripplinger. "He has made a tremendous impact on countless students and has earned the admiration of his fellow teachers and the community. I cannot think of a better person to represent the field of education in the state of Florida."

The 2026 Florida Teacher of the Year state finalists were chosen from nearly 175,000 public school teachers. After each school district selects its teacher of the year, a committee representing teachers, principals, parents and the business community reviews each district application on the basis of outstanding ability to teach and communicate knowledge of the subject taught, professional learning and outstanding school and community service. The winner will serve for one year as the Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education



Union County High School teacher Mark Harrison is one of five finalists for the Florida State Teacher of the Year.

and will represent the Department of Education and teachers throughout the state.

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Worthington Springs trash piling up on weekends



Solid Waste Director Lamar Griffis explained that the Worthington Springs collection site is hemmed in by State Road 121, two city streets, a fire station, and a ball field.

Coordinator floats possibility of curbside pickup

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Union County Commissioners

discussed the growing problem of limited storage space at the county's Worthington Springs collection and recycling center, creating backups and unavailability on the weekends,

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Tattoo and Beauty Bar cuts ribbon in Lake Butler



(Left) Ally Appleby and Taylor Crawford cut the ribbon on their new business in downtown Lake Butler, the Tattoo and Beauty Bar. Also pictured are (L-r) Cole Andrews, Taylor Stone, Mayor Melissa Hendrix (background), and Aniston Crawford.

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Lake Butler Mayor Melissa Hendrix welcomed downtown's newest business on Saturday, May 17.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new venture's 275 West Main Street location, Hendrix said she believed the Tattoo and Beauty Bar on Main would make a significant contribution to

downtown.

The two owners of the venture, Taylor Crawford and Ally Appleby, said they met as mutual customers, with Crawford doing Appleby's lashes and Appleby rendering tattoos on Crawford.

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WORTH NOTING

June sobriety checkpoints announced

During the month of June, the Bradford County Sheriff's Office will be conducting sobriety checkpoints in one or more of the following locations: U.S. Highway 301 and Market Road, S.R. 100 West, S.R. 100 East and Southeast 109th Street, Southeast S.R. 21, S.R. 16 and Southwest S.R. 231.

Starke Memorial Day service

American Legion Post 56, in conjunction with the Starke Downtown Merchants, will be conducting a Memorial Day Ceremony honoring Veterans who lost their lives in the service of our country. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. at Charles Schaefer Veterans Memorial Park in Starke. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a car show. The public is invited.

Collection site closings

Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26. They will reopen Tuesday, May 27, at 10 a.m.

Women honored at Hat and Tea

Dreamers and Doers of Bradford County will honor women who have inspired and promoted excellence in the community at the second annual Women of Excellence Hat and Tea on May 24 at The Downtown Grill in Starke at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Women attending are encouraged to wear a hat. Proceeds will benefit the Miss Juneteenth Gala, set for June 21.

Pastor installation at Magnolia Baptist

Magnolia Missionary Baptist Church in Raiford will be having an installation worship service on Sunday, May 25, at 3 p.m. for Pastor-elect Oscar Griffith Jr. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Food distribution at True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, May 27, at 10 a.m. at True Vine Outreach Ministry in Starke.

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



TEACHER

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Mark Harrison is an Economics

and American Government teacher for grades 9-12 at Union County High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Florida and has earned the Civics Seal of Excellence. Harrison has also served as a Civics and Debate team sponsor and Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor. He also serves as a school bus driver for the high school.

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Female-owned and operated

"We just kind of talked about us wanting to eventually put those two businesses together in a building local to Lake Butler," Crawford explained.

"It's female-owned, female-run, all female," added Appleby.

"We offer tattoo services, piercing services, and lash and brow services," said Crawford. "We have an esthetician that does full body waxing and facials, so the focus is on skincare." The pair said that tanning beds are also on the way.

Crawford said her background is in nursing. She added beauty as a side hustle.

"I did both for a long time, the beauty side and the bedside nursing, and this just kind of took over," she said. "I've been doing this for about six years. I was at a salon in Starke for six years, but I live here and want it to be more local to home."

Crawford said her ultimate goal is to make people feel better about themselves.

'They just think it looks cool'

Appleby said she, like Crawford, has been in the beauty business for around six years.

After being a stay-at-home mom for a few years, Appleby said she started to engage her passion and talent for art, beginning with drawings and creating logos before moving on to piercings and tattoos.

She owned a tattoo salon in West Palm Beach.

"Then, when I moved up here, I

worked at a tattoo shop in Gainesville for a little bit just to kind of build clientele," she said.

Appleby added that her customer base is diverse.

"I'll get girls that are 16 that kind of want their grandparents' or parents' handwriting or lettering," she explained. "And then I'll get women that are in their seventies that want memories, or I get couples that want matching tattoos, or I get people that just really like art and want flowers and stuff that doesn't have as much meaning. They just think it looks cool."

Covering a tattoo with a tattoo

Crawford said her business partner excels in cover-ups, repairing previous tattoos that had less-than-desirable results.

"So, people that have been somewhere else and got work done and were not happy with it," Crawford explained. "They're able to bring that piece to her and say, 'Hey, I want to cover this up. What can I do with it?' And she actually draws up something to put on top of that and cover it completely. You wouldn't even know it was their old tattoo when she's done with it."

Appleby said the cover-up business is busier in rural areas than in cities, primarily due to unlicensed artists working out of their homes.

She added that licensed artists are trained in the prevention of bloodborne pathogens, a real risk when clients use untrained artists.

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Lake Butler Elementary honors K-2 students for third nine weeks

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Times

On April 8, Lake Butler Elementary School students, parents, and staff gathered in the school's cafeteria for the third nine-week honor roll ceremony.

Assistant Principal Julee Ricketson acknowledged that the third nine-week period presents a unique challenge for students.

"The rigor goes up," she explained, noting that the added complexity in coursework combined with Spring Break right in the middle of the quarter can be a tough balancing act. "Additionally, we are moving into requiring students to read at home more. This makes it quite an accomplishment when we see so many students achieving honor roll status."



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Superintendent: Teamwork is key

Superintendent Mike Ripplinger, a regular presence at these award assemblies unless out of town, emphasized the crucial role that support systems play in student success.

When asked about the challenges of maintaining focus during this quarter, he said, "In general, as with anything, you begin to wear down a little bit, so keeping students engaged with all the activities that are going on is always a challenge. Also, helping them see what the end result will be—that's always a challenge."

According to the superintendent, the key to overcoming that hurdle is teamwork.

"There are two ingredients," he said. Number 1 is the parents and the support the parents provide at the house, but also the teachers and what the teachers do, and our teachers do an amazing job in the classroom to keep the students motivated. And our administration and our coaches do as well. So, everybody working together helps keep that a primary focus and keeps our students moving towards the goals we set for them."

First graders advance in reading

First-grade teacher Katherine Holmes said she has seen incredible transformation in her students.

"Their ability to read has really grown leaps and bounds," she shared. "They went from reading simple sentences to reading whole paragraphs and texts and being able to comprehend and identify the key details and the topic. It's been really great to see how much they've grown and changed."

Fellow first-grade teacher JoAnn Hickcox echoed that

Attitude, Eagerness to Learn, Respect for Others, and Safety. Students add a handprint each time they demonstrate one of these values in their daily school life.

"This year, our focus has been let's root for each other and watch each other grow, so we have been learning how to support each other and challenge each other in learning and asking why—not just giving answers," said Fuist. "I'm most proud that our kids are getting in-depth conversations that are really growing from their learning, and they're applying it."

The principal said that growth is evident not only in report cards but in school climate.

"As a result, we're seeing more kids with academic achievement," she explained. "We're seeing a lower amount of kids with discipline referrals. Our kids are more engaged with each other and learning behaviors that are positive and appropriate for school and learning how to handle conflict."

