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Each year we compile the prior years' service statistics to include crime stats, calls received and type, the number and type of crimes and showcase the different departments within the Sheriff's Office as those we serve deserve to know how their tax dollars are being spent. The Sheriff's Office Budget for 2022/2023 is approximately \$7 million dollars. The Sheriff's Office consists of Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security, Emergency Management, School Protection, County Wide Communications, Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Mapping/911 and Inmate work squads.

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Welcome to the North Florida Region!

Pam Whittle, Chamber President

Welcome to the North Florida Region, we at NFRCC proudly serve and support the business community of Bradford, Union and SW Clay counties. We work with multiple agencies and organizations to make sure that our area businesses are represented and informed. We are currently working with the City of Starke and the Department of Transportation, as they work to complete the railroad overpass on SR 100 / Madison Street by the spring of 2023. The resurfacing of Call Street from US 301 to St. Clair Street started mid-January 2023 also on the list of projects is the removal of the pavers that were at two major intersections on Call Street and installing stamped concrete to simulate the pavers. The local businesses have been challenged during the six plus weeks that it has taken to complete this project and the Chamber has done our best to keep businesses informed about parking and driving details while encouraging customers to continuing coming downtown to shop and dine. Businesses located along this corridor keep reminding ourselves how great it will look when DOT has completed these projects

and there are no more orange cones and barricades dotting our downtown. The Chamber office is located beside one of the intersection projects being renovated so we have had a front row seat to this particular project.

We have been working with some of the key folks in Lake Butler looking to find that small hotel that is so needed for the community. This is a project that will be beneficial not just to the residents of Lake Butler but also utilized by the major employers that currently have nowhere in county for overnight visiting dignitaries. The addition of a Microtel would be beneficial for neighboring communities during major events like the Fair and Strawberry Festival keeping folks closer to the events. To date we have been unsuccessful in finding the perfect fit for Lake Butler / Union County on this project but we will continue to search and seek out the best business for the area.

The Keystone RV Resort has brought so many new things to our region, not just campers but residents who are now our neighbors. The additional spaces being opened with the expansion of yet another section of the



resort more will be coming to visit and live. The beautiful grounds and new community room are such an asset to our region adding a space that the area formally was lacking where larger groups may host meetings. The proximity to restaurant Orange Blossom and the Keystone Airport makes Keystone RV Resort truly a gem for our area.

These are just a few of the many projects that are currently in place or will be launched within the next few months. Starke/Bradford County is poised for growth and activity and the Chamber is very excited to be a small part in the great group that is working to make this happen. It is our plan that as our region grows that we grow wisely and keep the charm and appeal that brought so many to this region in the first place.

Welcome to Bradford County

Bradford County is a rural community located in Northeast Florida. Bradford was founded as New River County in 1858 but was renamed Bradford County in 1861. The county has a population of 27,000 people and covers 294 square miles. Bradford County is home to the City of Starke, City of Lawtey, City of Hampton and the Town of Brooker with Starke being the county seat.

Parks & Recreation

Welcome to the Bradford County Parks and Recreation page. Bradford County is home to five publicly accessible lakes and two wildlife management areas, with many opportunities for recreation on land and water.

Lakes And Boat Ramp Locations

- Hampton Lake - West End of Southwest 101st Street, Hampton, FL 32044
- Sampson and Rowell Lakes - 14300 Southwest 75th Ave, Starke, FL 32091
- Little Lake Santa Fe - 3858 Southeast 20th Ave, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
- Santa Fe Lake - 42500 Northeast State Road 26, Melrose, FL 32666

Parks

- Pleasant Grove Park - At the corner of Northwest County Road 229 and Northwest 177th Street, Starke, FL 32091
- Speedville Park- 879 Southeast 35th Street, Melrose, FL 32666
- Lincoln City Park - At the corner of Southeast 143rd Terrace and Southeast 44th Avenue, Starke, FL 32091

Wildlife Management Areas

- Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife Management Area
Southeast 11th Avenue, Starke, FL 32091
(Approximately 1/2 Mile off State Road 100)

The Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife Management Area (WMA) consist of 7,272 acres and is open for fishing, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, hiking, and bicycling throughout the year. Children under the age of 16 are required to wear a helmet when horseback riding on public lands. Hunting of white-tailed deer, feral hog, turkey, gray squirrel, and eastern cottontail rabbit is allowed in this WMA during specified seasons with primitive weapons only (bow and arrow and muzzleloader).

