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Papa Johns, new apartments coming to Starke

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Papa Johns could be the next restaurant to open in Starke.

The selected location is Commercial Drive next to Jackson Hewitt Tax Service, right in front of Walmart. Starke's building and zoning office is awaiting plans to bring the space up to code to support a commercial kitchen.

According to its investor relations website, Papa Johns has headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and Louisville, Kentucky. It is the world's third-largest pizza delivery company with more than 6,000 restaurants in approximately 50 countries and territories. The company has been around since 1984.

Papa Johns' marketing has always been "Better ingredients. Better pizza." Presumably the same is true of its other offerings, which include its signature papadias, papa bites and papa bowls, along with its wings, sides and deserts.

The Starke location is already

searchable on its website, showing carryout and delivery options will be available.

New housing opening up

Lance Campbell in Starke's zoning office said Sandcastle Pines has just received its certificate of occupancy. This is the rental housing development of 22 homes constructed at the end of North Westmoreland Street. It was funded through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

Anyone interested can apply online at www.sandcastlepines.com. The minimum household size for these four-bedroom, two-bath homes is three members. All household members over the age of 18 must submit a separate application, and there is a nonrefundable \$50 application fee for each. Minimum income level is \$1,950 a month.

Apartments coming, too?

Two recent environmental resource permit applications submitted to the Suwannee River Water Management District involve housing developments in Starke.

One is for New River Place, a new apartment complex proposed on Thomas Street. According to Invictus Development's website, the 80-unit development was funded by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation with Live Local funds in April. With one to three bedrooms, the apartments were pitched as housing for active military members from Camp Blanding Joint Training Center.

Campbell said the site plan shows three apartment buildings and a conference center. A much larger housing project with 234 apartments known as Strawberry Fields was denied a land use change in 2009 because the city commission did not want more subsidized housing.

According to Invictus, pending the necessary permits, construction should begin in the third quarter of 2025, with apartments available to rent in late 2026 or early 2027.

The other housing project applying for permitting is CityWalk townhomes on East Call Street, next to the Downtown Square. Once constructed, the 45 townhomes will be ready for rent or purchase, with a rent-to-own option available to its target residents, which includes teachers, nurses, first responders, correctional officers, and active and retired military.

The two-story units with three bedrooms and two bathrooms will be sustainably designed and constructed, incorporating high tech and green technology, including solar power. Unlike the other housing projects, CityWalk is not subsidized with government funding.

The developers are Dwight Hewett and Jason Doran of Kingsley Development and The Doran Jason Group.

'These people need help' Van Zant leaves KH city hall for next mission

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Three weeks ago, Charlie Van Zant was walking his dog at an Interstate 10 rest area when he got a call from an old acquaintance from Tallahassee.

The Keystone Heights city manager and his wife, Stephanie, were on their way to Eglin Air Force Base to visit their son.

The call was from Anthony Sabatini, whom Van Zant knew from Sabatini's days as a state house member. Weeks earlier, the Lake County-based Attorney had hired former Keystone Heights city Council member Gavin Rollins for his staff.

In May, the City of Treasure Island

hired Sabatini's firm to handle its legal affairs, and in making the call to Van Zant, Sabatini was helping in his client's urgent search for a city manager.

Treasure Island terminated its city manager in June, following allegations that he mishandled storm recovery efforts from Hurricanes Debbie, Helene, and Milton.

Rollins recommended that Sabatini call Van Zant, and after the retired Army helicopter pilot answered the phone in the I-10 rest area, Sabatini put Treasure Island City Commissioner Chris Clark on the line, who got right to the point.

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Keystone Heights City Manager Charlie Van Zant at a June 30 city council meeting.

New elementary school's funding approved

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The first of three years of funding for a new Lake Butler Elementary School survived Gov. Ron DeSantis's veto pen on June 30, clearing the way for the state to fund one-third of the \$88.5 million project in the upcoming fiscal year.

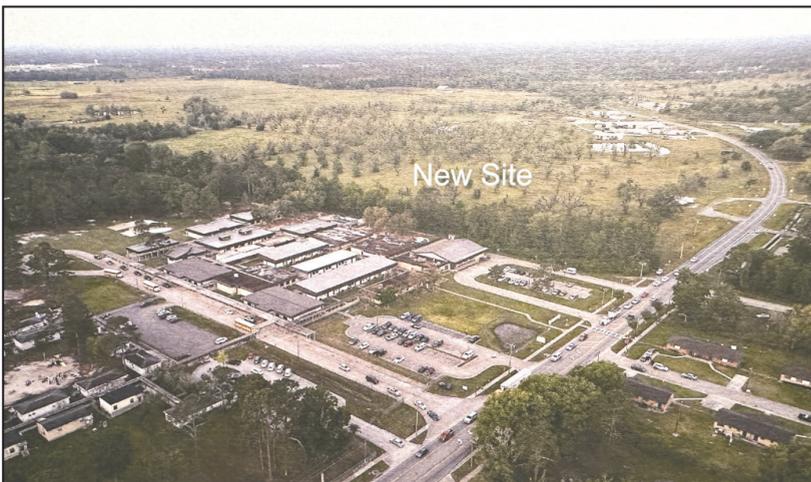
Last September, Superintendent Mike Ripplinger successfully lobbied the Florida Department of Education's Special Facility Construction Committee to rank the school as the state's top school construction project.

The superintendent said \$64.6 million would fund the construction of a new pre-k through fifth-grade school, \$19.6 million would provide money to demolish and renovate the current school for other uses, \$2.2 million would renovate the middle school gym, and \$2.1 million would finance moving the district's administrative offices to the current elementary school campus.

In his presentation to the Special Facility Construction Committee, Ripplinger said the elementary

school's buildings date back to 1956, and the school's 22 portables have outlived their life expectancies. He also said the current campus is overcrowded, the large number of drop-offs and pick-ups causes traffic issues, and the district is spending an inordinate amount of money to maintain the aging facilities.

The superintendent added that the new school would allow the district to move fifth-grade students from the middle school to the elementary, eliminating the need for three portables at the middle school and converting the sixth through eighth-grade campus into a fully brick-and-mortar schools.



District officials hope to purchase a 23.23-acre pecan grove and hay field owned by Shadd Properties, LLC, for the new school's site. The parcel across Southwest 6th Street (State Road 121) from the Lake Butler Apartments is adjacent to the current campus.

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WORTH NOTING

Upcoming food distributions

True Vine

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Farm Share and True Vine Ministry will take place Tuesday, July 8 and 22, 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.

RJE

A communitywide food distribution hosted by Feeding Northeast Florida and True Vine Ministry will take place Wednesday, July 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the RJE Complex on Pine Street in Starke.

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

Union County

Food is distributed in Union County at the Hal Y. Maines Community Center on the third Thursday of each month from 9-10:30 a.m. or while supplies last. The center is located at 155 NW Third St. in Lake Butler. The giveaway is sponsored by Florida Gateway Foodbank and Catholic Charities.

Collection site closings

All Bradford County solid waste collection sites will be closed for Independence Day on Friday, July 4. They will reopen at 10 a.m. on July 5.

STEM camp at UCPL

Union County Public Library is hosting a 3-day STEM camp for youth ages 5-10 years old from July 14-16. From 9:30 to 1 p.m. each day, students will discover, innovate and create through science, technology, engineering and math activities. The cost is \$20 per day, and advanced payment is required.

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Student test scores point to progress

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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According to school administrators, performance on the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking and other state standardized testing is pointing to significant improvements in Bradford schools.

With several weeks until school grades are revealed, Superintendent Will Hartley is confident this will be the school district's highest charting year.

More than tracking English and math performance by grade

from year to year, the FAST test is administered three times per year, allowing student performance to be measured throughout the school year. Proficiency is tested at the beginning, middle and end of year. Grades three through 10 are tested in English language arts, and grades three through eight in math.

"I think it's extremely helpful, and we've gotten really good at using that data to drive our instruction," Hartley said. It's impossible to predict results on the first assessments taken in August and September. Tests at

each grade level vary greatly, and students are tested on standards they've never seen before. Even still, a handful manage to score Level 4 or 5, which is considered proficient or exemplary. Typically, the first test shows most students scoring below Level 3, which is below grade level.

"The one that I think is most helpful is PM2 at Christmas, because it gives you a good gage of what you've done in those few

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English Language Arts, Percent Passing, Bradford County

	Percent Passing 2024	Percent Passing 2025	State Average 2025
3rd Grade	52	68	57
4th Grade	55	45	56
5th Grade	42	53	56
6th Grade	56	61	60
7th Grade	32	48	57
8th Grade	39	40	55
9th Grade	43	51	56
10th Grade	31	55	58

The percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in English compared from 2024 to 2025. See how Bradford compares to the state average as well.

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months from August until then. But it really, really drives what we do after that," Hartley said. So helpful is this way of doing things that the district has started developing mid-year exams that mirror the FAST tests for subjects that are not tested until the end of the year, such as algebra, geometry, biology and history. "At first I thought that it was going to be too much, but I also think that the kids seeing it three times, I think they get a different comfort level with it, too, and

there's not so much anxiety on that last test, because they know what's coming," he said. Standout results include third grade English where 68% of students scored at or above grade level, which was 16 percentage points higher than last year and 11 more than the state average. There were sizable jumps in other grades as well, such as 16 percentage points in the seventh grade, and sixth grade's performance also topped the state average. And with 51% and 55% at or above grade level, the ninth and 10th grade English scores have never been higher. The only grade that couldn't claim improvement in English or

math was the fourth grade. While there wasn't as much improvement in math, the two standouts were third grade which grew by 7 percentage points and sixth grade, which was 12 percentage points above last year. Lawtey Elementary School had the highest English performance in the fifth and sixth grades, and its fourth graders tied with Brooker Community School. Brooker third graders were top in English with 90% at or above grade level by year's end. They were lowest in third and fourth grade math, however. Again, the highest percentages in math for grades three through sixth were at Lawtey.

Fifth and eighth graders are also tested at the end of the year in science. Overall, 58% of fifth graders districtwide scored at or above grade level, which was higher than the state average. Lawtey had the highest result at 69%. Eighth graders at Bradford Middle School were at 39%.

As for the end-of-course exams, BMS tied the state average with 60% at or above grade level in algebra. The Bradford High School percentage was 44%. BHS's geometry result was 61% which was 6 percentage points higher than the state average. Biology results were 64% at or above grade level, 53% for civics and 46% for U.S. history.

The scores from the Department of Education website include the results of all students tested, but Hartley explained all those students will not be included in school grade calculations. Only results from students present for the second and third student counts are used to calculate school grades. When the other scores are eliminated, several categories show higher overall scores, which, according to Hartley, should help boost school grades. He mentioned sixth grade math as well as geometry and biology.

BHS Principal Chris Coffey has already highlighted performance in these and other categories. On three end-of-course exams, biology, algebra 1 and geometry, the scores were the highest in school history and they had some of the highest growth rates in the state — third in the state for algebra and second for geometry. The ninth and 10th grade English scores

Mathematics, Percent Passing, Bradford County

	Percent Passing 2024	Percent Passing 2025	State Average 2025
3rd Grade	47	54	63
4th Grade	58	50	58
5th Grade	54	55	57
6th Grade	70	82	60
7th Grade	34	37	50
8th Grade	51	51	57

The percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in math compared from 2024 to 2025. See how Bradford compares to the state average as well.