Fuist credits innovative teaching strategies for this transformation.

"Our teachers have implemented carousels and other engagement strategies for our kids where they have to work in teams and solve a problem, so that has really grown their thinking and allowed them to work with each other and develop some of those communication skills."

pride.

"Being able to make the progress they've made so far this year and showing a lot of growth," she said. "Having more students make the A Honor Roll and students make A/B Honor Roll who were struggling before—I would say this is one of my best classes this year."

Let's root for each other

Principal Michelle Fuist attributes much of this success to the school's focus on support, communication, and engagement. She said the school's theme for the year—"Let's Root for Each Other and Watch Each Other Grow"—has been more than a motto. It's a mission.

The school visually represents the theme with a symbolic tree covered in colorful handprints from students who have earned TIGER awards. The awards represent the school's core values, with each letter in the acronym standing for a different trait: Try hard, Integrity, Great

Kindergarten A Honor Roll

Teacher: Black- Landon Bishop, Saveon Conney, Brooklyn Crews, Piper Dortch, Elle Green, Adelynn Fowler, Kayden Klein, Paislyn Lewis, Kaislyn Martin, Everleigh McSpadden, Roxana Mecusker, Janessa Pena, Dawson Peugh, Roux Taylor, Luke Walker
Teacher: Taylor- Eli Bly, Claire Dukes, Haven Mock, **Teacher: Williams-** Remington Dowling,

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First-Grade A Honor Roll- Front Row L to R: Gray Griffis, Kassidy Harris, Jenson Cumbess, Damon Kuczenska, Lane Pittman, Audrey Brown, Addisyn Rosier, Tyson Young, Oliver Cartwright, Ryker Lee, Lillian Lee, Addilyn Williams, Jepson Howard. **Middle Row L to R:** Annie Trickett, Emilia Perkins, Zoey Johns, Braiden Esford, Caden Andrews, Cali Jo Tucker, Shannon Thompson, Grayson Snyder, Logan Smith, Jordan Prescott, Maddox Shuler, Connor Thomas, Bentley Williams. **Back Row L to R:** Ramona Bayron, Scarlett Clark, Ashton Jordan, Beckham Crawford, Ridge Alvarez, Major Frisbee, Taylry Grimsley, Layla Yeager, Adleigh Anderson, Laikyn Andrews, Weston Androlevich, Alexander Brantley.



Second-Grade A Honor Roll- Front Row L to R: Ethan Yeager, Sophia Blake, Peyton Gladding, Ember Ranard, Adalynn Southwell, Sean Imhof, Charlee Ann Rutherford, Ramsey Kay Wallace, Levi Osteen, Gunner King, Amaryl Stewart. **Back Row L to R:** Jacques Robinson, Linling Dellova, Jaxen Bradley, Axel Adkins, Silas Bryant, Adalyn Mott, Jase Feltner, Orrin Gibson, Aria Jackson, Boone Dukes.



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graduates of Union County High School. Midway through the ceremony, Principal Julie Denson recognized outstanding honors, high honors, and honors graduates before turning the podium over to salutatorian Kaylie Hendricks.

Salutatorian: Live in the moment

Hendricks exhorted her classmates to live in the moment, rather than constantly thinking about their next steps in life. "I remember in first grade thinking ahead to what it would be like to be in fourth grade when I could have the opportunity to be on the safety patrol," Hendricks

recalled. "Then I wanted to get to middle school. Next, sophomore year, with a driver's license, and finally, senior year. And thinking back to this memory, I realized how much of my time I wished away, looking forward to the future." Hendricks added that being excited about the future is good. However, she advised, each person should "take a break every now and then and live in the moment."

Food science teacher taught life lessons

Valedictorian Aubrie Muse lauded her classmates for their accomplishments. "The class of 2025 has a lot to be proud of," she said, "from winning homecoming skits and floats, excelling in all sports,

dominating FFA competition. Our band always receiving superior ratings. The hard work of our JROTC and being (Suwannee Middle Athletic Conference) champions in middle school." Muse said her class set the standard for how involved and achievement-oriented a class could be. She also asked her classmates to return the kindness they received throughout their educations in Union County.

The valedictorian then focused on one person whom she said impacted many of the graduates seated on the field in front of her. "That person is Mr. Williams, or as we all know him as Bub," she said. "I'm sure most people don't sign up for food science expecting to be taught many valuable lessons, work ethic, and how to help you figure out what you want to do with your future.

But there are three words Bub has said since the first day of his class that have stuck with me throughout high school."

Muse then repeated teacher Tom Williams's three-word exhortation to his students: "Know Your Why."

"As each of us moves up into the next chapter of our lives," Muse continued, "I hope that in each step you will always take the time to know your why."

Muse also asked her classmates to not only cherish the good times of high school but also to value the struggles.

"If you're anything like me," she said, "those struggles were not always seen by others. But God sometimes gives us trials to help us learn and grow into the people we are today. I believe that overcoming my struggles has truly helped shape me into the person I am today."

The Class of 2025's top grade earner entered the home stretch of her talk by thanking her parents.

"To my mom and dad," she said. "Thank you for everything you have done for me. From the extreme highs to the extreme lows, you have always been there for me and taught me to always persevere and to give my all in everything that I do. Because of you, I've stayed determined and have never lost sight of my dreams and goals."

Muse concluded by encouraging her classmates to cherish the memories of high school, value the lifelong friendships made there, and remember the class motto.

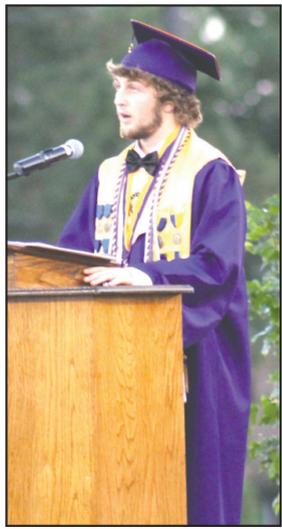
"Always remember," she said, "Class of 25, the best alive."



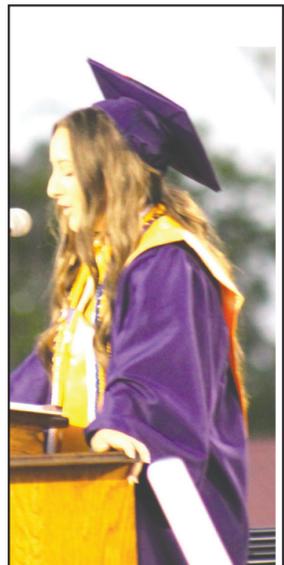
(L-r) Dalton Morris, Bryce Cavanaugh, Graduate Dillon Duenas, Graduate Stephen Belflower, Graduate Jesse Hardin, Cynthia Duncan, Rebecca Hardin, and Timothy Duncan.



(L-r) Front: Addison Diggs and Nash Cheevers. Back: Dalton Diggs, Graduate Devin Diggs, Mariah Cheevers, and Tracy Diggs.



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High honors graduates (l-r) Aubrie Muse, Kaylie Hendricks, Maggie Wade, and Talia Anais-Samir Smith enter the stadium.



Usher Erick Lasseter and Usherette Eva Whitehead lead the Class of 2025 onto Marvin H. Pritchett Field.



Part of the packed crowd watching the Class of 2025 graduate.