- Raiford Wildlife Management Area
Northwest County Road 125, Lawtey, FL 32058

Raiford WMA consists of 9,141 acres and is located along the New River in northwest Bradford County. The New River flows through the center of the WMA, and Olustee Creek (which branches off of the New River) flows through the eastern portion of the WMA. Much of the area is closed or in private ownership but the remaining portion of the area is open for hunting during specified seasons. Wild turkey, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, eastern cottontail rabbit, gopher tortoise, raccoon, and red-tailed hawk are some of the wildlife species that can be found in the area.



The Great Bradford Chamber of Commerce is a vital part of the ongoing growth that is taking place here in the Bradford County area. Your membership in the Chamber provides unparalleled opportunities to connect with peers, current and prospective clients, and partners up and down the supply chain, to keep communication lines open.

Further, the programs and events the Chamber supports, promotes, and is involved in provide extraordinary opportunities to grow needed networks and gain new insights to address the ever-changing challenges facing all of us in business today. By working together as Chamber members, we have a much stronger voice with our elected leaders as they contemplate policy revisions and new rules and regulations that create greater certainty and an improved environment for business in Bradford County.

The Chamber's involvement in promoting the Rural County Days Event in Tallahassee over the last few years, has helped the Chambers and Local Business connect and provide Legislators with the uniqueness of local Businesses, their talent influence in the local community, promoting e-commerce, developing trends and patterns that are unique to Rural communities.

We support the Bradford Chamber, membership and residents in Bradford County and encourage you all to shop locally and support your community. We represent you in Tallahassee from both the House of Representatives and Florida Senate and your concerns, ideas and opportunities are something we greatly value.



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Community Events

January	MLK Day	June	14th Flag Day Father's Day 19th Juneteenth
February	1st Saturday of the month – North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting Rural Counties Day in Tallahassee on the Capitol Miss Bradford Fest Pageant The Florida Challenge at Bradford Sportsmens Farm Bradford-Union Strawberry Pageant	July	4th Starke Splash n Bash Lake Butler Celebration on the Lake Keystone Heights Our Country Day
March	Bradford Agricultural Fair North Florida Outdoor Expo Rotary Beast Feast Union Co. Livestock Assoc. Agricultural Fair Lake Butler Rotary Annual Luau Fundraiser Bradford Strawberry Festival	August	Barnyard Fantasy Football League Annual BBQ Cook-off
April	American Values Dinner (Boy Scouts) Starke Kiwanis Annual Golf Tournament Florida State Sporting Clays Championships Easter	September	Labor Day
May	05 Cinco De Mayo Mother's Day Memorial Day	October	Columbus Day Altrusa Gala Great Pumpkin Escape
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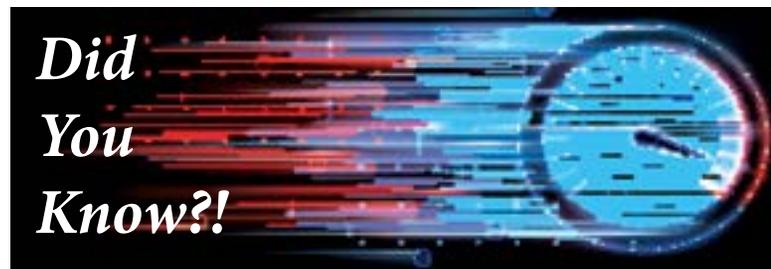
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Town Clerk - Suzanne McRee



Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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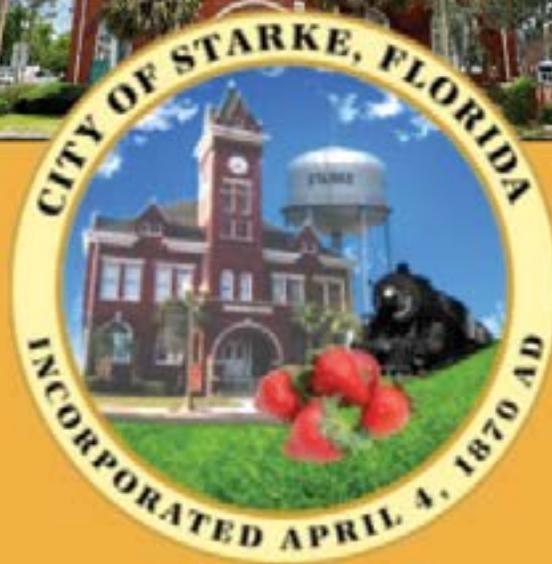


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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we move into 2023, plenty is happening in the City of Starke. From the opening of several new businesses, to the redevelopment of our historic core, our community is one that is on the rise.

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development progress in our community.