Mathematics, PM1 to PM3 Progress

	PM1	PM2	PM3
3rd	3	21	54
4th	1	10	50
5th	9	31	55
6th	9	38	82
7th	30	27	37
8th	11	25	51

Above and below, see how the percent passing increased (or decreased) from the beginning of the year (PM1) to the middle and end of the year (PM2 and PM3).

English Language Arts, PM1 to PM3 Progress

	PM1	PM2	PM3
3rd	20	47	68
4th	15	31	45
5th	25	42	53
6th	28	47	61
7th	29	31	48
8th	21	28	40
9th	29	47	51
10th	26	38	55

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we're also the best in the school's history, according to Coffey. While awaiting the annual report card, Hartley said the district is using data from this past year's testing to amend its subject pacing guides. They are looking at successes in other districts and investigating what is working for them. The superintendent said other districts are seeing Bradford's achievements and reaching out for advice as well. He said collaboration is leading to growth everywhere.

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Fire assessment moves forward to August hearing

Impact fees advertised now

BY MARK J. CRAWFORD
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Without question or comment from the public or commissioners, the Bradford County Commission approved a resolution Tuesday proposing the amounts for its fire assessment fee.

After years of debate, there may be little left to say, although the resolution also sets the date of the final public hearing and vote — Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Before then, every impacted property owner will be notified by mail of the hearing and the amount they will be assessed.

For each residential dwelling

unit, the proposed assessment is \$167. Nonresidential, primarily commercial, properties would be assessed at 11 cents per square foot. Owners of vacant parcels would pay \$46.50 per parcel. Like the solid waste special assessment, the fire assessment will appear on property tax bills and be paid annually. The fees may be increased from year to year, but by no more than 4%.

Churches and nonprofits would be exempt from paying the assessment, as would fully disabled veterans and those living at or below the poverty threshold. Property owners would need to apply for those exemptions. There will also be a process for disputing the amount charged if property owners believe there has been an error.

Revenue from the assessment is estimated to raise around \$1.68 million, approximately 50% of the fire department's budget. Starke has its own fire department and has opted out of participating. Property owners in the remaining cities will be charged if the final resolution is approved in August.

Impact fees

Before the final vote on the fire assessment, county commissioners will vote on whether to bring back impact fees.

Impact fees are paid on new construction at the time a building permit is issued, and the revenue is restricted to paying for new costs that are the consequence of growth. The county had impact fees in place until the 2008 housing market crash, which led to a moratorium.

Although the fees have been discussed, there has been no action taken to replace the old fees until now, with commissioners

realizing the revenue they've missed from housing and commercial development in recent years.

While past impact fees covered a few areas, these are focused on creating revenue for fire protection, law enforcement and emergency medical services.

The residential fees proposed are \$498 per dwelling unit for fire protection, \$304 for law enforcement and \$258 for emergency medical services, for a total of \$1,060 per new dwelling unit.

The nonresidential fees proposed are \$194 per 1,000 square feet for fire protection, \$119 for law enforcement and \$101 for emergency medical services, for a total of \$404 per 1,000 square feet of new nonresidential construction.

An additional 2% would be charged to cover the cost of administration and collection.

The ordinance will be presented at the July 17 county commission meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m.

Heeder announces run for clerk's office



Lisa Heeder

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I have served as the Secretary for the Bradford Riding Club. As a nine-year member of First Baptist Church in Starke, I serve as a greeter, a Vacation Bible School volunteer, and in the nursery. I'm also the Church Clerk and I serve as Secretary for the Kiwanis Club of Starke. However, one of my greatest accomplishments was serving as a 4-H Leader for

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All these opportunities have helped our community, but my drive and dedication is to you and the City, making sure we continue to be successful as we move forward. Our office works daily to secure grants and build programs to ensure the financial health of the City. With your support and your vote, I can remain in the position and provide continued dedication to you, our residents.

Lastly, I invite you to learn more and join me for "Coffee and Conversations" at the Call Street Cafe on Call Street on Saturday, July 12, Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 9, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. each morning. Come out, ask questions, and enjoy breakfast here in our city. Thank you!

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Lake Region



Marshall Lowry and Chuck Helverson

When disaster strikes, Clay County's Amateur Radio Club answers the call

Starke City
Commissioner helps
lead group

By Jenn Samsel
Special to the Monitor

On Saturday, June 28, Camp Chowenwaw Park in Clay County hosted the ARRL Field Day. The event lasted for 24 hours as amateur radio operators gathered to achieve essential goals and test their equipment in preparation for potential disasters, such as the upcoming hurricane season or an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) event.

In 1973, the ARRL Field Day was established, and the Orange Park Amateur Radio Club was founded during this time as well. Each year, the club promotes this event as part of its participation point system.

The club holds an annual field day that coincides with the start of hurricane season. During this event, members test their radio equipment to ensure they are prepared for any emergencies that may arise during the season. It is essential to understand how quickly communication methods can be restored for

first responders in the event of a storm disrupting traditional communication lines.

"For the event, we come out and set up our equipment as if we were setting up for a disaster. Then we work for 24 hours straight, trying to make as many contacts as possible throughout the United States and the rest of the world. We ensure our equipment is functioning and ready to go for the needed hurricane season," said Scott Roberts, who is a Starke City Commissioner and the Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Clay County Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

At the event, they set up a specific satellite antenna that is used to communicate with all the satellites. Even when the International Space Station passes by, they can communicate with it.

The field day consists of three parts:

1. Analog, also referred to as single-sideband and voice communications.

2. CW, which stands for Continuous Wave, is a form of Morse code; today, it is often transmitted using a computer.

3. Digital mode, which

allows communication with other stations. In this mode, the computer can detect signals in the noise that are beyond the range of human hearing.

"I am here at Field Day to also set the network up and to assist other operators in getting their stations up and running and to educate not only other amateur radio operators who are out here for their very first time. But any members of the public who happened to wander through and have never been exposed to amateur radio. In today's digital age, even cell phones are still relevant, as the older types of communications, such as shortwave, remain relevant in the world. Whether it be for communications or scientific principles," said Charles Helverson, field day chairman and treasurer for the Orange Park Amateur Radio Club.

"Now is the perfect time to get your amateur radio license. There's a lot of interest in it, and we would love for them to come out and contact us," said Roberts.

Visit ClayAres.org to obtain your license and learn more information.

Keystone Heights 4th of July events

The 57th Annual Keystone Heights Fourth of July celebration will feature 17 events over a 12-hour period on the nation's birthday. The festivities center around Keystone Beach Park and begin with the Freedom 5K, presented by the Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund. The day concludes with a fireworks show at the park. Admission into the park requires an armband. City residents may purchase armbands in advance for \$1, while out-of-town guests will pay \$2. Armbands purchased on the day of the event are \$3.

Events include- 6-9 a.m. 5k Run/Walk; 10 a.m. Vendor and Food Truck Event; 10:15 a.m.- 3 p.m. Live Music -Duval Trio; 10:30 a.m. Baby Crawling Contest; 11 a.m. Kiwanis "100 Years, 100 Stories" Parade; 12-4 p.m. Dunk Tank; 12 p.m. Pie

Baking Contest; 12:15 p.m. Hot Dog Eating Contest; 12:30 p.m. Wild West Show; 12:45 p.m. Honoring Keystone Fire and Police Departments; 1:30 p.m. Wild West Show- Shoot Out; 2:30 p.m. Wild West Show; 3 p.m. Wild West Show- Shoot Out; 4 p.m. Gatorland Water Ski Show; 5 p.m. Beach Closed for Set-Up; 5:30 p.m. Live Music at Keystone Beach, Shopping Mall Guerillas and 8-Track Revival, Cash Compton - National Anthem Guitar Solo; 9 p.m. 20-Minute Fireworks Show.

Freedom 5K registration open

On July 4, 2025, the Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund will present the Freedom 5k run at 8:00 a.m. The run will start and finish at City Hall. Registration can be done in person at Firepower Coffee or

online. Timing will be organized by Florida Race Day for the sixth year in a row. Runners will receive finisher medals and performance t-shirts. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall male and female runners, and also the overall wheelchair division winner. Age groups will also be recognized.

The Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer, non-profit organization, which was formed to honor the memory of Jordan Cooper, who died in 2017 at the age of 25. The organization primarily supports local students with scholarships, including graduating high school seniors from Keystone Heights High School, where Jordan Cooper was an alumnus. In addition, it also advocates and promotes anti-bullying education for all students in Keystone Heights' schools, as well as Clay County. Please visit: jordancooperscholarship.org for more information and to learn more about this important and valuable non-profit organization.

to hire Van Zant on an interim basis, and the mayor extended a job offer to him.

Van Zant responded by taking Stephanie on a weekend trip to Pinellas County to explore the area.

"There are beautiful beaches," he recalled of the trip. "Beautiful hotels and condos that weren't damaged, and there are pieces of it that reminded me of Kuwait after Saddam rolled through there with his T-55 tanks in 1990, steel rebar hanging out of concrete."

Van Zant said that as he and his family prayed over the impending decision, one message kept coming back to his mind: "These people need help."

"As Stephanie and I were sitting on a piece of concrete on city property," Van Zant recalled, "watching the sun go down that Sunday night, I told my wife, 'They've got engineers, they've got all the professionals, but they're in drastic, dire need of leadership. They just need somebody to put the puzzle back

together.'"

Van Zant later received a call from a federal official who described the dysfunction at Treasure Island's city hall as the town tried to recover from the three storms.

"We sent them resources, and we could never get a reply back from the city, so we redeployed the resources somewhere else," said the official, according to Van Zant.

Charlie Van Zant's last day at the Keystone Heights City Hall is July 15.

As a retired career Army officer, he sees his series of jobs as missions, and he and his family concluded that it was time for the next mission.

"I'm not disparaging anybody," Van Zant continued, "but the problem with being Christian and praying about things is sometimes when you just clearly hear the call for the next mission, then you actually have to do it, or risk being disobedient. I don't know how else to say it."

Booth picked for interim manager

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Keystone Heights City Council members voted unanimously to hire Col. James Booth as their interim city manager while they search for a permanent replacement for Charlie Van Zant, who is leaving for a similar job in the Pinellas County enclave of Treasure Island.

Booth and former Council Member and Mayor Tony Brown were the only two applicants for the job.

Several audience members spoke on Brown's behalf, emphasizing his deep roots in the community and his prior government service, as well as his long-time service with the Keystone Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

Brown talked about his extensive experience in Keystone Heights government, including his role in drafting city budgets since 1996.

Booth has worked for the city as a project manager over the past eight months, following his retirement as the Jacksonville District Director for the Army Corps of Engineers.

During that time, he



Col. James Booth addresses the Keystone Heights City Council during a June 30 special meeting.

spearheaded the city's effort to clear trees from the dry lakebed of Lake Geneva. He has also worked on the city's strategic plan, comprehensive plan, community redevelopment plan, the Nightingale Street culvert repair project, and other initiatives.

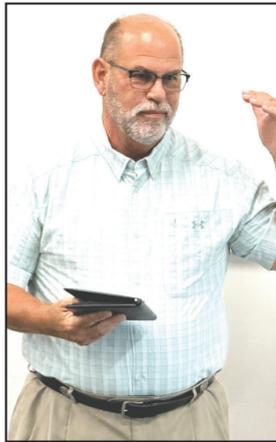
He served for 27 years as an engineer in the Army with three combat deployments in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. He told council members he has had as many as 400 soldiers under his command.

He also has extensive

experience in hurricane recovery efforts.

Throughout the meeting, council members talked like Booth's selection was a foregone conclusion. Brown picked up on that tone toward the end of the session.