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Kindergarten A-B Honor Roll

Teacher: Black- Lailah Alston, Brooklyn Crews, Piper Dortch, Roxy Mecusker, Kaislyn Martin, Jayce Rathel, **Teacher: Owens-** Vincent Dellova, Austin Highland, Amera Manucy, Cully Mitchell, **Teacher: Lamb-** Kanai Erwin, Daniel Sigh, Ember Ward, **Teacher: Harris-** Zayden Black, Ramiah Lee, Xander Parrish, Kavin Paul, Liam Pipicz, **Teacher: Taylor-** Blaine Hartley, Alyce Holmes, Keaton Horton, Hudson Howard, Easton Wall, **Teacher: McDaniel-** Aubrie Keith, Brysen Wynn, Easton Grantham, Evelyn Gracki, Johnny Sharp, Maxson Mann, **Teacher: Thomas-** Alton Griffis, Rylee Moore, Kage Seay, Hagen Singletary, Jesseman Thornton,



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Kimber Williams, **Teacher: Griffis-** Carson Chaffin, Kaisyn Davis, Stella Williams, **Teacher: Williams-** Ezabel Adkins, Laniyah Ford, Karter Holton, Layden Smith, Terrill Thomas, Aurora Wood, Kole Wood.

Kindergarten perfect attendance

Kaci Baker, Vincent Dellova, Hunter Floyd, Draven Gentry, Blaine Hartley, Alexander Kane, Ramiah Lee, Maxson Mann, Logan Martin, Haven Mock, Jayce Rathel, Layden Smith, Roux Taylor, Stella Williams, Kole Wood, Brysen Wynn, Amiyah Yates.

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Teacher: Clyatt- Audrey Brown, Oliver Cartwright, Arianna Hadziomerovic, Jepson



“They went from reading simple sentences to reading whole paragraphs and texts and being able to comprehend and identify the key details and the topic. It’s been really great to see how much they’ve grown and changed.”- First-grade teacher Katherine Holmes

Howard, Lillian Lee, Ryker Lee, Addisyn Rosier, Addilyn Williams, Tyson Young, **Teacher: Crews-** Ridge Alvarez, Major Frisbee, **Teacher: Hicks-** Scarlett Clark, Beckham Crawford, Ashton Jordan, **Teacher: Callaway-** Caden Andrews, Erianna Edenfield, Braiden Esford, Zoey Johns, Maddox Shuler, Connor Thomas, Bentley Williams, **Teacher: Holmes-** Alexander Brantley, Taylir Grimsley, Emilia Perkins, Annie Trickett, Layla Yeager, **Teacher: Harrison-** Ramona Bayron, Jenson Cumbess, Gray Griffis, Kassidy Harris, Damon Kuczenska, Lane Pittman, **Teacher: Thomas-** Jordan Prescott, Logan Smith, Grayson Snyder, Shannon Thompson, Cali Jo Tucker, **Teacher: Hickox-Moody-** Adleigh Anderson, Laikyn Andrews,



“In general, as with anything, you begin to wear down a little bit, so keeping students engaged with all the activities that are going on is always a challenge.”- Superintendent Mike Ripplinger.

First-grade A-B Honor Roll

Teacher: Callaway- Leighton-Roe Haase, Vallyn Latimer, Perry Norman, Huntley Tomlinson, Stetson Wood, **Teacher: Hicks-** Adeline Brannen, Ava Colin, Angel Mobley, Waylon Seay, Lukas Temes, Drake Willis, Everly Wimpey, **Teacher: Holmes-** Trenton Coffman, Bryson Hall, Beau Jackson, Zach Tompkins, **Teacher: Hickox-Moody-** Gracie Galvin, Paislynn Halsey, Carter Hill, Conrad Mecusker, Trinity Riley, Ashley Jenkinson, Priya Silva, **Teacher: Thomas-** Harper Castlen, Paisley Clemons, Hadley Higginbotham, Emma Prock, Preston Ricketson, **Teacher: Clyatt-** Calyx Cook, Joy Del Howard, Gracelyn McCullers, Tatiana Palmer, Grayson Russell, **Teacher: Miller-** Jacob Benefield, Cinch

Hagan, Nathan Huff, Dana Padgett, Rhett Wilson, Konnor Guthrie, **Teacher: Harrison-** Huxton Ellis, Emma Cavin, Rylie Mellette, Natalie Mellette, Jackson Woods, Gordyn Dorsey, **Teacher: Crews-** Zalden Highland-Williamson, Hoyt Register, Kelton Hall, Kinley Johnson, Paxton Johnson, Cooper Powell.

First grade perfect attendance

Adleigh Anderson, Laikyn Andrews, Clyde Barringer, Gregory Coffman, Kamille Crews, Major Frisbee, Riley Griffis Bryson Hall, Carter Hill, Zoey Johns, Kinley Johnson, Lillian Lee, Conrad Mecusker, Trinity Riley, Priya Silva, Aysa Smith, Dallas Stoddard, Connor Thomas, Graceigh Walker, Raina White, Addilyn Williams, Layla Yeager.

Second-grade A Honor Roll

Teacher: Carr- Sophia Blake, Orrin Gibson, Peyton Gladding, Sean Imhof, Aria Jackson, Ember Ranard, Adalynn Southwell, **Teacher: Dortch-** Boone Dukes, **Teacher: Larence-** Gunner King, **Teacher: Mayorasin-** Charlee Ann Rutherford, **Teacher: Walsh-** Axel Adkins, Silas Bryant, Jase Feltner, Adalyn Mott, **Teacher: Paul-** Linling Dellova, Jacques Robinson, Jaxen Bradley, Amaryal Stewart, Ethan Yeager

Second-grade A-B Honor Roll

Teacher: Carr- Atavius Barnes, Brantley Bratcher, Severus Heinssen, Jaiden Johnson, Derren Merriex, Hayden Murphy, **Teacher: Maddox-** Mary Gomez, Writ Griffis, Jenna Romero, Hunter Walker,

Noah Welch, Rhett Williams, **Teacher: Paul-** Andrew Audia, Knox Barnett, Zabriell Black, Alyssa Callaway, Adeline Griffis, Fletcher Rose, Mya Williams, **Teacher: Lawrence-** Evelyn Dalton, Annsie Thomas, Gunner Thompson, **Teacher: Mayorguln-** Ava Goodman, Cameron Grogan, Karen Hadziomerovic, Asher Jones, Asher Lukatz, Willow Strong, Killian Temes, **Teacher: Dortch-** Avangaleyne Bynum, Kynzeigh Fowler, Shaylynn Kelly, KJ McManus, Lucas Vandervort, Remi Winebrenner, **Teacher: Heover-** Jameson Rooney, Riley Griffis, Jaxon Mecusker, **Teacher: Norman-** Jaxon Dampier, Sesyliya Manzer, Palsley Parrish, **Teacher: Walsh-** Courtney Andrews, Bonnie Barton, Colton Bennett, Wave Croft, Sadiegrace Fender, Iveyanna Ford, Noah McBeth, Caleigh Walker.

Second-grade perfect attendance

Mason Anderson, Alyssa Callaway, Linling Dellova, Boone Dukes, Writ Griffis, Peyton Hall, Dax Hall-Cumb, Hailey Huff, Nathan Huff, Shaylynn Kelly, Madalyn Light, Cameron Mabrey, KJ McManus, Durell Nash, Lucas Perrin, BryElla Raulerson, Charlee Ann Rutherford, Kainen Seay, Landrie Sharp, Aubrey Simmons, Braylon Stanley, Cason Stitt, Serenity Walker, Ethan Yeager.



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Crime

Recent arrests in Bradford, Union and Clay

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

Bradford

Wilton Acta, 51, of Lawtey, was arrested by Lawtey Police on May 10 for loitering and resisting an officer.

Jennifer Akins, 55, of Lawtey, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 15 for stalking.

Leavy Alvarez, 46, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for battery.

Tavaris Boykin, 35, of Middleburg, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 14 for possession of drugs, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and possession of drug equipment.

Jon Carney, 40, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 16 for a probation violation, an out-of-county warrant, driving with a suspended or revoked license, and fraud-impersonation.

Linda Hankerson, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 13 for a probation violation.

Corey Jones, 34, of Jacksonville, was arrested by

Bradford deputies on May 13 for a probation violation.