This board, amongst others, recognized and embraced that economic development education in addition to cooperation and collaboration between different Bradford County Boards and groups needed to be facilitated. The BCDA continues to focus efforts and continues to be a catalyst for these changes. Another key priority continues to be identifying sources of additional revenue to aid in

our quest of economic development for Bradford County as well as proactively contacting prospective businesses encouraging expansion to the Bradford County region. Building relationships with site selectors, government agencies and other EDC groups has started showing results. The BCDA has aided in responding to major RFP's in the past.

With the vision of Representative Bobby Payne, one of the biggest endeavors the

BCDA, in partnership with a committee formed of several county and community leaders, took on was the creation of Rural Counties Day. The many hours that were put in over the past few years, has resulted in what has been noted as one of the most visible legislative events in Tallahassee.

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UF RESEARCHERS BASE INTERNATIONAL LIGHTNING RESEARCH NEAR CAMP BLANDING

By Don Coble

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Not all the loud blasts from the Camp Blanding area are military explosions. Some are part of the University of Florida's research on one of nature's most potent forces – lightning.

The university's International Center for Lightning Research and Testing was originally created after one of the state's worst droughts to find solutions for wildfires triggered by lightning strikes. But there was one problem: scientists had to wait for passing storms to do their work.

Martin Uman, chair of the College of Engineering's electrical and computer engineering department, told the university's *Explore* magazine his group had to create a way to accelerate Mother Nature's fury.

"It was a horror," Uman said. "We were all set to go. Everybody was there."

When storms blew through, strikes were unpredictable and lasted less than a second. Also, lightning is thunderous and 50,000 degrees.

Uman and the University of West Florida's professor of electrical engineering Doug Jordan set up a high-speed camera at Camp Blanding in Starke for optical measurements. But he only had 15 good images after 15 years of research.

Engineers at Florida launched skinny rockets 2,400 feet from batteries of steel tubes into a storm cloud to induce a lightning strike.

According to the university, researchers recorded as many as 35 strikes one summer by firing rockets from a 35-foot wooden structure topped by a lightning rod on the base.

Not only will ongoing research help scientists better prepare for dangerous conditions, but it can also help avoid emergencies like small airports losing power and keeping people from being killed by strikes. Each year, about 150 people die by lightning and strikes create more than \$500 million in insurance claims, according to the university.

“When we understand the mechanism, we will try to design a better lightning protection system,” said Vladimir Rakov, a UF electrical and computer engineering professor.

Research at the Starke lab has resulted in more than 100 published papers on the different aspects of lightning, mainly how electric and magnetic fields are related to currents.

Lightning research has come a long way since Benjamin Franklin tied a key to a kite he flew in a storm. The Camp Blanding facility is considered one of the premier research centers in the world.

“Every year, we’re able to do fancier and fancier stuff and learn more and more than we could before,” Uman told Explore.





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Photo left to right:
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Bradford County Building, Zoning and Fire Prevention, Community Development, Department of Health & Veterans



Bradford County Building, Zoning and Fire Prevention

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Our ultimate goal is to serve the residents of Bradford County with professionalism and efficiency through licensing, permitting and inspections to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our community. Our staff has over 13 years' experience and not to mention we all live in this wonderful county.



The Building Department can help customers with permits needed for their home renovation, additions, or new construction, installing a mobile or modular home. We also issue roof, AC, electrical and plumbing permits. We also help customers with fraud or unlicensed activity. Our Zoning Department will also help answer any questions you have about land use, zoning or rezoning, setbacks, flood zones, land development and much more. The departments wouldn't be complete without the Fire Marshal which offers life safety inspections for assisted living, daycares, new or existing commercial buildings, and change of occupancy. We love visitors and want to keep YOU on task during your next project! *Please visit our website to receive more info or call 904-966-6223 • www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/building*



Community Development

Community Development Director- Kelly Canady

Our mission is to improve our housing stock in Bradford County. We strive daily to improve the quality of life to all qualified residents. We assist in home repairs and purchase assistance for affordable homes. We take pride in helping make our community a better place every day.



Department of Health

Department of Health Administrator- Amie Oody

The Department of Health provides excellent work by focusing on healthy lifestyles and behaviors, public safety, maternal and child health. These goals are accomplished through staff that are empowered and trained to perform their job duties to the best of their ability with professionalism and dedication to improving the health of our Bradford community. The health department believes establishing partnerships and community commitments are key to improving the health status of residents and working closely with the Board of County Commissioners, local health advisory boards, and outside organizations vested in advancing health care issues in the community.



Veterans Affairs

Veterans Service Officer- Barbara Fischer

Our goal is to assist veterans and family members with their claims with the Veterans Affairs department. In addition, we also help them get military documentation of the veteran's military service. We enjoy helping the veterans and their family members navigate the VA claims process. Barbara is retired from the Air Force after more than 23 years of service.