"It's obvious you guys have already made your decision and...you made it before you walked through the door..." Brown told council members. "...I think you're wasting your time. Go ahead and make the vote. Let's get out of here."



Former Keystone Heights Mayor and Council Member Tony Brown.

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NOTICE is hereby given as provided by the Charter of the Town of Worthington Springs, Florida, that a municipal election will be held in the said Town of Worthington Springs on the third (3rd) Tuesday in July 2025 the same being July 15, 2025, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the said Town of Worthington Springs to serve for the term as hereinafter stated, to wit:

Seat One for a term of four (4) years
Pam Williams (Incumbent)
Danny Guyer

Seat Three for a term of four (4) years
Nita Elixson (Incumbent)
Leslie Sasser

Election will be held at the City Hall located at 11933 SW 36 DR and State Road 121 in Worthington Springs, Florida on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 and the polls will be open at 7:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

To vote by mail contact Supervisor of Elections at 386-496-2236. Last day to request a Vote by mail is Thursday, July 3rd, 2025. Ballot must be returned to Supervisor of Elections office by July 15th.

Clerk of Election: Ramona Dewees	Pat Harrell, Clerk
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VAN ZANT

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"Mr. Van Zant," Clark said, as recalled by Van Zant, "we just got lambasted with three hurricanes last year. I had seven feet of storm surge, which wiped out a lot of our city. We fired our old city manager because he couldn't make a decision."

Clark asked Van Zant to fill the interim city manager's job in the Pinellas County town between Madeira Beach and St. Pete Beach.

Over the weekend, two more city council members and the mayor called Van Zant, asking him to make the move.

With the 2025 hurricane season already underway and Florida's budget season fast approaching, the officials were desperate to fill the job.

The following week, the city's human resource director asked Van Zant for his resume. Last week, the city council voted

UNION COUNTY

Union sheriff: Runaways stole from cemetery, found in park

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The Union County Sheriff's Office said deputies arrested runaways in Worthington Springs after they stole items from a Mennonite cemetery, including \$43 in cash.

The agency identified two of the defendants as Wyatt Eugene-Ray Harris, 16, and Herbert William Coffman, III, 15.

According to an arrest report, deputies were called to Chastain Seay Park in Worthington Springs after the three juveniles were spotted there. When officers arrived, the three fled into the woods. One was captured by his parents. Harris and Coffman escaped the immediate area

but were later located in a field east of the Worthington Springs sports complex by Department of Corrections tracking dogs.

Coffman was also arrested for grand theft after deputies said he stole a black Honda Ruckus scooter and used the scooter briefly while trying to



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evade deputies.

Splash park not available for Independence Day celebration

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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The City of Lake Butler's splash park is undergoing repairs and will be unavailable during the Lake Butler Rotary Club's Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 5.

The city's activities begin at first light with registration for the Tommy Spiers Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament.

Next is the 5K Fun Run, which starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by a car show registration at 9 a.m. and the show from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Live music performances by the band: Preexisting Conditions begins at 4 and music continues with T.J. Brown & Co. from 4 p.m. to dusk.

The fireworks show begins at dusk.

Food vendors and trucks, along with bounce houses and water slides, are available all day.

Back-to-school bash

Free backpacks, supplies, food, giveaways, snow cones, popcorn, and more. Lake Butler Middle School gym. Saturday, July 18, 8-11 a.m. Lake Butler Family and Pediatric Clinic will be on-site and scheduling physicals for a designated day at its location.

Punched, kicked, threatened, spat at deputies

BY DAN HILDEBRAN
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Tanisha Barnwell, 21, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 25 for battery on a law-enforcement officer and making death threats to a law enforcement officer.



Tanisha Barnwell

According to an arrest report, the defendant's mother called 911, telling a dispatcher Barnwell was "having a mental episode, punching holes in the wall." The caller also warned the dispatcher that the defendant had a collection of knives in her room.

When deputies arrived at the home, the mother told Deputy James Jankowski that Barnwell had been off her medications and had been stabbing holes in the walls as well as punching them.

"At this time," wrote Deputy D. Sumner in the report, "(the mother) got Tanisha to open the door to her bedroom. Once Tanisha opened the door, she advised she punched the holes in the wall. Tanisha was speaking as if she was having a mental episode."

The defendant then began to retreat into the bedroom and attempted to shut the door. Sumner reported that Jankowski placed his foot in

the doorway to keep Barnwell from closing the door and retrieving a weapon.

"At this time," Sumner wrote, "Sgt. Jankowski attempted to grab Tanisha and place her in custody under the Baker Act."

Barnwell reacted by pulling away and retreating to the back of the room.

"Sgt. Jankowski and myself immediately rushed Tanisha and went hands-on with her to keep her from retrieving any weapons," Sumner

wrote. The deputy claimed Barnwell punched Jankowski in the chest several times.

"Tanisha also struck me several times in the chest area, causing equipment on my vest to break and fall off," Sumner added. "While attempting to gain control of Tanisha's hands, she was also kicking us. Tanisha struck me several times in the legs with her legs."

The deputy wrote that during the fight, Barnwell made several verbal threats to kill the officers. He also said that when he was handcuffing the defendant, she grabbed his hands and arms in an attempt to scratch him, and from the back seat of his patrol car, the defendant spat at him, hitting a partition between the front and back seats.

SCHOOL

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Ripplinger showed committee members photographs of damage caused by compromised roofs, standing water caused by inadequate drainage, and an undersized cafeteria that can only serve one grade at a time, lengthening the time it takes to serve students lunch to nearly two and a half hours.

Will be one of the largest K-5 schools in Florida

Ripplinger said that once fifth-grade students move to the new

elementary school, the campus will host nearly 1,200 students.

"It will be a very large school," he said. "You're not going to find very many elementary schools in the State of Florida with a thousand students or more."

According to Niche.com, the largest K-5 schools in Florida are the City of Pembroke Pines Charter School, with 1,898 students, Mater Academy Elementary in Miami, with 1,529, and Horizons Elementary in Davenport, between Orlando and Tampa, with 1,468 students.

The superintendent said the district could split the elementary school population, sending some students back to the old campus after renovations. However, that option would tamper with what

Ripplinger and many in Union County feel is a cherished feature of the local school district: one elementary, one middle school, and one high school, which connects students emotionally with one shared experience and strengthens the community.

"It's not the norm," the superintendent said of the large student population, "but we believe it's important to continue that common experience that (Union County students) share. Everybody's a Tiger; we're all purple and gold, and we move you together, all the way through your graduation year."



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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

Jerry Atteberry, 29, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Lawtey police on June 27 for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Skip scanned items at Walmart

Priscilla Bresee, 31, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 26 for larceny and resisting an officer.

According to an arrest report, a loss prevention associate at Starke's Walmart told Deputy Paul King that a woman wearing black shorts and a t-shirt with images of cats skipped scanned several items at the store's self-checkout and fled the scene in a brown Ford Taurus.

The employee said Bresee scanned some of her items and paid \$88.17 for the goods.

Deputy Kyle Mozingo saw the defendant's vehicle at the corner of U.S. 301 and Lafayette Street and conducted a traffic stop.

He wrote in an arrest report that during the traffic stop and while he arrested the defendant, Bresee initially refused his commands for her to exit the vehicle, attempted to re-enter the Taurus, tensed up while he handcuffed her, and resisted him in various ways at the jail.

Mozingo recovered five items in Walmart bags from the defendant's car, with a value of \$36.92 that she did not scan at the self-checkout.

Child pickup goes bad

Landon Cason, 45, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 24 for battery and kidnapping-false imprisonment.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies she went to the defendant's home to pick up two children. Cason handed over one child but refused to turn over the second.

While the victim was outside Cason's front door, in the Crosby-Lake-Sampson-Lake area, he grabbed her, pulled her inside the home, and locked the door. The victim added that Cason refused to let her leave for approximately two minutes.

The victim claimed that Cason then forcefully opened the door, striking her.

"(The victim) advised that after (the child) exited the residence, Landon grabbed (the victim) by the arm and pushed her away," wrote Deputy R. Martin in an arrest report. "The push caused (the victim) to turn her back to Landon at which point he grabbed her other arm and struck her in the back with an open palm."

Sharon Fussell, 60, of Booker, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 23 for an out-of-county warrant.

Jimmy Hankerson, 58, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 21 for DUI.

Damaged victim's property while she was in jail

Shywon Hawkins, 26, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 26 for criminal mischief with property damage.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that while she was an inmate at the Bradford County jail, her ex-boyfriend entered her apartment with a key she had earlier given him and "destroyed her belongings."

"(The victim) stated Shywon gathered most of her clothing and destroyed each individual article," wrote Deputy Tyler Oliver in the report. "(The victim) advised every piece had been ripped and/or cut up."

The woman also reported that her driver's license and a backpack containing her textbooks were missing from her apartment.

Ryan Hewett, 32, of Lawtey, was arrested by Lawtey Police on June 25 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Marcus Jackson, 21, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 27 for failure to appear.

Gary Jones, 33, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 24 for sexual assault.

Threw T.V. at victim

Audrena Mallard, 35, of Lake City, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 26 for aggravated assault and battery.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies he and Mallard got into an argument at a residence in the Woodland Acres neighborhood.

The victim added that while he was on the phone with a dispatcher, Mallard threw a television at him, but missed.

The dispute then moved outside the home, where Mallard continued chasing and hitting the victim while he was on the phone with 911.

The victim claimed Mallard was "very intoxicated," and Deputy Mark Juen wrote in the arrest report that he agreed with that assessment.

Tire flew off boat trailer

Alain Martinez, 34, was arrested by Lawtey police on June 26 for hit and run.

According to an arrest report, the owner of a Lawtey auto repair shop told Lawtey police he saw the defendant's vehicle drive by his place of business hauling a boat on U.S. 301.

The victim added that a tire on the boat trailer flew off the trailer and struck the fence surrounding his business, and damaged several vehicles, causing approximately \$5,000 in damage.

"Both he and the suspect vehicle stopped, entered the lot, and observed damage to the fence and two vehicles," wrote Officer M. Cheramie in the report. "The suspect proceeded to grab his rim and tire and leave the property."

The business owner said he tried to get Martinez to wait for law enforcement, but the defendant refused and left.

Cheramie contacted dispatch to issue a be-on-the-lookout for the defendant's vehicle, and a Bradford deputy stopped Martinez near the north end of the Starke bypass.

The defendant told Cheramie that he left the shop after the business owner told him no damage occurred in the mishap and that he could leave the scene.

Litissa Mason, 41, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Neighbor welcomes new resident by stealing her property

Austin Mellville, 27, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 26 for a probation violation, larceny, and burglary.

According to an arrest report, the victim told deputies that around 20 items were missing from a Hampton home she was moving into. The missing items included a vacuum cleaner, a fan, cleaning products, mats, a mirror, drinking water, a chair, tools, storage bins, toilet paper, wipes, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, and candles.

Neighbors implicated the victim's next-door neighbor, a man described as "covered in tattoos," as a likely suspect.

The owner of the neighboring parcel allowed deputies to search his property, and officers found several of the victim's items in a shed on the lot.

Melville was staying in the shed as a guest but was not present during the investigation.

The shed's owner told deputies that he was texting the defendant and added that Melville was not coming home. The shed owner informed deputies of the defendant's workplace in Alachua County.

After deputies discovered Melville had an active warrant for a probation violation, they teletyped the Alachua County Sheriff's office, and Alachua deputies arrested the defendant at his workplace.

Elmer Mendoza Gutierrez, 20, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 25 for failure to appear.