Torre Ludwig, 46, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 12 for withholding support.

Christie Marrero, 40, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 11 for simple assault.

Rahul Patel, 27, of Archer, was arrested by Lawtey Police on May 15 for driving with a suspended or revoked license and resisting an officer.

Patricia Perryman, 70, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Bradford deputies on May 15 for failure to remit state taxes.

Union

Chad Ali Jr., 27, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 18 for resisting an officer without violence.

Thomas George, 48, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for an out-of-county warrant.

Corey Harp, 37, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 17 for throwing a missile into a vehicle.

Rashad Heard, 37, a Department of Corrections inmate, was arrested by Union deputies on May 12 for destroying evidence, aggravated battery, and smuggling contraband into a prison.

Eric Knight, 36, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 14 for failure to appear.

Kendice Mach, 36, of Raiford, was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for making a false

unsafe for future use.

The initiative is possible thanks to an Occupant Safety Grant awarded to the sheriff's office, according to Sgt. Glenn Ward. "We got an occupant safety grant," Ward explained. "I think we got \$50,000 in grant money from the state to get all that, so it's worked out well."

The funding not only covered Milligan's training but also supported the organization of recurring community events. It may also allow the agency to offer discounted new car seats in the future for families in need. "We're going to start trying to hold them every few weeks in different locations to get people to come in and get their car seats checked," Ward said. "Because if a car seat isn't right, a child can get hurt, and a lot of people don't know how to do it."

The goal of the program is education and prevention, not enforcement. "It's a free service. We're not looking to ticket anybody. We're not looking for any of that. We're just looking for the kids to be safe," Ward emphasized.

To make the events as accessible as possible, the sheriff's office plans to rotate locations throughout the county. "We're going to move around

report.

Carmen Marino, 37, of LaCrosse, was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for failure to appear.

Bonnie Padgett, 39, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for vehicle theft and larceny.

Coney Robinson, 58, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 13 for a probation violation.

Albert Smith, 30, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

John Strickland, 53, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on May 15 for an out-of-county warrant.

Clay

Jonathan Gallagher, 38, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 12 for failure to register as a sex offender.

Andrew Browne, 18, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 15 for vandalism.

Bradley Rohan, 47, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 13 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Walter Wilton, 41, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 15 for DUI.

Robert Wood, 31, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on May 14 for criminal mischief with \$1,000 or more in property damage.

From substitute to superstar

Union County High's Rizer named school-related employee of the year

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Times

If Union County High School had a magic wand to make things run smoothly, its name would be Dawn Rizer.

Affectionately known around campus as the "calendar master," Rizer has been named Union County High School's 2024 School-Related Employee of the Year — a well-deserved honor for a woman whose favorite thing is keeping things in order and making magic happen behind the scenes.

"It feels pretty amazing," Rizer said of the recognition. "I feel like everybody works together and nobody's better than anyone else, so it's really hard for me to realize that I'm worthy of something like that. You work so hard to do things, and you just kind of do your job, and it's just really humbling to know that they feel that way about you."

It's no surprise her peers feel that way. While students and teachers may be the public face of Union County High, Rizer is the engine quietly keeping everything running — and color-coded — behind the scenes.

Daughter goes to school, Mom follows

Before joining the school system, Rizer ran her own business until 2017 when her daughter started kindergarten. That milestone turned out to be more than just a rite of passage for her child — it launched a new career for Rizer. She began substitute teaching and quickly discovered a passion for being part of the school community.

"I really liked it," she said, and her journey from sub to secretary took off from there.

She served as the school secretary at Lake Butler Elementary School and was named School-Related Employee of the Year there in 2022. In 2023, she brought her unmatched skills in clerical precision and event coordination to Union County High School, where she's now the go-to person for just about everything.

'The most organized person I've ever met'

"Data is my jam," she admits with a smile, a self-proclaimed "pen freak" who can't resist a good office supply aisle.

Her colleagues certainly agree on her superpowers. "She is one of the most organized people I've ever met," said UCHS Teacher of the Year Mark Harrison. "I don't know what I would do without her. She takes care of everybody and always has everybody's back."

And "taking care of everybody" might just be her unofficial job title. From handling social media posts to planning senior awards ceremonies, organizing picture day, homecoming, and prom dates well in advance, Rizer doesn't miss a beat. She even helps with athletics — collecting money, organizing tickets and parking tags, and ensuring all the paperwork is squared away.

Oh, and she subs in classrooms when needed. And helps manage football game gates. And assists the girls' basketball team with their logistics. Basically, if something's happening at Union County High School, chances are Rizer's fingerprints — and probably her favorite pen — are all over it.

"She backs up the front office like a pro," said one staff member, adding that she's the quiet powerhouse who makes others shine.

Even in the summer, when most folks might be taking a well-deserved break, Rizer is laying the groundwork for the school year ahead. She's already confirming dates for events, ordering supplies, and ensuring that when the first bell rings in August, everything is ready to go.

Reducing turnaround time

But Rizer is more than just a whiz at spreadsheets and sign-up forms. She's a mom, wife,



Dawn Rizer, Union County High School's School-Related Employee of the Year.

volunteer, and someone who embodies her life philosophy of "go with the flow."

She and her husband have been married for 22 years, and their blended family includes a 13-year-old daughter — who's currently taking up fencing, which means Rizer spends two to three evenings a week at practice — and a 23-year-old stepson. Somehow, she also finds time to read and recharge with her family, something she holds dear.

She speaks of her coworkers not just as colleagues, but as her second family. It's no wonder then that they see her as the glue holding everything together.

Looking ahead, Rizer has her eyes on continued improvement. One of her ongoing goals? Streamlining communication and reducing turnaround times on projects so things can be done as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In an age where calm, capable, and quietly confident people are worth their weight in gold, Union County High School is lucky to have Dawn Rizer — their very own behind-the-scenes superstar who brings order to chaos, smiles to stressed-out coworkers, and a whole lot of heart to everything she touches.

Congratulations to UCHS's 2024 School-Related Employee of the Year, Dawn Rizer — proving that being amazing doesn't always require a spotlight... just a well-organized calendar and a favorite pen.

Free Car Seat safety checks offered thanks to grant

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Telegraph

Bradford County families now have access to a vital free service aimed at keeping children safer on the road, thanks to the Bradford County Sheriff's Office and a dedicated Animal Control Officer who went the extra mile to help the community.

Christy Milligan recently completed an intensive four-day training focused on car seat safety. The training certifies her to inspect car seats, identify installation issues, and answer questions from caregivers. With this new certification, Milligan is bringing her knowledge back to the local community through free car seat check events.

These events give parents and caregivers the opportunity to have their car seats professionally inspected to ensure they are properly installed and meet current safety guidelines. Attendees can also get answers to their car seat questions—all free of charge.

"There are a lot of things that are not commonly known about car seat safety," Milligan said.

For example, by law, any car seat involved in a car accident must be replaced, even if no visible damage is present. Additionally, using a secondhand car seat can be risky since its history is often unknown. It may have been in a previous crash or could be expired, damaged, or missing key parts—making it



Animal Control Officer Christy Milligan filling out a data sheet to better assist parent Ashley Baribeau.

the county to make it accessible to everybody," Ward said.

The next car seat check event—with a fun twist—is scheduled for Friday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts.

Called "Coffee, Car Seats, and Cats," the event is a partnership with Bradford County Animal Services, who will be on-site with cats available for adoption.

It's an opportunity for families to enjoy a cup of coffee, ensure their children's car seats are installed correctly, and even meet a furry friend who may be ready for a forever home.

The Sheriff's Office hopes to continue these events twice a month, ensuring families throughout the area can take advantage of the safety checks. With warmer weather and summer travel approaching, now is the perfect time for caregivers to ensure their children's car seats are up to standard.