Fire Rescue, County Library, Public Works, UF/IFAS Extension



Fire Rescue

Chief of Fire Rescue- Ben Carter

The Fire Rescue team is comprised of highly trained and skilled professionals who are incredibly passionate about protecting this community. We believe it is our duty to be at our best when you are at your worst. We take great pride in our commitment to training and continuing education, which ensures that our team is always up-to-date with the latest techniques and best practices in emergency medicine and firefighting. Regardless of whatever challenges we may be facing, the bottom line is “we’ve got you covered”.



County Library

Library Director- Robert Perone

The library’s mission is to provide materials, and programs that provide information and inspiration to the citizens of Bradford County. The library has a story time room, Genealogy/ Florida room, Conference room, large meeting room, and two study rooms as well as office and work space for the staff within its 19,266 sq. ft. of space. There are 30 public computers for different age groups available to the public. The library provides fiction and non-fiction materials in print and electronic formats for all ages to read and listen. We also have a substantial DVD Collection that will appeal to all ages. The library has copiers, printing, and scanning available and we currently have two staff members available to provide notary services. The library currently provides programming for all ages from babies to more mature residents. The library also provides ESE programs for middle school and high school students and we are planning programs to begin programs for County residents with special needs. The library regularly partners with the University of Florida extension office to provide programming designed to enhance the lives of Bradford County residents.



Public Works

Public Works Director- Jason Dodds

At the Bradford County Public Works Department, we strive to preserve the County’s investment in roadways, bridges, facilities, and the environment by planning and implementing maintenance, inspection, and reconstruction activities of these assets. We also provide an effective, efficient, safe and environmentally sensitive mosquito control service. We preserve, protect, and improve the environment by promoting recycling and proper solid waste handling and management practices. We provide and maintain all public roads with signs and signals. Public Works is proud to provide support services during natural disasters and other emergencies. As we like to say, “One Team One Mission”.



UF/ IFAS Extension Bradford County

Extension Director- Samara Purvis

The Bradford Extension provides research based solutions to the community. We are dedicated to developing knowledge in agriculture, human and natural resources, and the life sciences and to making that knowledge accessible to sustain and enhance the quality of human life.

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The City of Hampton, Florida, located about six miles south of Starke was incorporated in 1893 and has gone through phases of boom and bust throughout its history. Hampton was known as Crossroads primary because the Atlantic-to-Gulf railroad was built through the area in 1859 and the settlement grew up around it. Good farmland prompted further settlement and several small stores were established. A second railroad, the Georgia-Southern and Florida Rail Line, passed through town a little later and prompted a boom. Crossroads was renamed Hampton when the first post office was established in 1882. The town of Hampton, Florida was named after a 10-year-old boy, Hampton Terry, whose father owned a farm near the railroad tracks.

The town of Hampton, Florida was incorporated in 1893, but it also allowed its charter to lapse and had to be reincorporated in 1911 and 1925. The Big Freeze adversely affected Hampton's economy-as it did any town which relied on oranges and other agricultural crops and caused an end to the boom. Rapid use of timber in the area led to an exhaustion of the crop and a decline of the timber industry around Hampton. With the timber and oranges declining, farmers turned to cotton and strawberries. The town once had two cotton gins in operation.

Hampton struggled to survive but as cars replaced trains as the main mode of travel, Hampton declined. Road 13 (now US 301) was re-routed and bypassed Hampton. The road had a curve called the Hampton Curve, which was considered dangerous and the State Road Department re-routed Road 13 in the 1930's to straighten the curve.

Hampton appeared to be dying, but when Camp Blanding's boom hit the area, the small town near Starke also benefited. Troops were carried to the camp on the train and their families rented rooms and homes in the town. When Blanding's boom ended, however, Hampton subsided back into the sleepy little hamlet it is today.

If you need to get in touch with us you may reach us at City Hall or email and coh1@outlook.com.

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“FISH STORIES,” HOMECOOKED CLASSICS SERVED AT GRANNIE’S COUNTRY COOKIN



By Don Coble
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There’s a reason why it’s not always easy to find a seat – including the two benches outside the front doors – at Grannie’s County Cookin’.

And while friendly smiles and a neighborly atmosphere aren’t on the menu, the small eatery in the heart of the historic downtown district offers the kind of Southern classics your grandmother made.

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“It’s where the guys like to meet daily and tell fish stories,” said co-owner Robert Rapoza. “We have people who come here four, five, six, eight times a week. Returning customers are our bread and butter.”

Grannie’s, located at 367 N. Temple St., is open daily from 5 a.m.-3 p.m. As soon as the doors open, the seats at the counter and dining area are quickly taken.