Linda Rice, 44, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 24 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, battery, and disorderly conduct.

According to an arrest report, Rice was involved in a fight in front of a cell phone store at the 301 Plaza on May 8.

Witnesses told deputies that Rice used a wooden pole to strike one or more of the other participants in the fight.

No food in the house, and he wanted something to eat

Jaedin Richardson, 28, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for larceny.

According to an arrest report, a worker at the Brooker Dollar General told deputies a man put an assortment of food items into a plastic bag and left the retailer without paying.

Deputy Kyle Mozingo wrote in the report that store employees identified Richardson as the suspect. Mozingo made contact with the defendant at his home.

"Jaedin stated that he didn't have any money to pay for the items," reported the deputy, "and he took them because there was no food in the house, and he wanted something to eat."

Krystal Salcedo, 25, of Orange Park, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 21 for DUI.

Paul Smith, 51, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 27 for DUI and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Richard Soilberry, 39, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 27 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drug equipment, trafficking in cocaine, resisting an officer, and selling cocaine.

Threw padlock at victim

Alexandra Starling, 33, of Starke, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 22 for battery.

According to an arrest report, the defendant was staying in a shed behind the victim's residence, and the pair argued after the victim told Starling that a friend of hers named Tammy was not allowed on the property.

"I spoke with (the victim's) wife," wrote Deputy Paul King in the arrest report. (She) advised that she walked outside of the residence when she heard yelling. (The wife) stated she observed the door to the shed, where Alexandra is living in, come open. (The witness) stated that Alexandra then threw a padlock at Jason, hitting him in the chin. (She)



Priscilla Bresee



Landon Cason



Trent Etheridge



Shywon Hawkins



Audrena Mallard



Alain Martinez

stated that Alexandra then left the scene in a black Nissan Rogue with her friend Tammy."

The victim and two other witnesses gave King the same account of the event.

The property owner was transported to HCA Starke ER for treatment.

King reported that he located Starling, made a traffic stop, and interviewed her about the incident.

"Alexandra stated that Jason walked into the shed where she has been living and started yelling at her," the deputy wrote in his report. "Alexandra stated that Jason told her Tammy was not allowed on the property. Alexandra stated that Jason got really close to her, so she pushed him away. Alexandra stated that Jason pushed her back, at which time she walked out of the shed and left with Tammy."

King added that the 33-year-old denied throwing the padlock at the victim.

Dakota Webb, 27, of Hampton, was arrested by Bradford deputies on June 21 for DUI.

Union

Paul Martin, 46, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 24 for selling methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

Leslie Parrish, 43, of Lake City, was arrested by Union deputies on June 23 for driving with a suspended or revoked license, possession of drug equipment, and possession of a controlled substance without a



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Alexandra Starling

prescription.

Amber Smith, 38, of Jacksonville, was arrested by Union deputies on June 26 for smuggling contraband into a prison and using a two-way communications device to commit a felony.

Billy Ziesmer, 41, of Lake Butler, was arrested by Union deputies on June 27 for failing to comply with the sexual offender registration law.

Clay

Neighbor wouldn't leave

Trent Etheridge, 48, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 25 for trespassing.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, the defendant had previously received a trespass warning for the victim's property in the Immokalee Road area.

"(The victim) advised he was in the front yard of the property working outside," wrote Deputy Brandon T. Draughton-Miller in the document. "His next-door neighbor (defendant) walked from his adjoining property and spoke to (the victim). (The victim) was

familiar with the defendant from numerous incidents of him trespassing on the property and causing other issues."

The officer added that the victim informed Etheridge that he was trespassing and asked him to leave several times.

"After a few minutes, the defendant eventually turned around and left the property," the deputy wrote, adding that the victim recorded the encounter on his phone.

Tony Ledford, 77, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 26 for threatening a first responder with physical harm.

Sierra Mason, 28, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 20 for failure to appear.

Jackie Thomas, 36, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 21 for driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Lorraine Williams, 31, of Keystone Heights, was arrested by Clay deputies on June 25 for trespassing.

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Bakken will continue her softball career at Columbia

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Takeirra Bakken, a 2023 Bradford High School graduate, will continue her softball career, announcing that she'll transfer to Columbia (South Carolina) College after two years at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Bakken, an outfielder, played in 20 games her sophomore year at FSCJ, batting .333 with three home runs and 16 RBI. Some of her highlights that season included:



Takeirra Bakken (right) is transferring to play for Leighann Newberry and the Columbia (South Carolina) College Koalas after two years at FSCJ.

—2 for 3 with a double, a triple and two RBI in an 11-3 win over South Georgia State on Feb. 11.

—A home run and two RBI

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Kiley Channell transferring to Clemson after All-AAC honors at FAU

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Kiley Channell, a 2023 Keystone Heights High School graduate, has announced she's taking her playing talents to the Atlantic Coast Conference, where she'll join the Clemson Tigers softball program after playing two years at Florida Atlantic University.

Channell is coming off a second-team All-American season in which she earned



Kiley Channell, who earned all-conference honors again at FAU, is transferring to Clemson.

batting .330 in 56 games. She had a team-high 14 doubles to go along with two triples, two home runs, 44 RBI and 34 runs scored.

Besides what she did on the field, Channell was recognized for her classroom performance as she was named to the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Team with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 as a pre-Business major.

Some of Channell's highlights this past season included:

—2 for 3 with a triple and three RBI in a 3-2 win over Kansas on Feb. 6.

—3 for 4 with three runs scored in an 11-8 win over Long Island on Feb. 21.

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Obituaries

Chase Anthony

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Chase Anthony, 17, who went home to be with his Lord on Friday, June 27, 2025. He was the son of Deborah Anne Rozier; biological parents, Kerri Hilton and Terry Lee Anthony Jr. Survivors are siblings, Tyeler, Riley, Abigail, Taylor, Ivan Jr., Jasmine and Shane; and numerous extended family members. Visitation and celebration of life services were held Wednesday, July 2 at Trinity Baptist Church. Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

Linda Durham

Linda Elaine Durham met her Lord and Savior face to face on Thursday, June 26, 2025, after a valiant 24-year battle with Parkinson's disease. Born Nov. 4, 1950, in Huntsville, Alabama, she was a beacon of love, faith, and dedication that shone brightly in the community. She was a true servant of God, glorifying His name through her actions and her spirit. She was not only a loving wife to her devoted husband, Ralph Durham, for 55 blessed years, but also a nurturing mother to her children, Jennifer (Herb) Gartman, Nathan Durham, and Melody McRannolds. As a grandmother and great-grandmother, she embraced her roles with joy and fervor, leaving a legacy of love manifested through her grandchildren, Coty Bonesio, Megan Bonesio, Chloe Gartman, Tiphonie Durham, Jacob McRannolds, Aidan McRannolds, and Peyton McRannolds; and her precious great-grandchildren, Addyson Durham, Blake Norman, and one on the way, Cyrus Jaxson. Each child was cherished deeply. Throughout her years, she dedicated herself to many noble pursuits, starting as a seamstress at Lake Butler Apparel after moving to Lake Butler, and later as a billing specialist at Lake Butler Hospital, ultimately retiring from the Department of Corrections in the medical warehouse. She was skilled not just in work, but she was also an excellent seamstress and cook, and those who had the fortune of tasting her dishes can attest to the flavor that nourished the body and warmed the soul. She was a vibrant teacher at heart, relishing the opportunity to share God's word with the young ones through Vacation Bible School and Sunday teaching. Her faith and willingness to serve extended not only to church members but to the entire community, as she often took on the role of grandmother to many. She also had a fondness for the Appalachian Mountains; not only the beauty, but the culture and music associated with it. In life, there are always trials and tribulations, and she faced hers with grace. Unified in faith, she carried her burdens quietly, leading others to be inspired by her steadfastness. Those of us left behind are profoundly grateful for the many lessons she imparted upon us, the most important being the art of loving the Lord wholeheartedly and serving the church with every ounce of our being. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Dorothy and David Chavez; granddaughter, Serenity Quinn Gartman; and son-in-law, Jeremy McRannolds.

She was also surrounded by a loving family that will dearly miss her presence, siblings, Robert (Therese) Coleman, Anne Worthy, Ronnie (Janet) Coleman, and Michael Chavez; uncle, Charles (Nora); aunts, Peggy, Glenda, and Judy; and special cousins and best friends, Joanie and Susie. As well as numerous nieces and nephews; and her beloved Frenchie, Lacey.

A visitation and funeral service to celebrate her beautiful life was held at Unity Baptist Church, 116 S.W. 12th Ave., Lake Butler, on Monday, June 30. She will be laid to rest at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date. Let us come together in the spirit of love and remembrance as we honor Linda Durham, who showcased what it truly means to live for the Lord and to serve others with an open heart.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve Brother Ralph and the rest of the Durham family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com



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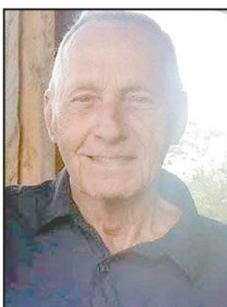
Hickman Dye III

Hickman Leales "HL" Dye III of Starke passed away peacefully and into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, June 15, 2025. HL was born Oct. 15, 1943, in Gainesville to Hickman Leales Dye II and Lucy D. Sparrow. Back in the 1960s he started his career path by joining the Florida Army National Guard, where he served six years, worked as a sales manager for Canada Dry Bottling Company, owned a beverage store called Pop A Top in Gainesville and helped his father with a Hawthorne favorite, The Fried Chicken Factory. In the early 1980s he opened Bradford's Family Restaurant/Fried Chicken Factory in Starke. Then he later opened another restaurant in Keystone Heights until the late 1990s. After closing the restaurants, he worked as a manager at Western Steer Steakhouse and director of maintenance at Bradford Terrace, both in Starke. After a few years, he later started working around the Keystone Heights and Starke area as a handyman. He enjoyed his trimaran sailboat (back in the day) fishing, hunting, family, building things and the outdoors. He was an all-around kind of guy! He was preceded in death by his parents; his aunt, Lucille "T" Crown; sister Bobbi D. Melcolm; and his daughter, Hailey L. Dye.

He leaves behind his wife of 34 years, Robin Dye of Starke; daughters, Aleshia Dye of Starke, Shannon Dye of Lake Butler and Leanne (Austin) Morgan of Keystone Heights; brother William "Bill" (Bobbie) Dye of Keystone Heights; sisters, Becky Dye Wainwright of Jacksonville and Betsy Dye Brigan of Hawthorne; along with numerous nieces and nephews. HL will be missed by all!

A Celebration of Life or gravesite memorial has not been set yet.