Lake Butler Elementary's Vandiver retires after 37 years

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Times

After 37 years of guiding little learners through their ABCs and helping them become readers, Elizabeth Vandiver is closing her lesson plan book for the last time and stepping into retirement.

Vandiver has spent the last 21 years at Lake Butler Elementary School.

"I've always liked working with children," Vandiver said simply. "This is what I wanted to do."

Vandiver began her teaching career in Jacksonville, where she taught for 16 years before making Union County her home. At Lake Butler Elementary School, she taught kindergarten before moving into a specialized role working with exceptional student education students in kindergarten for the last nine years.

Connecting sounds and letters

When asked what it's been like serving in this ESE role, her response was clear: "Wonderful."

She said her passion lies in helping students make one of the most critical connections of their academic life—the link between letters and sounds.

"A lot of them have trouble making a connection with the letters and the sounds, so finding ways to help them make that connection, to help them become readers," she said, describing a challenge she embraced as her mission.

"Getting to see the growth and helping kids understand and



Elizabeth Vandiver has spent the last 21 years at Lake Butler Elementary School.

make connections and teaching them how to learn," Vandiver said. That was the joy that kept her coming back day after day.

She believes firmly in the power of early reading education. "No other career would be able to exist if people couldn't read," she said. "They must first have a foundation, and if they don't have that foundation, they're not going to be able to be readers and not going to be successful in any career. So, I think, get them young and teach them how to read. That's what I like doing."

Two-time Teacher of the Year

Her efforts didn't go unnoticed. Vandiver was named Teacher of the Year at LBES in 2006 and received her National Board Certification the same year—a designation that certifies a teacher to instruct in any state. She was also once honored as Teacher of the Year during her time in Jacksonville.

"It was a lot of extra work to

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Tigers overcome jitters in Spring scrimmage

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Union County football coach Andrew Thomas said he could tell his team was nervous as they entered their Spring scrimmage game in Folkston, Georgia. The Tigers faced Charlton

County in a controlled scrimmage in front of around 50 Union County faithful and approximately 150 spectators in the home stands on Thursday, May 15.

“We have had a lot of guys that are starting in some roles that

they haven’t in the past,” Thomas said after the scrimmage, “so there were some nerves I could see kind of going into it. But at the end of the day, I felt like we executed pretty well on both sides.”

Thomas said this year’s Spring squad had fewer players than usual, and he knew going into the matchup that many of his players had little experience in the positions they had practiced at during April and May.

“We are young,” he said. “Our numbers ain’t all that high, but we had to get some guys in the fire and get them experienced and see how they react.”

“And I was a little nervous the way we came in,” he continued, “just looking at the kids’ eyes. But I thought we responded well once we settled in.”

Under the scrimmage’s first half rules, each team ran two offensive series of 10 plays, with a turnover or touchdown resulting in a reset for the offense until the team with the ball exhausted its 10 snaps. There were no kicks, punts, or field goals in the matchup.

The scrimmage also prioritized quarterback safety, with officials blowing the ball dead whenever defenders got close to a signal caller.

However, that restriction was lifted in the second half, and Union County quarterback Bryan Tyson took advantage of the rule change, breaking free for a 14-yard rush during the Tigers’ final possession.

Toward the end of the first half, both teams put in their youngest players.

In the second half, each team was allowed two offensive possessions, which ended after a score or turnover.

Highlights: interception and touchdown pass

An interception by Wyatt Elixson and a 35-yard touchdown catch by Alec McClelon just before halftime marked the high points of the trip for the Tigers.

McClelon’s score was initially erased because an official called offensive pass interference on the junior wide receiver.

However, the public address announcer at Champ Bailey Stadium announced that the flag had been waved off, and the touchdown was good.

Then, the referee walked over to Thomas and told him the penalty was not waved off, and that the coach’s offense would reset its drive on its own 35.

of our program,” he said. “Our weight room and what we do in the weight room kind of transfers to our physicality on the field and how we want to play.”



Union County’s Bryce Lawton takes down Charlton County’s Elijah Bryant.



Bryce Lawton looks for an opening while being pursued by a group of defenders.



Alec McClelon hauls in a 35-yard touchdown pass.



Union County football coach Andrew Thomas (center) addresses his squad after the scrimmage.



Tiger quarterback Bryan Tyson launches a throw while A.J. Rivera (59), Matthew Rogers (56), and Phoenix Bryant (63) provide pass protection.



Wyatt Elixson heads upfield after picking off a Charlton County pass.



Drew Simmons breaks free for yardage. Also pictured are A.J. Rivera (59), Matthew Rogers (56), and Landon Cason (80).

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Plaintiffs,

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Defendants.

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T & M Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell this vehicle on May 30th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at T & M Towing storage yard located at 3687 Ambient Air Rd., Starke, FL 32091. T & M Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
2005 Ford
Vin# 1FTFPW14585KD79172

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2024CA000206
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC,
Plaintiff

-vs- UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KESHA LYNN JOHNS DECEASED.,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION
HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST KESHA LYNN JOHNS DECEASED.
Last Known Address: 1490 Northeast 158th Street, Starke, FL 32091

You are notified of an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Bradford County:
LOT 2, OF COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, PUBLIC RECORDS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA
1490 Northeast 158th Street, Starke, FL 32091

The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford, County, Florida, Case No. 2024CA000206; and is styled Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. vs. Keshia Lynn Johns. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Kelley Church, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 255 South Orange Ave. Suite 900, Orlando, FL 32801 on or before _____, (or 30 days from the first date of publication) and file the original with the clerk of

this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you,
DATED: April 9, 2025
Bradford Clerk of the Circuit Court
As Clerk of Court
By: KANETRA JENKINS
As Deputy Clerk

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

FILE NO.: 2025-CP-054
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GRADY E. WATSON, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of GRADY E. WATSON, JR., who died on April 29, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court of Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 945 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and her attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 the DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is May 22, 2025.

KAREN WATSON .
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
1546 SE 4th Avenue
Melrose, FL 32666
Owens Penrod, P.A.
By: /s/ VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
Fla. Bar No.: 73568
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

To satisfy the owner's storage lien, KO Storage LLC will sell at public lien sale on June 17, 2025. The personal property in the below-listed units, which may include but are not limited to: Household goods, boxes/totes/bags, clothing, bedding, tools and toys. The public sale of these items will begin at 10AM on June 10, 2025 and end at 10AM on June 17, 2025. The public sale will take place on www.storage treasures.com. KO Storage of Starke - S Walnut St, 1650 South Walnut Street, Starke FL 32091, (952)-491-6837
Time: 10:00AM CST
A06, Norris, Chelsea, A24, Cornes, Clara, A52, Whittaker, Edward, B40, Jones, Paul

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available on www.storage treasures.com. All sales are subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be by credit/debit card, we do not accept checks or cash. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By KO Storage LLC, 10301 Wayzata Blvd, Minnetonka, MN 55305. (952)-491-6837.

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FAIR ASSOCIATION
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Bradford County Fair Association will hold a board meeting on May 27, 2025, at 5:30 PM inside the county commission meeting room, located in the north wing section of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N. Temple, Avenue, Starke, FL. Said meeting location is secured – no firearms or weapons are permitted.

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INVITATION TO BID
SEALED BIDS will be received and accepted by the Town of Brooker, Florida, until 1:00p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025 for the following mowing and cleaning of all City property. The bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00p.m. at the regular Town Council meeting. All Bidders are encouraged to attend

a pre-bid tour to be held on Saturday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the Brooker City Hall/Community Center, 17435 Teistone Avenue, Brooker, FL. No other tour will be provided.

All Bidders are encouraged to submit references.
Monthly bid amount total should be different for Number 1 and Number 2, due to less mowing in Number 2,

Bid #1 is for the following:
1. Months of August 2025 through October 2025 and the month of April, May, June, July 2026. (7 months):
A. Mowing and maintaining twice a month (within 2 days before 15th of month and within 2 days before end of month) the following property:
Old Fire Station, Old Town hall office, Old city park, Water department, Community center property/Park, Baseball field, and tennis court area including locked in area behind tennis court.