Servers said country-fried steak and chicken livers and gizzards are very popular. Rapoza said smoked ham also is a big seller.

Rapoza and his sister, “Grannie” Pamela Synder, opened the restaurant 20 years ago and haven’t slowed down since.

“It’s always busy,” Rapoza said.

Brother and sister work where needed, even if that means flipping eggs in the back or filling large glasses of sweet tea or coffee in the front.

The interior is filled with distinctive decorations, from a collection of dinner plates to antique signs, quilts and dolls.

The diner also offers a daily special, including all-you-can-eat fried chicken, real turkey, and dressing on Sundays. Getting in and out quickly won’t be easy, especially after church. Everyone, however, said it was worth the wait.

Other specials include meatloaf on Mondays, chicken and dumplings on Tuesdays, all-you-can-eat spaghetti or fried fish on Wednesdays, beef tips and rice on Thursdays, prime rib and pork roast on Fridays and “Grannie’s choice” on Saturdays.

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We have a great Bradford County Education Foundation that consists of all volunteers who give their time and efforts to accomplish so much within our schools. They continue to work daily in writing grants that can help support the needs of our schools.

Bradford County is divided into five districts. We have five dedicated board members with one school board member residing in each district. The Board has a big role of responsibilities in the school district. Their duties are, but are not limited to, adopting the annual budget, establishing district board policies, and approving expenditures. They volunteer when and

where needed within the schools and at events. Each is involved in the community through organizations always supporting the needs of our students.

We are excited and looking forward to August 2023 when our new school Bradford Elementary School will open. Thanks to The State of Florida for the special facilities construction funding making it possible.



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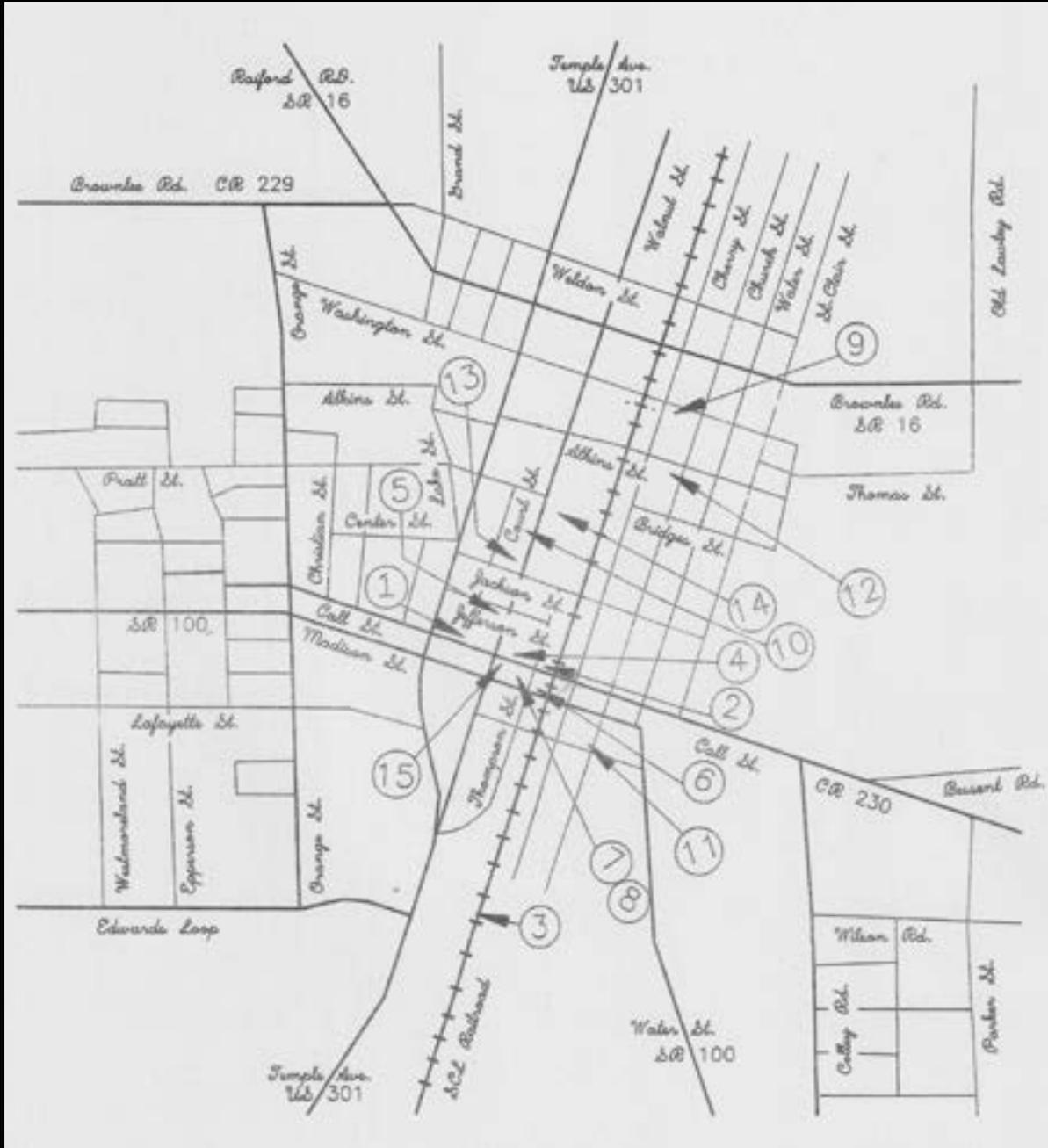
Starke Racing Museum.. a true Gem and Legacy of Harold Smith.