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William Griffis

William Elery Griffis, 85, of Lake Butler passed away peacefully Friday, June 27, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born to his parents, Sidney and Nettie Rosier Griffis, on Jan. 8, 1940, in Raiford. After the passing of his mother at an early age, he was then raised by his stepmother, Cordie Mosley Griffis. Elery was a 1957 graduate of Union County High School, where he enjoyed playing football. After graduating from UCHS, he attended West Palm Beach Jr. College in West Palm Beach. After returning to Union County, he married his high school sweetheart, Katherine Arnold Griffis, in 1960. He began his career at DuPont before he went on to work 41 years for Florida Gas Transmission Company in Brooker, where he made many memories and lifelong friendships. He was a faithful member of First Christian Church of Lake Butler, where he served as an Elder, Deacon and a faithful member of the choir for many years. His faith was evident in how he led his family. His family were his love and joy. He was a very kind and gentle soul, had a loving and generous heart, and was always giving to others. On any given day, you could find him on his tractor, plowing the fields, tending to his garden or working his cattle. He was a member of the Florida Farm Bureau and enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Annie Overstreet Depew, Ona Mae Yarborough, Raleigh Griffis, Lorenza Griffis, Lois Griffis, Maude Dobson, Berla Traylor, Della Dinkla, and Vivian Breckenridge.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Katherine Arnold Griffis; and three children, Anita (Terry Joe) Thomas, Carolyn (Allen) Parrish and Darrell (Elizabeth) Griffis, all of Lake Butler; 10 grandchildren, Anisha (Paul) Waters, Josh (Becky) Thomas, Brandon (Chelsea) Parrish, Brittney (Travis) McGee, Austin (Katie) Thomas, Kyle (Taylor) Parrish, Seth (Brittany) Parrish, Lane Griffis, Luke Griffis and Lyndee Griffis; 12 great-grandchildren, Baler Waters, Saige Waters, Gracelyn McGee, Brayden Parrish, Beclyn Parrish, Kylee Thomas, Ryleigh Croft, Hagen Thomas, Hudson Thomas, Noah Thomas, Ember Parrish, Hardee Parrish and Creek Waters; a host of loving nieces and nephews; and many more family members and friends.

A visitation was held on Monday, June 30, at Archer-Milton Funeral Home. The funeral service took place at First Christian Church, Lake Butler on Tuesday, July 1. He was laid to rest immediately following the service at Swift Creek/Mt. Zion Cemetery.

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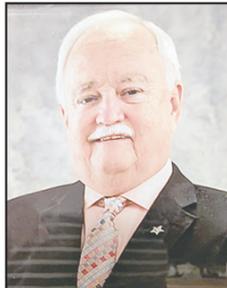


Pat Henry

Patrick (Pat) Alexander Henry, 81, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 23, 2025, at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville after a courageous battle with numerous health complications. He succumbed to kidney failure with his loving wife, Karen Henry, by his side. He was born Nov. 12, 1943, in Starke, and spent the majority of his life in Lawtey. He dedicated much of his career to the Florida Department of Transportation before serving as Chief Deputy in Bradford County. In his later years, he found joy in volunteering with the school resource officer at Lawtey Elementary School. He had a passion for playing golf and enjoyed watching the game on TV in his later years. The happiest moments of his life were on the cruise ship, where he visited the Bahamas, Jamaica, and various other islands with his wife, other family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Marcus Henry; his granddaughter, Sara Henry; his parents, Lila Anderson Henry and Alexander H. Henry; and his sisters, Martha Saunders and Mamie Norman.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Henry; his daughter, Leslie Thornton; his granddaughters, Laci Selph and Kingsley Thornton; his grandson, Donald Thornton III; and his great-grandson, Cayden Culpepper. He is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members, all of whom will cherish his memory. Pat was well-known in his community and loved by many. He will be deeply missed and cherished by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life was held at Madison Street Baptist Church on Saturday, June 28. An hour of visitation was followed by the funeral service. Burial followed at Lawtey Cemetery. He is now at home with his Heavenly Father. Forever in our hearts, Pat Henry.



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James R. Mann

James (Jimmy) Robert Mann passed away Friday, May 30, 2025, at the VA Hospital in Gainesville. He was born May 12, 1962, in Lake Butler to the late A.I. and Nona Mann of Brooker. He graduated from Bradford High School and immediately went into the US Army. He did a second tour in the Army from 1988-91, where he was in Panama involved in "Operation Just Cause." He also completed ranger paratrooper training. Jimmy was of the Protestant religion. He grew up attending Dedan Baptist Church. Then later, when he lived in Lake Park, Georgia, he was a member of Sardis Baptist Church in Lake Park. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Ethel Underhill, Ruth Babcock and Merle Smith; and one brother, Marvin P Mann Sr.

He is survived by Joel (Natalie) Griffin, Harmon Underhill, Sandy (Bart) Lee, Jane Lynn, Elese Guerrin, Naomi Hines and T.J. (Nell) Mann; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate his life will be held at Belle Oaks Barn on Friday, July 11, at 11 a.m. with J. G. Broome, pastor of Dedan Baptist Church, officiating.

Archer-Milton Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mann family during this time. 386-496-2008 www.archerfuneralhome.com

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Jerry New

Mr. Jerry Wayne New, 61, of Starke passed away unexpectedly Thursday, June 26, 2025, at HCA Starke Hospital. He was born July 2, 1963, in El Paso, Texas to the late Jerry and Gertrude (Guterbock) New, and he was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He has been employed with Convergint for the past 15 years and recently was promoted to Project-Service Team Leader. Being outdoors was his passion, whether it was fishing, boating, wake boarding, farming, four-wheeling, or just target shooting. He also enjoyed watching NASCAR, playing the guitar, and living the simple, cowboy life. You would never go hungry around Jerry either. His grilling, smoking, and BBQ cooking skills were something everyone looked forward to when they came to visit. He was a proud Republican, patriotic, and, some would add, very opinionated at times. There wasn't anything he could not do or fix he was our "MacGyver," to say the least.

Left behind to cherish his memory is his loving and devoted wife of 39 years, Dawn (Bland) New and their daughter, Shauna (Jared) Griffis, all of Starke; siblings, Jacqueline Cecilia (Ted) Jeffrey of Waco, Texas, Harry Richard (Dianna) New of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Nathan Jay (Sharon Ann) New of Victoria, Texas. Also left behind is his father-in-law, Robert (Ellen) Bland of Ohio; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Aaron Robert (Melissa) Bland of New York, Robyn Lynn (Angelo) Anese, Jennifer Leah Bland, and Joshua Arthur Bland, all of Ohio. He was lovingly called "Papa Jerry" by his grandson, Tucker Heston Griffis as well as Kodie Griffis. Jerry was adored by his nieces, nephews and a host of extended family members and friends that will miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. "ROLL TIDE!" Arrangements are by Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home, 340 E. Walker Drive, Keystone Heights 32656. 352-473-3176. www.jonesgallagherfh.com

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Bill Rhoden Sr.

In Loving Memory of William Kelly "Bill" Rhoden Sr., August 29, 1961 – June 9, 2025. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of William Kelly (Bill) Rhoden Sr., who went home to be with our Lord on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the age of 63. Bill was a gentle soul who loved to laugh, even if it was at himself, and he shared his humor with everyone around him. He had a warm heart, a deep love for his family and laughter was his love language. He could turn almost anything into a reason to laugh. He had a unique ability to bring joy to the room in that way. Whether it was a clever joke or a memorable story from his colorful past, he had a knack for turning even the most mundane moments into cherished memories by making a joke. Born in Starke and raised in Hampton, his life came full circle as he grew up, married Rose, the love of his life, and moved away from his hometown up to Tennessee to start his family. He eventually came back home to nearby Keystone Heights to live out the rest of his life. He worked over 30 years as a carpenter. He loved football (Go Gators), country music (Go Merle Haggard), quiet evenings on the back porch, diving into a good dish of shrimp with lemon and "talking" about fishing. Most of all, he loved seeing his family and, any time they showed up at his home, to spend time with him, it was pure joy. He was a master storyteller (some true, some not) and lived his life on his own terms and never let anyone impede his choices. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Peggy Rhoden; sister, Cindy Willoughby; brother, Mark Rhoden; and son, Jimmy Rhoden.

Bill is survived by his children, William Kelly "Will" (Erica) Rhoden Jr. of Dade City, Bridgett (Justin) McCarthy of Warsaw, Indiana, Christopher Rhoden of Dade City, Sandy (Josh) Canady of Brooksville; grandchildren Kaliegh, Kyndal, Peyton, James (Jr.), Josiah, Seth and Jordynn; his companion of 10 years, Lorrie Croushore of Keystone Heights; brother, Wayne Rhoden of Keystone Heights; sister, Dianne (Thomas) Davis-Nogueira of Troutman, North Carolina; and many beloved nieces and nephews and neighbors who became extended family to him.

A private memorial of Bill's life will be held at a later date, after which he will be laid to rest in the family lot at Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Therssa. Cheers to you Bill, for living life your way.

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in a 4-2 win over Tallahassee on Feb. 14.

—A grand slam in a 6-3 win over Thomas University on Feb. 26.

—3 for 3 with two doubles, a grand slam and seven RBI in an 11-0 win over Trinity Baptist on Feb. 28.

Bakken played in a total of 70

games in her two years at FSCJ. She batted .286 over those two seasons with 13 doubles, a triple, nine home runs and 50 RBI.

The Columbia Koalas compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and are members of the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

At BHS, Bakken led the Tornadoes in RBI and home runs her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

ALL-AAC

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—A double with two RBI in a 13-8 win over Long Island on Feb. 22.

—Two RBI in a 5-3 loss to Austin Peay on March 1.

—2 for 3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored in a 9-0 win over Morehead State on March 2.

—3 for 3 with three doubles, four RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases in a 13-0 win over Toledo on March 5.

—2 for 4 with a run scored in a 4-1 win over UAB on March 14.

—3 for 4 with a double and a run scored in a 3-2 win over Charlotte on March 21.

—2 for 4 with a run scored in an 8-6 loss to Charlotte on March 23.

—2 for 2 with a grand slam, five RBI and two runs scored in a 14-3 win over UTSA.

—2 for 4 with a run scored in a 5-2 loss to FIU on April 2.

—2 for 4 with two RBI in a 7-3 loss to USF on April 5.

—2 for 3 with a double and a run scored in an 8-0 win over North Texas on April 13.

—2 for 5 with three RBI and two runs scored in a 24-2 win over Memphis on April 25.

—Two RBI in a 10-2 win over Memphis on April 27.

—5 for 5 with two doubles, five RBI and a run scored in a 13-2 win over Tulsa on May 3.

Channell, who was named AAC Rookie of the Year in 2024, started all 113 games she appeared in during her two years at FAU. Her career stats are a .331 batting average, 33 doubles, three triples, three home runs, 79 RBI and 63 runs scored.

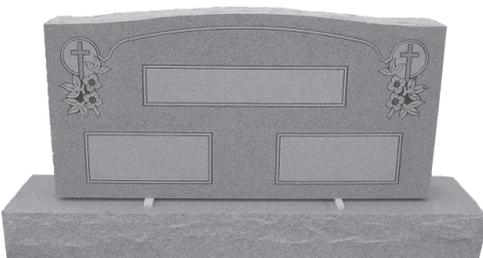
The Owls went 45-12 (23-4 in the AAC) in Channell's sophomore season and were 41-16 (21-6) her freshman season. FAU qualified for the NCAA Regionals both seasons.

Channell now joins a Clemson program that went 48-14 (19-5 in the ACC) this past season, advancing to the Super Regionals and going 1-2 against eventual national champion Texas.

Prior to going to FAU, Channell excelled for five years at the varsity level at KHHS. She led the team in RBI during three of her seasons, including her eighth-grade year.

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Raef Cubbedge (left) and Cy Cubbedge earned invitations to national-level events with their performances at a Top Gun Showcase.

BMS, BHS players receive invites to national-level events

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Brothers who play football for Bradford Middle School and Bradford High School will get the chance to participate in national-level events after their performances at a recent FBU Top Gun Showcase.

Cy Cubbedge, who'll be a sophomore and assume the position of starting quarterback for the Tornados this season, received an invitation to the Navy National Combine, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, in January. Held in association with the Navy All-American Bowl, the event, which will feature the top 600 underclassmen

in the country, will consist of competitive drills and tests, similar to the NFL Scouting Combine. Participants will get to attend the All-American Bowl.