B. Mow and weed eat once a week on Wednesday or Thursday the town property around Town Hall/Community Center,
C. Mow and maintain twice a month (within 2 days before 15th of month and within 2 days before end of month) the areas within 12 (twelve) feet of the paved roads on State, County, and Town Streets within the limits of the Town, unless not possible due to ditches or fencing or private planting, in these cases mow to fence line. All debris should be blown towards the highway.
D. On Highway 18/Charlotte Avenue and Teistone Avenue mow up to railroad tracks from old Town Hall office to the Flashing stop sign twice a month (within 2 days before 15th of month and within 2 days before end of month).

E. Weed-eating particularly the areas around the Old Fire Station, Old city park, Water Department, and Old Town Hall Office and those other areas mentioned above that have sign posts, light poles, decorative trees, and all fire hydrants/stand pipes at least once a month.
F. Once a month remove garbage from cans at tennis court, baseball field and park.

Bid #2 same as above except once a month:
2. Bid for the month of November 2025 through March 2026 (5 months) will be the same as specified above in sections (a) through (f) with the frequency listed as once a week and twice a month being changed to once a month starting from the date of the last activity in October 2025.

The Bid will be for a two year period. The Brooker Town Council reserves the right to cancel with or without cause after one year. Payment will be rendered at the end of the month.
***Required with Bid - A copy of current Insurance Declaration page showing \$250,000 or more Liability coverage and Worker's Compensation coverage certificate or exemption certificate. BIDS NOT CONTAINING THESE REQUIRED DECLARATION PAGES WILL BE REJECTED.

The identity of the bidding entity must match the certificate of insurance coverage.
***ALL Equipment including mower is to be furnished by the Contractor.
***Grass is not to be cut too short as to damage the root systems.
***No mowing is allowed on Sunday.
***There may be times when extra storm debris pickup will be necessary. A price will be determined on each occurrence

***Awarded bidder will be required to add the Town of Brooker as additional insured after receiving the bid.
The Town reserves the right to check references and to accept or reject any and all bids.

If Bidder has previously worked under contract with the Town of Brooker the award of the bid shall be contingent on satisfactory performance and review on contract previously awarded. You can contact the Brooker Town hall office at 352-485-1022 if you have any questions.
Equal Opportunity Employer,
Fair Housing, Handicap Access
Jurisdiction

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application for permit was received on April 29, 2025:
Randy Jones, PO Box 1859, Richmond Hill, GA, 31324, has submitted an Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) application number ERP-007-251437-1. The project is located in Bradford County, Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, and includes 8.38 acres of impervious area on a total project area of 29.84 acres.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the Suwannee River Water Management District, Attn: Resource Management, 9225 C.R. 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. Such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 14 days from the date of publication.
No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing, pursuant to Title 28, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
PUBLISH: no later than May 22,

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF LAWTEY

Notice is hereby given that proposed Ordinance 24-01 whose title appears below, will be considered for enactment by the City Council of Lawtey, Florida. The 2nd and final reading will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter at City Hall, 2793 Lake St. Lawtey, Florida at the regularly scheduled council meeting. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, Lawtey, Florida. All interested parties are invited to attend.
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWTEY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF THE CITY IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT ESTABLISHED BY BRADFORD COUNTY TO FUND THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES EACH YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment by the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, hereinafter referred to as the City Commission, at a public hearing on June 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Commission Meeting Room, City Hall located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 209 North Thompson Street, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STARKE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO THE REZONING OF LESS THAN TEN CONTIGUOUS ACRES OF LAND PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, Z 25-02, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER OF SAID ACREAGE; PROVIDING FOR REZONING FROM AGRICULTURAL (AGR) TO HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-3) OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STARKE, FLORIDA; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. 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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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWTEY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING INCLUSION OF THE CITY IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT UNIT ESTABLISHED BY BRADFORD COUNTY TO FUND THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES EACH YEAR; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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UNION

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

CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 63-2024-CA-000098
Division
CARDINAL FINANCIAL COMPANY, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Plaintiff,

vs.
PATSY JO ADDISON BROOKER / A/K/A PATSY ADDISON BROOKER A/K/A PATSY ADDISONBROOKER A/K/A PATSY A. BROOKER A/K/A PATSY BROOKER A/K/A PATSY ADDISON, DONALD K. BROOKER, SR. A/K/A DONALD BROOKER, CURTIS LEROY ADDISON AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on April 28, 2025, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Florida, Regina H. Parrish, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Union County, Florida described as:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF FLORIDA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 2.0 ACRES MORE OR LESS BEING SITUATE IN SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH RANGE 20 EAST UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 17 AND RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 17 A DISTANCE OF 2219.01 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 04 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 732.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.46 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 167.68 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 29 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 108.38 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 04 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 36.65 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 125.87 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 59 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 163.88 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 32 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 89.36 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 11 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 308.08 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH A 20 FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITIES BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SAID SECTION 17 AND RUN SOUTH 85 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 17 A DISTANCE OF 2219.01 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 04 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 732.01 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 41.26 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED 20 FOOT EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUE RUNNING NORTH 78 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 32.63 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 64 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 67.69 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 72 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 157.20 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 73.43 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 76 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 302.94 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD NUMBER S-238 (80 FEET RIGHT OF WAY); THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 20.63 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 76 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 301.90 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 80 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 78.92 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 72 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 41 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 160.10 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 64 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 94.84 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.

And commonly known as: 17886 NE 124TH PL, LAKE BUTLER, FL 32054; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the front lobby of the courthouse, 55 West Main Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, on **June 26, 2025** at 11:00 A.M..

Any persons 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 9th day of May, 2025.
Kellie Hendricks Rhoades
Clerk of the Circuit Court
BY: CRYSTAL HOLLINGSWORTH
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 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, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an 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 June 2, 2025 at 4:20 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.

LDR25-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.15.1 entitled "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing, Districts and Intent and Section 4.16.1 entitled "I" Industrial, Districts and Intent to delete the location requirement that such districts be located within a designated urban development area. 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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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ordinance, which title hereinafter appears will be considered for enactment by the Board of County Commissioners of Union County, Florida, at a public hearing on June 2, 2025 at 4:25 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. A copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners, located at 15 Northeast First Street, Lake Butler, Florida, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance. The title of said ordinance reads, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF UNION COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 95-04, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO AN APPLICATION, LDR 25-01, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR AMENDING 1SECTION 4.15.1 ENTITLED "ILW" INDUSTRIAL, LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING, DISTRICTS AND INTENT BY DELETING THE LOCATION REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH DISTRICTS BE LOCATED WITHIN A DESIGNATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDING 2SECTION 4.16.1 ENTITLED "I" INDUSTRIAL, DISTRICTS AND INTENT BY DELETING THE LOCATION REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH DISTRICTS BE LOCATED WITHIN A DESIGNATED URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations

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Union County Times

Obituaries

Scott Griffis

Scott Griffis, a loyal husband, dedicated father and longtime Clay Electric professional who always put his family first, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, after a 2.5-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family at their home in Hampton. He was 59. Born on March 16, 1966, in Jacksonville, he spent part of his childhood in Buckhannon, West Virginia, before returning to Keystone Heights. He graduated from Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High School, where he played quarterback on the football team, and later earned an associate of arts degree from Santa Fe College. He devoted his entire professional career to Clay Electric Cooperative. He began as a temporary warehouse man in 1985 and transitioned to permanent employment in 1988. Over the years, he rose through the ranks, serving as purchasing clerk, buyer, senior buyer, and ultimately as a purchasing and stores manager. He retired in July 2023 after 38 years of service. Outside of work, Scott found joy in boating, camping, and fishing on Hampton Lake with his family and rooting for the Florida Gators and Jacksonville Jaguars. He was preceded in death by his son Kameron Griffis; his father, Arthur Griffis; and his brother Sean Griffis.