It began in Orion Illinois and the Quad Cities Speedway, which open in 1958 and was the first track to host a NASCAR Grand National Series Race. This was the original heart throb of Harold Smith. Smith owned a gas station in Orion and grew to love the race and became a big fan. His passion soon lead him to start regular trips to Daytona Beach for the annual race week festivities. Somewhere around 1970 he packed the family and made the move to Daytona. Only back then with no GPS and poorly done maps, they landed in Starke after 1089 miles and about 90 miles short of Daytona. They bought some land and opened up a body shop. Sons Tom Smith and Jerry Smith joined in the racing scene as youth and as the story goes helped their father with auto repair and in a relentless search of collecting racing and collectable items, cars, oil cans, signs and you name its from long ago. They might be called the original American Pickers! Now, grandson to Harold, Shannon operates Smith Brothers Body Shop in Starke and the property also houses the 3,000 sq. ft. Museum packed full of over 10,000 incredibly cool and original racing items. The collection includes a 1938 Harley Davidson Knucklehead, several cars, thousands of items including the blood donor cards from Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach where Harold donated his blood type to Lee Petty (father to Richard Petty and grandfather to Kyle Petty) after a 1961 crash in Daytona. Tom Smith said, "dad carried that card until the day he died". Tom and Jerry Smith opened the Museum so the world could see all the wonderful Auto memorabilia and Race History their family has amassed over seven decades. Visit us at 18536 US 301 in Starke.



GUIDE TO HISTORIC STARKE

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1 The Old Bradford County Courthouse as built in 1902 and served Bradford County as the seat of government for 66 years. The Courthouse was renovated and is presently used as Santa Fe Community College Andres Center. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is an excellent example of Southern Gothic Revival style.

2 The Rosenberg Building, located at 201-203 E. Call Street was built between 1895 and 1901. It has been used for many purposes, including lodging military for a short period. Bought by Charles Rosenberg in 1941, it has just finished renovation for use as a Fine Arts Center by the Santa Fe Andrews Center.

3 The Railroad has played a very large role in the history of Starke. Starke developed around the crossing of several early roads and the railroad, and it joined Starke to the rest of the country in the early years of growth.

4 Mitchell's Reccall Drug Store, located at 127 E. Call Street was built about 1897. The first floor has housed sev-

eral stores and the Starke post office until 1941. Offices were located on the second floor.

5 The Von Klein Home, now the Magnolia Hotel, is located at 137 N. Walnut Street. The home was built before 1884. The original owner was Dr. Lochr Von Klein, an early Mayor of Starke. The home was turned in to a hotel in the late 1920's by Arthur and Gertrude Williams.

6 Vaughn Johnson Cabinet Center is located at 140 S. Thompson Street and consists of three buildings built in the 1920-1930 period. The first building was used as a garage for the Ford Motor Company. The second building was built for a Coca-Cola distributor. The third building was added to the first building as part of the auto sale and service shop.

7 The building that. Now includes Starke Shoe Repair, City Barber Shop and This n'That was built in 1901-1912. This site was first owned by George Cole in 1859. Call Street is named after his friend, Florida's Lt. Governor Call. This building is a remnant of the earliest Starke business district.

8 The site at 108 E. Call Street was built in 1895. The most distinctive feature is the traditional storefront facade, which typifies early 20th century architecture.

9 The palatial Sidney J. Sternburg Home, built by a wealthy oil and coal family from Pennsylvania, has stood on the corner of North Cherry and Washington Streets since 1889.