Raef Cubbedge, who plays linebacker, received an invitation to the Under Armour Next 8th Grade All-America Game, which will be held in DeLand in January. According to the Under Armour Next website, participants will go through a week of "high-level" training with "world-class" coaches at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

The all-star game will be played at Spec Martin Memorial Stadium.

Amia Bethea's stellar season comes with all-area honors

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County High School junior Amia Bethea put together an impressive performance during track-and-field season and was named to the all-area teams of three local publications.

Bethea earned two medals at the Class 2A track-and-field finals, placing fifth in the 100m with a time of 11.87 seconds and seventh in the 200m with a time of 25.14. Her 100m time broke her own school record.

The season Bethea had, which also included district and regional championships in the 100m and a district championship in the 200m, got her placed on the Mainstreet Daily News-Bosshardt Realty Small-School All-Area Girls Team and also resulted in her being a Gainesville Sun All-Area first-team selection.

Bethea earned second-team Florida Times-Union All-First Coast Girls Team honors as well.

16 players, including 8 from UC, earn softball honors

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Union County High School had eight softball players earn all-area recognition with the release of the Gainesville Sun's All-Area, the Florida Times-Union's All-First Coast and the Main Street Daily News-Bosshardt Realty All-Area teams.

Honorees also included six from Bradford and two from Keystone Heights.

Union junior second baseman Leanne Dicks was a Gainesville Sun Small-School All-Area first-team selection. She batted .462 (third on the team) and had 27 RBI (second on the team).

Two of Dicks' teammates earned Gainesville Sun Small-School second-team honors as infielders: senior shortstop Mackenzie Orton and freshman infielder/outfielder Courtney Manning.

Manning led the team with a .522 batting average and 10 doubles. She was third on the team in RBI with 26.

Orton led the team in RBI with

28 and home runs with three. She was fourth with a batting average of .333.

Union sophomore outfielder Emma Handley was a third-team All-First Coast selection after batting .464, which was second best on the team. She also had 17 RBI.

Dicks, Manning and Orton earned All-First Coast honorable mention.

Bradford junior catcher Addyson Hinds and Keystone junior pitcher/infielder Kadence Massey earned All-First Coast honorable mention as well.

The Mainstreet Daily News-Bosshardt Realty Small-School All-Area Team included Dicks, Handley and Manning, while the following Union players earned honorable mention: Orton, sophomore outfielder Jaydin Alvarez, senior pitcher Shyla Crowe, sophomore third baseman Brooke Hunt and senior catcher Campbell Webb.

Six Bradford players earned Mainstreet Daily News-Bosshardt Realty Big-School honorable mention: Hinds, freshman outfielder Regan Adams, freshman infielder Taryn Flowers, freshman outfielder Kingslee Phillips, senior outfielder Amber Wynn and senior shortstop/pitcher Keegan Yowell.

Keystone's Massey earned Big-School honorable mention along with teammate Amber Wagner, a junior catcher.

BHS, KHHS, UCHS baseball players earn recognition on all-area teams

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Bradford, Keystone Heights and Union County high school baseball players were placed on all-area teams produced by three publications, with Keystone's Guage Barry, Jeffrey Brugh and Austin Smith earning some of the highest honors.

Keystone's Smith, a senior infielder, was named to the Gainesville Sun's Big-School All-Area first team after batting .400, which was second on the team. He led the Indians in doubles (10) and RBI (32) and was second in hits (38).

Smith's teammate Barry, a senior outfielder and pitcher, was named to the Mainstreet Daily News/Bosshardt Realty All-Area

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Ben Atkinson is pictured with his wife, Cheryl, at the Florida Truck Driving Championships. He earned second place in one of the driving-skills competitions and was a Driver of the Month in 2024.

Atkinson earns a 2nd-place award at truck-driving event

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Ben Atkinson of Lawtey placed second in a driving-skills event and received recognition as a Driver of the Month at Florida Trucking Association's Florida Truck Driving Championships, which were held June 13-14 at Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.

The event consisted of more than 370 drivers who not only competed in a driving-skills course, but were also awarded points on a written regulatory exam and a pre-trip inspection.

Atkinson, who has been driving for ABF Freight Systems Inc. for 21 years, earned a second-place award on the skills course in the Twins class. He placed third in Twins in 2024.

The driving competition consisted of 11 classes.

This was Atkinson's 20th year participating in the Florida Truck Driving Championships. Some of his past highlights include he and fellow ABF Freight drivers winning team trophies in 2005 and 2023.

Drivers of the Month for 2024 were recognized at the event's awards banquet. Atkins earned the honor for July.

The Florida Truck Driving Championships consisted of

drivers who had a combined 535-plus million miles of safe, accident-free driving. According to Florida Truck Association's website, that would be comparable to one person not having any violations or accidents in 940 years of non-stop driving at 65 mph.

Safety is a big reason why Atkinson served as an America's Road Team Captain this past year. Upon his selection, he had accumulated 3 million accident-free miles and had received the ABF Freight Silver and Bronze awards for 30,000 and 15,000 consecutive hours of accident-free driving. Atkinson has also received ABF Freight's 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-Year Safety Performance Driving awards.

America's Road Team members serve as ambassadors, speaking about the trucking industry as well as on safety. They travel throughout the country in the American Trucking Associations' Interstate One Image Truck (Volvo VNL 760), which tows a trailer that bears an image of the U.S. flag and contains a truck-driving simulator and mobile classroom.

Atkinson, who was one of 24 America's Road Team Captains for 2024-25, has been a driver for 37 years.

Marshall runs to 2 wins at AAU Region Qualifier

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Union County's Zoey Marshall, competing with Gainesville's Supreme Performance Athletics, won two events at the AAU Region 9 Qualifier at Winter Garden's West Orange High School, qualifying for the AAU Junior Olympics in the process.

Marshall, competing in the 12-year-old division, sprinted her way to a win in the 200m with a time of 26.06. The second-place finisher had a time of 26.12.

In the 400m, Marshall crossed the line in 59.02, with the runner-up finishing in 59.87.

Marshall was also part of Supreme Performance Athletics' 4x100m relay team, which placed second with a time of 54.53. The winning time was 51.23.

The AAU Junior Olympics track-and-field event will take place July 28-Aug. 2 in Humble,



Zoey Marshall won the 12-year-old 200m and 400m races at the AAU Region 9 Qualifier.

Texas.

Marshall will next compete in the AAU Club Championships, which will be held July 8-12 at Jacksonville's University of North Florida.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 04-2025-CP-000037 In re: DARLA FRANCES HOLLIFIELD, also known as DARLA F. HOLLIFIELD and DARLA HOLLIFIELD, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: SHERRI WYRICK CLINE: YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed

in the above-referenced court, with the above-referenced case style and caption, and you are required to serve any objections on the undersigned, whose address is 420 S. Lawrence Boulevard, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656, within 28 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the undersigned or immediately thereafter; otherwise the Court in this action will consider and may grant the relief requested in the above-identified petition. Dated on June 12, 2025. DENNY THOMPSON Clerk of the Court BY: TASHER ALLEN Deputy Clerk 6/19 4tchg 7/10-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Ron Denmark Mini Storage will hold a public auction on Thursday July 10th, 2025 at 10:00am at 2117 N. Temple Ave. Starke, FL on the following units containing personal items: Unit 32- Belonging to D. Knowles Unit 39 - Belonging to M. McDuffie Unit 23 - Belonging to T. Stephenson Unit 50 - Belonging to L. Brugal Units 81 & 158 - Belonging to J. Burton Unit 16 - Belonging to J. Griffis 6/26 2tchg 7/3-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO.: 2025-CP-000060 In re: THE ESTATE OF CURTIS GIBSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Curtis Gibson, whose date of death was March 22, 2025, and whose Social Security Number is ***-**-7957, is pending in the Circuit Court for Bradford County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Bradford County Courthouse, 945 N Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida 32091. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 26, 2025.

Personal Representative: Carolyn Sue Cragg 8278 SW 155th Way Starke, Florida 32091 Attorneys for Personal Representative: TAYLOR ARRUBLA HARDWICK P.A. By /s/Jennifer T. Arrubla James J. Taylor Jr. Florida Bar No. 334057 Jennifer T. Arrubla Florida Bar No. 98804 420 S. Lawrence Blvd. Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 Primary Email: Jennifer@tah-law.com Secondary Email: Jim@tah-law.com Kim@tah-law.com 352-473-8088 (telephone) 352-473-8161 (facsimile) 6/26 2tchg 7/3-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 24000225CAAXMX WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE TRUST

2022-5, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2022-5, Plaintiff,

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

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 28, 2025, and entered in 24000225CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Bradford County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE TRUST 2022-5, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2022-5 is the Plaintiff and LESTER DE JESUS ESTEVEZ, CYNTHIA SILVA, AQUA FINANCE, Inc. are the Defendant(s). Denny Thompson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Front Lobby 945 N. Temple Ave., Starke, FL 32091, at 11:00 AM, on July 24, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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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 in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 24th day of June, 2025. ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: fmail@raslg.com By: \S\ Amanda Murphy

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the undersigned: WAYNE FRIER HOME CENTER OF MACCLENNY LLC, 12788 US Hwy 90W, Live Oak, FL 32060, SOLE owner, doing business under the firm name of: WAYNE FRIER LAWTEY, 20667 N US HWY 301, Lawtey, FL, 32058 intends to register fictitious name under the aforesaid statute. Dated this 30th day of JUNE A.D., 2025, in BRADFORD County. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 24000358CAAXMX Division: Civil Judge Katherine Floyd PNC Bank, National Association Plaintiff, vs. Erica Hall, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2025 at 11:00AM, the below named Clerk of Court will offer by sale in the lobby of the Bradford County Courthouse, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091 the following described real property: Real property located in the County of Bradford, State of Florida, to-wit: The East half (50 feet) of Lot 2, Block B, in that certain subdivision known as Mount Pleasant on Silver Lake, as the same appears of record in Plat Book 2, Page 45, public records of Bradford County, Florida. Commonly known as: 5756 Southeast 55th Terrace, Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from this 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. The sale is being held pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered on June 26, 2025, in Civil Case No. 24000358CAAXMX, pending in the Circuit Court in Bradford County, Florida.