He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Melinda Griffis; his children, Kelcee Griffis (Chris) Alcantara, Kember Griffis, and Kason Griffis; his mother, Ernestine Moody; his sister, Katrina Moody Griffis; and his brothers, Chad Moody and Maverick Griffis.

A celebration of life will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, at Belle Oaks Barn, located at 11800 SW 157th Lane, Brookier, 32622.

PAID OBITUARY

Susann Nichols

Susann Conner Nichols, 97, a lifelong resident of Lake Butler, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Bell on Jan. 28, 1928, to the late William R. Conner and Hattie Mae Woods Conner. She was a woman of steadfast Baptist faith who spent all her years nurturing those around her. She dedicated her life to her family, always putting their needs first. As a homemaker, she filled her home with love, comfort, and warmth. The aroma of fresh, Southern cooking was often fragrant throughout her home. She loved cooking and feeding her family and friends. Meals were a time of fellowship and bonding with those she loved most. She found joy in sewing and embroidery, and also enjoyed being outdoors, tending to her garden and fishing. Her green thumb kept her gardens blooming, and her sweet touch was felt by all who knew her. She rarely missed an episode of her favorite soap operas, "The Young and the Restless" and "Bold and the Beautiful." She liked the romance, plot twists, and characters, which kept her intrigued and waiting for the next show. More than anything, she loved her sweet family and cherished moments with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was such a treasure to those she knew, deeply loved and will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl Nichols; sons, Harry "Bubba" Nichols and Bruce Shelton Nichols; one sister and three brothers; sons-in-law, Sterling Efsord and A.B. Whitehead; and daughter-in-law, Betty Nichols.



She is survived by her loving children, Faye Whitehead and Earl "Skip" Nichols, both of Lake Butler, Patricia (Ken) Carr of Lake City, and Rosemary (Gary) Taylor and Cathy Esford, both of Lake Butler, and Sharon (Don) Cason of Olustee; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 21 great-great-grandchildren; her cat, Callie; along with several extended family members and friends.

A graveside Celebration of Life was held Friday, May 16, at Dekle Cemetery with Pastor Drue Thompson officiating. The family received friends prior to the service at the cemetery.

Arrangements were under the care and direction of V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services Lake Butler Chapel, 435 Main St., Lake Butler, 32054. 386-496-1400. To sign the family's guest book visit, www.ferreirafuneralservices.com

PAID OBITUARY

Freddie Witt

Mr. Freddie Leon Witt, 80, of Keystone Heights passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, May 15, 2025. He was born Aug. 4, 1944 in Alachua, to Alfred and Elzie (Campbell) Witt. He was the baby of the family, little brother to Mable, Ed, and Wayne. He grew up in Jacksonville and graduated from Ribault High School. After his honorable discharge from the Army National Guard, he began a career at S&W Trailer Company in Jacksonville. Eventually, he and his family would escape the busyness of city life for peace and quiet in the small town of Keystone Heights. There, he lived a long life of self-employment, fishing, boating, and hot-rodding in his beloved 1955 Chevy Bel-Air, as well as being a patron of the American Legion Post 202.



He leaves behind his loving daughter, Joanie Witt (Randy) Zipperer of Evans, Georgia; brother, Ed Witt of Jacksonville; and he was lovingly called "Papa" by four wonderful grandchildren, Audrey Zipperer (James) Hill, Abigail Zipperer, Joshua Zipperer and Anna Zipperer; along with two great-grandchildren, Jude and August. Also left behind is his former spouse, Joan Starling Witt of Keystone Heights; stepson, Jerry (Patricia) Millikin; and loving companion, Elaine Miller. Fred will be missed by his loved ones, including many nieces, nephews, extended family members and an amazing group of friends he cherished and who were always there to help in times of need.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Jones Gallagher Funeral Home Chapel with Brent Beard officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Fred's name to the American Legion Post 202, 7441 SR 21, Keystone Heights, 32656.

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

PAID OBITUARY

LEGALS

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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 1.800.955.8770 (voice) or 1.800.955.8771 (TTY).

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BID ADVERTISEMENT Union County Courthouse

Re-Roof -UC241004

SECTION A

SECTION A – BID ADVERTISEMENT Union County will receive bids for the following project:

Union Courthouse Reroof
55 W Main Street,
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
Architect's Project Number
(UC241004)

Date & Time for Receiving Bids: JULY 2, 2025, 2:00 PM Local Time
Bids will be opened publicly in the BOCC meeting room at the courthouse at 2:05 PM.

Place for Receiving Bids: County Coordinator, Union County Florida
James Williams
15 NE 1st Street
Lake Butler, Florida 32054
Description: The project consists of replacement of the building's flat roofing material. The roof consists of single-ply membrane with roof drainage provided.

Format: Hard copies of bids shall be submitted via hand delivery, mail, or other delivery service to Union County Coordinator at the address above. The submittal package shall be sealed, with the project name and number clearly visible on the outside of the package. *Bids must be received ON OR BEFORE the day and time referenced above. Late submittals will be rejected.*

Schedule: First Advertisement-05/22/2025
Pre-Bid Meeting 06/05/2025 2:00 pm
Deadline for questions 06/18/2025 (end of business)

Final Addendum Issued 06/25/2025
Bids Received 07/02/2025 2:00 pm
Bid Guarantee: Bid Bond for 5% of bid total made payable to "Union County".

Link to download documents: [Union Co. Courthouse Reroof Bid Docs](#) or available via email by request: Brame Heck ARCHITECTS INC. Kaitlynn James k.james@brameheck.com 352-372-0425

NOTE: Documents are being provided in electronic PDF format only. Bidders are authorized to have paper documents printed at their own expense. Printing costs will not be reimbursed.

Direct other correspondence to: Joe Garcia, j.garcia@brameheck.com, and Mike Russell m.russell@brameheck.com

A pre-proposal site visit is not required; however, the building location is open to the public, and contractors are encouraged to review site conditions by scheduling site visit(s) with the County Coordinator. Contractors may distribute plans and specifications to subcontractors at their discretion. Note that Prime contractors are responsible for distributing to their subcontractors any addenda or clarifications that are issued in response to questions submitted during the bid process. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid and to accept any bid which they consider to be in

their best interest and to reject any and all bids.

END OF SECTION A

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNION COUNTY, FL COUNTY ROAD 238 NORTH

General Notice

Union County Board of County Commissioners (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

COUNTY ROAD 238 NORTH
FPID Project Number 443419-1-54-01

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the County Commissioners office located at 15 NE 1st Street, Lake Butler, FL 32054, until **Wednesday, July 9th at 2:00 PM** local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

All work for the Project shall be constructed in accordance with the Drawings and Specifications prepared by the Engineer. Bids shall be submitted for furnishing, delivering, and installing all materials, equipment, and services, including labor for the Work, which generally involves the following activities: **CR 238 North - FPID# 443419-1-54-01**

Base Bid: Mill and resurface approximately 39,500 L.F. (7.50 miles) of existing asphalt roadway along CR 238 N, with driveway apron construction, cross drain replacement from Sta. 1+00.00 to Sta. 266+00.00, safety edge additions, sodding, driveway apron construction, signing and pavement markings, and maintenance of traffic. Widen and resurface approximately 1,000 L.F. (0.19 miles) of existing roadway along CR 229 N, with shoulder grading, safety edge additions, sodding, driveway apron construction, signing and pavement markings, and maintenance of traffic.

Alternate 1: Additional drainage improvements, including side drain improvements within full project limits, cross drain replacement from Sta. 266+00.00 to Sta. 395+96.60, and sodding. An additional 30 days will be added to the contract duration listed below if Alternate 1 is accepted in bid.