10 The Charles Hardy home at 327 N. Walnut Street was originally build as the home of Edward P. Duncan, an officer of the Bradford County Bank, around 1900. The longest period of ownership was by the Eugene S. Matthews family, who purchased the home in 19227 and owned it until 1960.

11 The Archibald Johns Home on Nana Street was built before the year 1900. It was the home of the only Starke resident to become Governor of Florida, Charlie Johns.

12 The Color T. Peek Home was built in the early part of this century. Mr. Peek was one of the first teachers in the Starke Institute, the first school in Starke. Mr. Peek went on to become one of the Mayors of Starke. The home has been renovated by the current owner and was moved from Madison and Court Streets to the present location.

13 The Lex Green Home is located at 323 N. Walnut Street and is now owned by Edwin Jeffcoat. The home is an excellent example of Southern Classical Revival architecture prevalent in the second and third decades of this century. The home was originally occupied by the Green family. Mr. Lex Green represented the Starke and Bradford area in the U.S. Congress for more than 20 years.

14 The Judge Elzia Sanders Home at 344 N. Walnut Street was originally built by Lawrence Wall, who served in the Florida Legislature in the early years of this century. Later bought by Col. D. E. Knight, a Starke lawyer, it was extensively remodeled.

15 The Bradford County Bank, 100 E. Call Street opened on July 4, 1914. Now owned by C. R. Smith, Jr., the Bank has been restored to titts Bold Classical Revival style, with a lofty interior making a strong architectural statement about the community's hopes and dreams in the early boom period of the construction. The Bank is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

*This map is dedicated to
 Mr. Eugene Matthews Who
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Joey Evans - Volunteer of the Year



Joey Evans

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*Co-Chair of Starke Area
Friends of NRA committee*

While not an official member of any other local groups due to his eclectic work schedule, he is always ready to roll up his sleeves whenever anyone needs help. He has given monetary donations (often anonymously and without fan fair) and given even more valued sweat equity.

A common misconception is that Joey is at community events, etc., to show support and roll up sleeves with his wife, Patricia (and while, yes, he does do that also), it is more common that he is the one that has initiated attending.

Joey has a brain that is always analyzing and identifying ways to help events, activities, etc., be more stream-lined and efficient. Sharing ideas that have saved money, time and added convenience.

A southern gentleman with a kind soul, oftentimes, has identified where help can be provided and volunteers without being asked.

Joey and Patricia are frequently looking for ways to build a sense of community in their small rural neighborhood. Cutting firewood, sharing fresh eggs, honey and veggies from the garden, delivering food and baked goods, putting up holiday displays for the local children to enjoy. Knowing a sense of community and neighborhood is what helps make our rural communities such a great place to live, work and play. It's the small things, such as paying it forward in local restaurants, that are a surprise and delight.

No job too big or too small. Rebuild a grill for a local business? clean trash cans at an event? Need a truck with a hitch to relocate equipment? Local kids needing help building their pinewood derby cars? he is behind the scenes ready to work.

Participating in as many fundraisers as his schedule will allow (BHS & BMS Band, Education Foundation, CIS, Rotary, FFA/4H).

When attending community events, if he recognizes someone needing help, he voluntarily steps up with whatever the need is.

Given countless hours to Kiwanis of Starke since relocating to Bradford County 10 years ago assisting with rib-sales, cooking at the fair, poker tournaments, etc. Once awarded the "salt shaker" award as like a shaker of salt, you don't really notice it on the table because it is always there but you wouldn't want to have a meal without it. Joey is more often than not, one of the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Until the City of Starke's Tree Committee was dissolved, he served on the tree committee. He is looking forward to working alongside Bradford's new Forester and assisting the City of Starke with reviving the committee and helping Starke earn a Tree City designation.

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Avery Roberts - Business Person of the Year



Mr. Avery Roberts is a sixth generation Floridian who comes from a family that has long been involved in the cattle, timber, and turpentine industries. He is a Union County High School graduate. After high school, he married his high school sweetheart, Twyla, and they have been married for 39 years. They have two (2) children and are the proud grandparents of five (5) grandchildren.

Avery has always had a passion for the agriculture industry and began his entrepreneurial career in his early teens. He is the CEO of the Roberts Companies, a family of companies that are headquartered in Lake Butler with diverse operations in agriculture, heavy construction, mitigation, waste management, and all facets of real estate development including Mixed Use, Residential, Commercial, Bio-Tech, and Industrial projects. Additionally, he operates multi functional ranches which include farming, cattle, pine straw, sod, and timber operations.

Avery has a passion for giving back to his community and is an active member of various local Chambers of Commerce. He currently serves on The Foundation for Florida Gateway College Executive Board, Florida Gateway College Real Estate Board, the Suwannee Valley Community Foundation Board, the Esther King Memorial Scholarship Board, the GRIT Foundation Board, as well as the Executive Board of Directors for the Florida Forestry Association and is their current President Elect.