DENNY THOMPSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA Craig P. Rogers (FLBN: 352128) Michael E. Carleton (FLBN: 1007924) Jordan A. Zeppetello (FLBN: 1049568) Jasmin Hernandez (FLBN: 1044494) The Manley Law Firm LLC P. O. Box 165028 Columbus, OH 43216-5028 Telephone: 407-404-5266 Telecopier: 614-220-5613 Primary: statee-file@mdklegal.com Secondary: CPRogers@mdklegal.com Attorney for Plaintiff 7/3 2tchg 7/10-BCT

BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE REGARDING ADOPTION OF NEW IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE AND THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF IMPACT FEES COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Bradford County, Florida (the "County") will consider adoption of an impact fee ordinance providing for the imposition and collection of impact fees on new growth and development to fund fire protection, law enforcement and emergency medical services facilities necessary to serve the new growth and development, commencing October 1, 2025. In accordance with section 163.31801, Florida Statutes, the County hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt the new impact fees and rate schedules set forth below. The Board will meet in regular session on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, 945 North Temple Avenue Starke, Florida 32091 to consider adoption of such Ordinance the title of which is as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF FIRE PROTECTION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS; ADOPTING PROCESSES

AND PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF SUCH IMPACT FEES; APPROVING AN IMPACT FEE STUDY; ADOPTING RATE SCHEDULES FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPACT FEES WILL APPLY TO ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION NOT EXEMPTED HEREUNDER FOR WHICH A COMPLETED BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2025; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL PARTICIPATION; PROVIDING CREDIT FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF IMPACT FEES; PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN SIZE AND USE OF PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW HEARINGS; AMENDING, RESTATING AND CONSOLIDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CODE RELATED TO IMPACT FEES, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 43 ENTITLED "IMPACT FEES ON LAND DEVELOPMENT"; REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING PROVISIONS OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CODE WHICH ARE OBSOLETE OR WHICH PERTAIN TO THE IMPOSITION OF IMPACT FEES FOR ROADS, PARKS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND LIBRARY FACILITIES; REQUIRING PERIODIC REVIEW OF IMPACT FEE STUDIES AND THIS ORDINANCE; DECLARATION OF EXCLUSION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. If the Ordinance is enacted following the public hearing to be held on July 17, 2025, new impact fees shall apply to all new construction not exempted by the Ordinance for which a complete application for a Building Permit is submitted on and after October 1, 2025, in amounts not to exceed the following rate schedules:

Fire Protection Impact Fee Rate Schedule
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Residential Use
\$258.00 per Dwelling Unit
Non-Residential Use
\$101.00 per 1,000 Square Feet

Each impact fee is subject to an administrative charge of 2% of the amount paid to cover the cost of administration and collection. The impact fees will be imposed in all unincorporated areas of the County and within those municipalities which enter into an interlocal agreement with the County by which a municipality agrees to collect the County's impact fees and remit the proceeds thereof to the County. The City of Starke provides its own fire protection facilities so the County's fire impact fees will not be imposed within the municipal boundaries of Starke.

The public is invited to attend the July 17, 2025 Board meeting for consideration of the proposed impact fee Ordinance. Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure a verbatim record of the hearing is made which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of the proposed impact fee Ordinance are available in the County Manager's office, 945 North Temple Ave, Starke, FL 32091. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she 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. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation of an interpreter to participate in these proceedings should contact the County Manager at (904) 966-6327, at least 48 hours prior to the time of the hearing. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

LEGAL NOTICE: The Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Planning Committee/Workgroup will meet July 17th, 2025, at 3:00 pm in the Bradford County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the Bradford County Sheriff's Office at 945B North Temple Avenue, Starke, FL 32091. Bradford County Emergency Management encourages any interested citizens and business owners to attend and provide input. The Committee guides the preparation and contents of the Bradford County Local Mitigation Strategy which serves as the plan

submitted to the Florida Division of Emergency Management to reduce the community's long-term risk for protecting people and property from the effects of natural disasters and to build a safer and stronger community. This public meeting is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person wanting to attend the meeting and requires assistance with accessibility and/or interpretation should contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. Any person wishing to provide comments who cannot attend the meeting may do so by submitting written comments via email to bce@mbradfordsheriff.org at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting date. The meeting agenda may be obtained within 5 days of the meeting date via email request as well, or by visiting www.bradfordsheriff.org/emergency-management/lms/. Please contact the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Division at (904) 966-6336 for more information. A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION 7/3 2tchg 7/10-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A VARIANCE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a variance, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on July 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. V 25-05 an application by Alyssa Sanford, request a Variance be granted as provided for in Section 4.5 "A", Agricultural-2, Section 4.5.7 Minimum Yard Requirements, from a required 25 feet to a requested 10 feet along the East lot line of the property being described as follows: A parcel of land lying in the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, Township 6 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Fla. and being Bradford County Parcel Number 04576-0-00600

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. Aforementioned public hearing, all interested parties may appear to be heard with respect to the appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, 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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BRADFORD COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS BY THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Land Development Regulations, objections, recommendations and comments concerning a special exception, as described below, will be heard by the Board of Adjustment of Bradford County, Florida, at a public hearing on July 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the County Commission Meeting Room, North Wing, County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida. SE 25-02, an application petition by Alexandria Kukacka, to request a Special Exception be granted as provided for in Section 4.5 "A" Agricultural, Section 4.5.5 Ag-2 # 25 of the Bradford County Land Development Regulations to allow for a Guest House with separate utility meter from primary structure to be located at the property being described as follows; p/o Lot 43 of Woodlawn Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17, in Section 15, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, of the public records of Bradford County, Florida. Being Bradford County Parcel Number

01218-0-00900. 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 appeal. Copies of the material are available for public inspection at the Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, 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 is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

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 Comprehensive Plan, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commission 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 July 17th, 2025 at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. S250603A, an application by Newman Real Property, LLC., owner, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan by amending the future land use map classification from AGRICULTURE to COMMERCIAL for the property described, as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE 1/4 AND RUN N.00°30'W, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 980 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S.88°00'20"W, 1,800.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THEN S.00°30'E, 304.54 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE S.00°30'E, A DISTANCE OF 152.27 FEET; THENCE S.88°00'20"W, A DISTANCE OF 432.26 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 200; THENCE N.15°46'E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 158.96 FEET; THENCE N.88°00'20"E, A DISTANCE OF 387.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 1.46 Acres, more or less. TAX PARCEL NUMBER 04760-0-00101

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 future 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 by request to the Bradford County Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours. Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)463-3169 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771. 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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

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BRADFORD

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

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners, 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 July 17th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Z 25-01, an application by Newman Real Property, LLC, owner, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas Series of the Land Development Regulations by amending the Official Zoning Atlas classification from AGRICULTURE-2 ("A-2") to COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE ("CI") for the property described, as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SE ¼ AND RUN N.00°30'W, ALONG THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF, 980 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE S.88°00'20"W, 1,800.00 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THEN S.00°30'E, 304.54 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE S.00°30'E, A DISTANCE OF 152.27 FEET; THENCE S.88°00'20"W, A DISTANCE OF 432.26 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 200; THENCE N.15°46'E, ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 158.96 FEET; THENCE N.88°00'20"E, A DISTANCE OF 387.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 1.46 Acres, more or less TAX PARCEL NUMBER 04760-0-00101

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 future 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 by request to the Bradford County Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)498-1206 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771.

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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD 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 Bradford County, Florida, at public hearing on July 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida. The title of said ordinances reads, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX-XX AN ORDINANCE OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 91-09, THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED; RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE BRADFORD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION S250603A, BY THE PROPERTY OWNER, UNDER THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP SERIES OF THE UNINCORPORATED LIMITS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; 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 future 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 by request to the Bradford County Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)498-1206 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771.

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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida shall hold a public hearing on July 17th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Bradford County Courthouse, located at 945 N. Temple Avenue in Starke, Florida, to consider the exercise of its authority pursuant to Chapter 336, Florida Statutes, to close and abandon the following; p/o the West ½ of the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 21, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Fla., being more particularly described as follows:

The Northerly 15 feet and the Westerly 15 feet of Parcel F. Being p/o Bradford County Parcel Number 01311-0-00101.

Copies of materials related to this public hearing may be obtained by any member of the public at the Office of the Zoning Department, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, exclusive of holidays, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.). On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to this matter.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Persons with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the meeting are requested to notify the Clerk of the Court, Bradford County Courthouse, Starke, Florida, 904-966-6280 at least two business days in advance; if you are hearing or voice impaired call 1-800-955-8771.

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

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners, 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 July 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Z 25-02, an application by Tommy Lee Alexander, owner, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas Series of the Land Development Regulations by amending the Official Zoning Atlas classification from RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY -1 ("RSF-1") to RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME-1 ("RSF/MH-1") for the property described, as follows: A tract of land situated in the South ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said tract being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a concrete monument at the Northeast corner of the SW ¼ of said NW ¼ and run S.00°30'32" West, along the east line of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼, a distance of 784.00 feet to a concrete monument and the Point of Beginning; Thence run S.88°16'46" East, 179.86 feet; Thence run S.33°51'30" East, 199.92 feet; thence run North 88°16'29" West, 695.52 feet to the easterly right of way line of a 60 foot county graded road; Thence run N.19°57'02" West, along said easterly right of way line, 174.96 feet; Thence run S.88°16'45" East, 463.95 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.5 acres, more or less. TAX PARCEL NUMBER 05819-0-01031, 05819-0-01032, 05819-0-

01033, 05819-0-01034, AND 05819-0-01035

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 future 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 by request to the Bradford County Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodations to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)498-1206 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771.

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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

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 Comprehensive Plan, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Comprehensive Plan, objections, recommendations and comments concerning the amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commission 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 July 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

S250613A, an application by Josue Botero, agent, on behalf of Magan and Sukanya Patel, OWNERS, to amend the Future Land Use Plan Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan by amending the future land use map classification from RESIDENTIAL, LOW DENSITY TO COMMERCIAL for the property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 14 and run S89°36'49"W, along the South line thereof, for a distance of 686.59 feet to the Westerly R/W line of State Road 200; thence run N17°33'50"E, as a basis of bearings, along said Westerly R/W line, for a distance of 87.85 feet to the Northerly R/W line of County Road 125; thence continue N17 degrees 33'50"E, along said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200, for a distance of 536.53 feet to the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run N72°26'10"W for a distance of 389.49 feet; thence run N17°33'50"E, parallel with said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200, for a distance of 646.74 feet; thence run N89°33'00"E for a distance of 409.57 feet to said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200; thence run S17°33'50"W, along said Westerly R/W line, for a distance of 773.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a county graded road along the North line thereof. The above described parcel being a portion of Official Record Book 264 Pages 73-74 of the public records of said County.

Containing 6.35 Acres, more or less TAX PARCEL NUMBER 01194-0-00100

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 future 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 by request to the Bradford County Office of the Director of Zoning, Planning, and Building, County Courthouse, located at 945 North Temple Avenue, North Wing, Starke, Florida, during regular business hours.

Persons with disabilities requesting reasonable accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact (352)463-3169 (Voice & TDD) or via Florida Relay Service (800)955-8771.

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. 7/3 1tchg-BCT

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

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SERVING AS THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida Statutes, as amended, and the Bradford County Land Development Regulations, as amended, comments, objections and recommendations concerning an amendment, as described below, will be heard by the Board of County Commissioners, 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 July 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, North Wing of the County Courthouse, located at 954 N. Temple Avenue, Starke, Florida.

Z 25-03, an application by Josue Botero, agent, on behalf of Magan and Sukanya Patel, owners, to amend the Official Zoning Atlas Series of the Land Development Regulations by amending the Official Zoning Atlas classification from RESIDENTIAL (MIXED), SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOME -1 ("RSF/MH-1") TO COMMERCIAL, INTENSIVE ("CI") for the property described, as follows: A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 22 East, Bradford County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southeast corner of said Section 14 and run S89°36'49"W, along the South line thereof, for a distance of 686.59 feet to the Westerly R/W line of State Road 200; thence run N17°33'50"E, as a basis of bearings, along said Westerly R/W line, for a distance of 87.85 feet to the Northerly R/W line of County Road 125; thence continue N17 degrees 33'50"E, along said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200, for a distance of 536.53 feet to the Point of Beginning. From the Point of Beginning thus described run N72°26'10"W for a distance of 389.49 feet; thence run N17°33'50"E, parallel with said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200, for a distance of 646.74 feet; thence run N89°33'00"E for a distance of 409.57 feet to said Westerly R/W line of State Road 200; thence run S17°33'50"W, along said Westerly R/W line, for a distance of 773.40 feet to the Point of Beginning. SUBJECT TO a county graded road along the North line thereof. The above described parcel being a portion of Official Record Book 264 Pages 73-74 of the public records of said County.