Bids are requested for the following Contract: **COUNTY ROAD 238 NORTH**
The Project has an expected duration of 125 days.

Contractor shall be prequalified by Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in work classes required for this project.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents
The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc
800 SW 2nd Ave, Suite 100
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Prospective Bidders may view the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents are not available. Digital copies of the bidding documents may be obtained by emailing the bid document coordinator at Robert.Hickernell@kimley-horn.com.

Nonmandatory Pre-bid Conference
A pre-bid conference will not be

conducted for this Project.

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Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

This Advertisement is issued by:

Owner: Union County Board of County Commissioners
By: Jimmy Williams

Title: Union County Coordinator
Date: May 22nd, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNION COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

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, objections, recommendations and comments concerning an 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 June 2, 2025 at 4:20 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.

LDR25-01, an application by the Board of County Commissioners, to amend the text of the Land Development Regulations by amending Section 4.15.1 entitled "ILW" Industrial, Light and Warehousing, Districts and Intent and Section 4.16.1 entitled "I" Industrial, Districts and Intent to delete the location requirement that such districts be located within a designated urban development area. 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).

VANDIVER

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show you were proficient in your grade level area and that you could teach different subjects," Vandiver said of the National Board process. "You had to submit all these packets and then take a test."

Colleagues at LBES describe her as warm, collaborative, and a tireless advocate for children.

"Oh, I love it," she said of working at the school. "This is a great school. Everybody is very cooperative."

'It's about what's best for the kids'

Vandiver emphasized the strong sense of community among staff, united by a shared purpose. "Everything is about the good of the student. It's not about an eight-to-three job, it's about what's best for the kids."

When asked what she'll miss the most, she doesn't hesitate.

"Teaching little people to read and their smiling faces," she said. "They're always very encouraging and loving, and they make your bad days better. I will miss working with them the most."

Though she's retiring, Vandiver isn't slowing down. She plans to spend time reading—a hobby she loves but hasn't had much time for recently. "I haven't gotten to do much of that lately," she chuckled. She also hopes to squeeze in a cruise with her husband this summer.

"My husband and I love to cruise," she said with a smile.

Between relaxing and adventuring, Vandiver will dedicate time to another important role: caring for her 91-year-old father. She anticipates that some tutoring may also be in her future—a perfect fit for someone who has made a life out of helping others learn.

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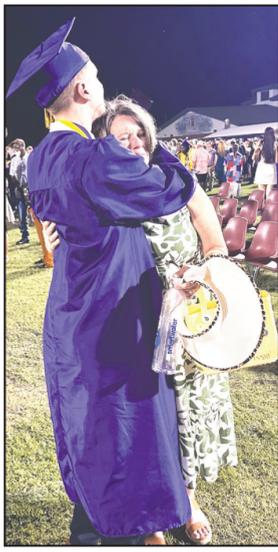
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Right: Graduate Gavin Freeman shares an emotional moment with his mother, Racheal Long.



(L-r) Front: Dawson Hedrick and Dalton Hedrick. Back: Nancy Hedrick, Graduate Makaila Hedrick, David Hedrick, and Kera Hedrick.



(L-r) Front: Canon Harris, Chloe Harris, Sarah Harris, (front) Riley Harris, Donney Harris, Graduate Joseph Harris, Patricia Harris, Joseph Harris, Racheal Harris, Joe and Diana.

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Left: (L-r) Graduate Tucker Williams, Crosby Williams, and Jessica Williams.

Right: Graduates rush the field as part of the Circle of Unity tradition.



A new season for Lake Butler Elementary's Lynda McDaniel

BY AMBER J. CRAFT
Special to the Times

After nearly four decades dedicated to shaping young minds, Lake Butler Elementary School's kindergarten teacher, Lynda McDaniel, is closing one chapter and beginning another. This year, McDaniel is retiring after 36 years in education, 21 of those spent in the same kindergarten classroom.

From office to classroom

But McDaniel's journey didn't begin in the world of ABCs and glue sticks. In fact, she didn't even begin her career in education.

"I actually have a degree in accounting from the University of Florida. I was an accountant for nine years," she explained. "I kind of knew in my second year of college that I didn't want to be an accountant, but I wanted to get it done, so I did."

It wasn't until she began working in a church nursery that she had a revelation: children, not balance sheets, were her calling. That moment of clarity sparked a career change that would touch the lives of countless families and fellow educators.

"I started taking some courses in education, and I ended up getting the job here," McDaniel said.

She officially joined the LBES teaching staff in 2004. The transition from office life to classroom life wasn't without its hurdles, but McDaniel speaks fondly of the support she received.

"My team members helped me a lot," she said, recalling the month-long preparation and training that preceded her first year in the classroom.

Since then, McDaniel has not only become a foundational figure at LBES but has also earned accolades, including being named Teacher of the Year for the 2021-2022 school year.

"I'm kind of the oldest person on my team, which is funny to me. I think I waited it out long enough that everyone else bolted, and I'm like, okay, I guess I'm it," she said with a smile.

As a veteran educator, McDaniel has worn many hats — teacher, mentor, team leader — and she's been a source of wisdom and support for newer



Lynda McDaniel

teachers navigating the early years of their careers.

Look how far they've come

Not surprisingly, it's the students who have kept her inspired day after day.

"Obviously, they're cute and they say funny things," she shared. "It's never dull. There's always something happening. It's exciting to see those kids who come in knowing nothing and leave reading. It's just amazing."

While some educators explore different grade levels, McDaniel found her perfect fit with kindergarten. Teaching basic skills like reading, writing, and social interaction proved deeply fulfilling.

"What's better than that?" she asked. "Teaching them the basic skills."

When asked what she'll miss most, she didn't hesitate: "The kids."

Each year has been special, but the school's annual end-of-year celebration — known as "Jubilation" — always brings a mix of pride and reflection.

"I don't know if I have just one [favorite memory]. I think every year I feel that way. Every year we have a Jubilation, which is kind of like our graduation. I feel like 'look how far they've come.'"

To commemorate that growth,

McDaniel creates a scrapbook each year, a tradition that helps her savor the magic of childhood milestones.

Partners with daughter

Though she's saying goodbye to the classroom, McDaniel's teaching days aren't over. Her daughter, who worked at Lake Butler Elementary for four years, recently had a baby, and the two have since launched an educational business for homeschoolers — a venture that has quickly gained traction through online communities and word of mouth.

"I am the babysitter while she is teaching," McDaniel joked, highlighting her new role as grandma and business partner.

Together, they offer an impressive range of classes, including art, STEM, Pre-K, and curriculum for kindergarten through third grade.

"There's a large homeschool group out there. Parents are just looking for someone to supplement what they do at home," McDaniel said, noting that she lives in High Springs, where the homeschooling community is particularly active.

The business, fueled by her daughter's vision and McDaniel's decades of experience, is an exciting new adventure that keeps her connected to the world of education without the structure of a traditional classroom.

She also continues to tutor, especially in Pre-K, and is exploring additional tutoring opportunities.

Outside of work and family, McDaniel enjoys reading and traveling. While she enjoys the beach, her heart leans more toward the mountains.

"I'm more of a mountain person, but I do like the beach," she said.

Even as she moves on, McDaniel carries with her fond memories of the camaraderie she found at Lake Butler Elementary.

"The people on our teams are close. We help each other. We work things out together."

What's next for McDaniel? Grandbaby giggles, tutoring sessions, homeschool science experiments, and hopefully a few trips to the mountains — and, of course, the knowledge that her classroom may no longer have walls, but it still has heart.

Principal Julie Denson recognizes outstanding honors, high honors, and honors graduates. Also pictured are (l-r) Assistant Principal Zeke Scaff and Dean Barry Sams.



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