Containing 6.35 Acres, more or less TAX PARCEL NUMBER 01194-0-00100

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 future notice concerning the matter will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearing.

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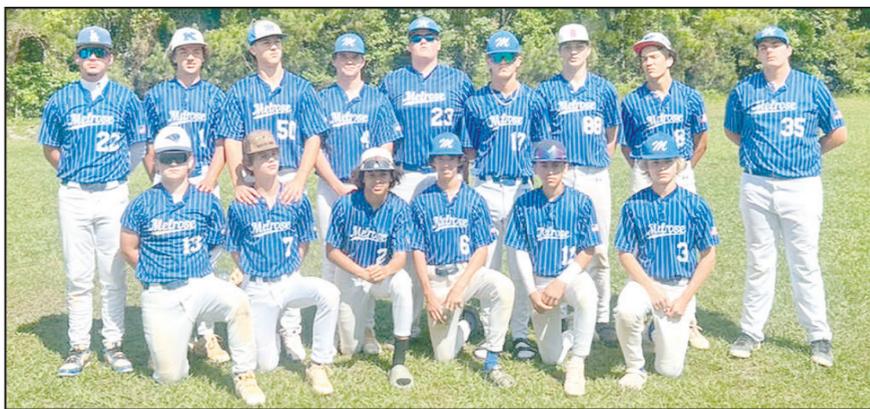
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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a **SPECIAL MEETING** on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 5:20pm at the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054. The **SPECIAL MEETING** will be held for the Board's review, approval, and signing of the amendment to the wastewater services agreement with the Florida Department of Corrections. 7/3 1tchg-UCT

BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTICE The City of Lake Butler City Commission will hold a **CONTINUED BUDGET WORKSHOP** on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 5:30pm at the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall at 200 SW 1st Street Lake Butler, FL 32054. The **CONTINUED BUDGET WORKSHOP** will be for the Board's continued discussion on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Lake Butler. 7/3 1tchg-UCT



The Melrose 16U All-Stars won the state championship, defeating DeBary and Hamilton County by a combined score of 24-4 before earning a 5-3 win over Orange Park in the title game. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Aero Spangler, Dylan Currington, Branson Byrd, Kason Paulk, Juan Oquendo, Cody Musgrove, (back, l-r) Trent Peacock, Ryder Trull, Aiden Wossilek, Conner Flinchum, Cannon Sapp, Holston Frazier, Tobias Cunigan, Brock Screen and Kandan Crawford. Not pictured: Steven Carter.

Melrose 16U All-Stars win state

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Brock Screen's two-run double in the bottom of the third would prove to be the difference as the Melrose 16U All-Stars baseball team defeated Orange Park 5-3 to win the state championship on June 29 in New Smyrna Beach.

Ryder Trull earned the save, taking to the mound with one out and runners on second and third. He struck out the first batter he faced on four pitches and then forced the second batter he faced to line out to second baseman Cody Musgrove.

Melrose, which won its first two tournament games by a combined score of 24-4 to reach the championship game, now advances to the Southeast Region Tournament, which will

be played July 15-20 at Sam Fleishman Regional Sports Complex in Fort Myers.

Trull and Steven Carter combined to drive in five runs to help Melrose open state-tournament play with a 10-0 win over DeBary on June 26.

Starting pitcher Cannon Sapp gave up two hits through 3.1 innings, striking out five.

Trull finished it off on the mound, entering the game with one runner on with one out in the fourth. He gave up one hit before getting out of the inning and then allowed no hits in the fifth (final) inning.

A three-run second inning saw Aero Spangler and Dylan Currington reach on a single and a walk, respectively. A Carter single scored courtesy runner Kason Paulk, while a Holston Frazier ground out scored both Currington and Carter.

Melrose increased its lead to 5-0 in the third. Juan Oquendo singled, advanced to third on an error and scored on a Trull single. Trull scored on an error.

Currington reached on a ground-ball error to lead off the bottom of the fourth. Carter hit an RBI single and then scored himself on an error. Frazier and Branson Byrd both walked and then scored on a Trull single, making the score 9-0.

Conner Flinchum was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the fifth, scoring the final run.

Trull finished 2 for 3 with three RBI, while Carter went 2 for 2 with two RBI.

Melrose got three RBI each from Oquendo and Trent Peacock in defeating Hamilton County 14-4 on June 28.

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UCHS hoops program hosts youth camp

BY CLIFF SMELLEY
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Head Varsity Coach Alvin Merriex and the Union County High School boys basketball program hosted a June 26-28 youth camp, helping to teach basketball fundamentals to boys and girls, ages 8-14.

The camp has the obvious goal of benefitting the Union schools' basketball programs, but for Merriex, offering such a camp goes beyond that.

"I did it because I wanted to give back to my community and let them know I appreciate them," Merriex said, adding, "We have a great community here. Anytime you can give back to your community, that's always great. That's why we're only charging \$25. This is not a fundraising event. This is more of, 'Thank you. Let us give you something back.'"

Camp participation has actually spanned beyond the borders of Union County. Merriex said children from Alachua, Lake City and Starke.

As for Union County, such a camp does fill a need, Merriex noted. Youth programs are available for sports such as football, baseball, softball and



ABOVE: Skyler Merriex (right) challenges the shot attempt of UCHS player Erick Lasseter. LEFT: Addison Wright (right) prepares to shoot a free throw as UCHS player Garrison Smith looks on. Kimber Andrews and Reece Vandevoren are also pictured.

soccer, but nothing is offered for their hands and teaching them offensive and defensive skills basketball.

Of course, getting children at a younger age to become comfortable with a ball in

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Kimber Andrews takes her turn as participants practice layups on day two of the camp.



Jeremiah Douglas (left) looks to pass while being guarded by Reece Vandevoren.

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STATE

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Hamilton held a 1-0 lead before Melrose scored five runs in the top of the second. Screen and Musgrove both reached on fly ball errors, with Screen

scoring on the second error. Currington drove in the second run on a single, followed by Tobias Cunigan drawing a walk. Trull drove in one run when he hit into a fielder's choice, while a Peacock ground out scored the inning's final two runs.

Melrose went up 12-1 with a seven-run fourth. Currington led

off the inning with a single before stealing second, advancing to third on a balk and scoring on a Cunigan single. After Byrd singled, Oquendo hit a two-run double. Back-to-back triples by Trull and Peacock put another run on the board, while Flinchum drove in one by hitting into a fielder's choice.

The final two runs of the inning came off a Screen triple and a Paulk single.

Two errors and an Oquendo ground out scored the first of two runs in the fifth inning. Flinchum drew a bases-loaded walk to score the second.

Flinchum finished with two RBI, while Cunigan, Currington, Paulk, Screen and Trull each had one.

Currington and Trull each batted 2 for 3.

Frazier pitched one inning, giving up an unearned run and one hit.

Cunigan (2.1 innings) allowed

three runs and three hits with three strikeouts, while Paulk (1.2 innings) gave up no runs and no hits.

In the championship game, Melrose built a 5-0 lead before claiming the trophy with the 5-3 win over Orange Park.

Melrose scored one run in each of the first two innings. Oquendo reached on an error in the first and scored on a Sapp single. Byrd singled in the second and scored on Oquendo's two-out single.

With one out in the third, Peacock and Sapp both walked. After Spangler singled to load the bases, Screen hit a two-run double into left. A Currington

ground out scored the final run, making it a 5-0 game.

Orange Park got on the board with a two-run fourth, putting two on with a single and a walk and scoring runs on a sacrifice fly and an error.

The top of the sixth saw Orange Park hit a leadoff triple and then score a run on a single before Trull entered the game to close it out on the mound.

Screen pitched the first 3.1 innings, giving up two unearned runs and one hit, while striking out three.

Peacock allowed one run and three hits with two strikeouts in two innings before giving way to Trull.

HONORS

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Big-School team as an outfielder. Barry batted a team-high .420 and was second in doubles (6) and third in RBI (19).

Barry was also a Florida Times-Union All-First Coast second-team selection as an outfielder.

Union junior outfielder Brugh was named to the Mainstreet Daily News/Bosshardt Realty All-Area Small-School team after leading the Tigers in hits with 38 and with a .365 batting average.

Brugh was also a Gainesville Sun Small-School All-Area second-team selection.

Keystone junior infielder Destin Harnage was a second-team Gainesville Sun Big-School All-Area pick. He led the Indians with 39 hits and was third in batting average at .394.

Harnage also received All-First Coast honorable mention, as did teammates Smith and senior pitcher Ty Mitzel.

Union junior infielder/pitcher Erick Lasseter earned All-First Coast honorable mention as a utility player.

Lasseter was one of four Union players to earn Mainstreet Daily News/Bosshardt Realty Small-School honorable mention, joining senior infielder/pitcher Devin Diggs, senior outfielder Trenton Klein and senior infielder Jake Walker.

Harnage, Mitzel and Smith earned Mainstreet Daily News/Bosshardt Realty Big-School honorable mention along with two other Keystone players: junior outfielder/pitcher Ethan Franklin and senior infielder Andrew Wilson.

Bradford players earning Mainstreet Daily News/Bosshardt Realty Big-School honorable mention were junior infielder/pitcher Avery Burgin, junior outfielder Breion Johnson, freshman infielder/outfielder Kaedan Parks, sophomore outfielder/pitcher Patrick Pendarvis, junior infielder/pitcher Ryland Rike and senior outfielder/pitcher Matthew Stafford.

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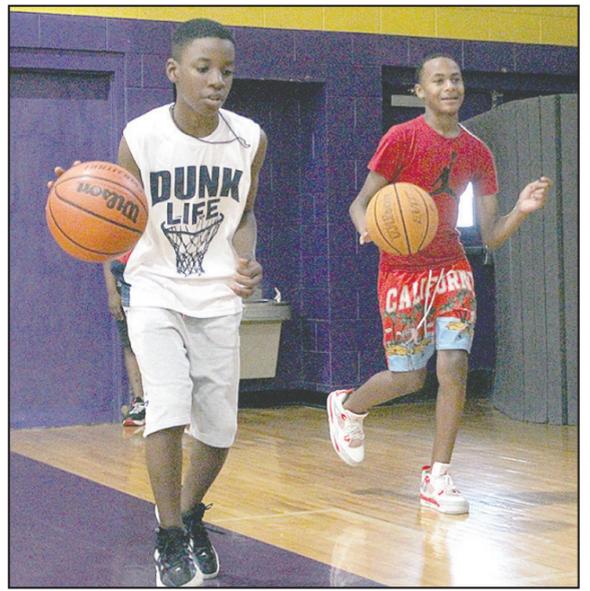
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Christian Douglas (left) and Tyrel Chandler work on their dribbling.



Jyra Merriex (right) gets some pointers from UCHS Head Coach (and her father) Alvin Merriex.

CAMP

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road for the middle school and high school teams.

"When you want to build a program, you have to start at a young age," Merriex said.

Approximately 25 children participated in the camp, learning not only from Merriex and other coaches, but from UCHS players as well. One, that's exciting for the children who look up to the high-school players, but Merriex said it's also good for the high-

school players. Part of his program is encouraging players to help out in their community and take on mentorship roles.

"It's teaching my kids how to serve," Merriex said. "We always talk about loving and serving others."

Merriex laughed when he talked about another benefit — players get to see what it's like to be in a coach's shoes.

"It causes them to be a little more obedient when I ask them to do something," Merriex said.

The camp is planned as an annual event.

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