Avery has been involved with many Union County School Board Advisory Committees over the years, including the establishment of the Union County Quarterback Scholarship Fund, the William Streicher Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Union County Scholarship Fund.

He has served previously on many additional business and agricultural boards, including the American Turpentine Association National Board and has served as past President of the Union County Farm Bureau.

Avery previously served on the Judicial Nominating Committee of the 8th Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida and is a current member and former Deacon and Treasurer, of the First Christian Church of Lake Butler.

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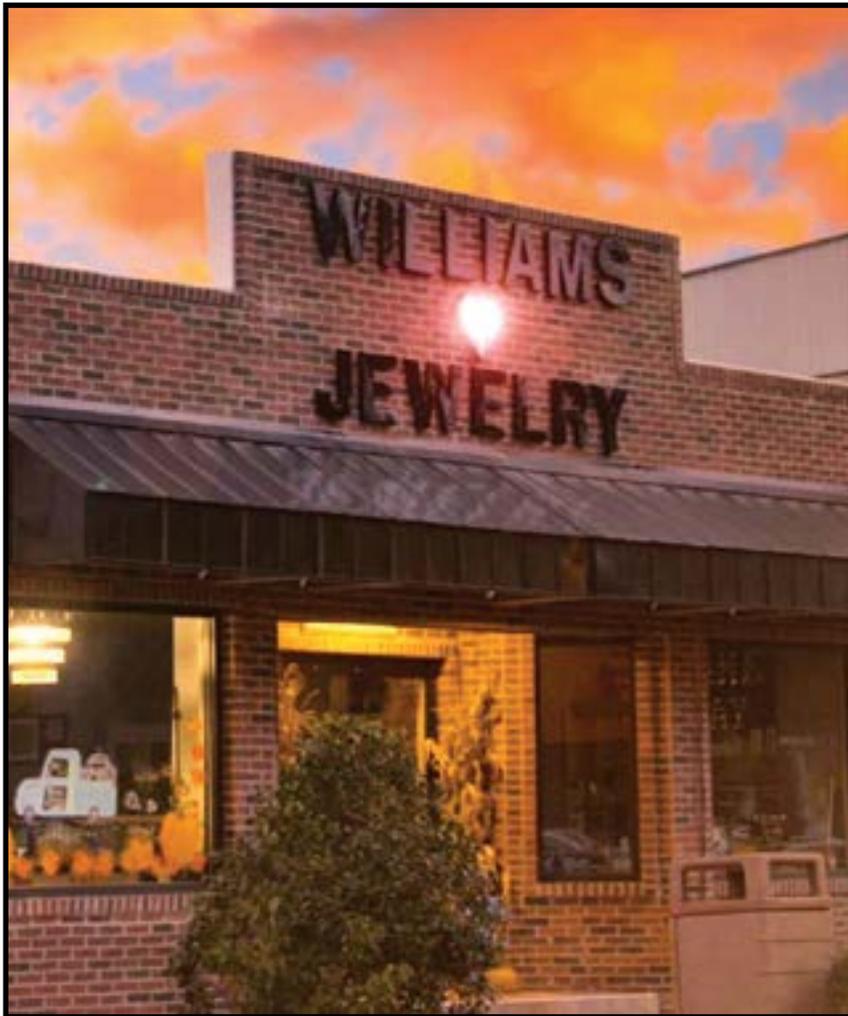


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Bradford County's UF Extension Office serves more than farmers



Transportation, budgets, work hours and child care are a few of the barriers which keep people from getting vital information and services. That's why the Extension Office set up a Health and Wellness Hub to expand services.

A study of Bradford County residents found nutrition, education, wellness and mental health were among the most critical concerns.

The Health and Wellness Hub, which is at the Rje Center at 1080 Pine St. Starke, is a collaboration of community services. The center will host workshops where residents can get information and be connected to available services.

Meridian will provide mental health services and Farm Share will help feed residents.

The University of Florida's Cooperative Extension Service Office doesn't just help farmers grow corn and raise cattle.

According to its website, the office in downtown Starke also has programs to provide information to motivate and empower families with the skills needed to adapt and sustain a healthy lifestyle and achieve financial services.

The extension office is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and UF's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences. The office provides research-based educational programming.

The Extension Office launched its Health Equity program earlier this month to narrow the gap between families with needs and the ability to participate in available benefits.

The office also conducted classes to help residents identify invasive species. In a county where agriculture is king, keeping an eye on bugs that can destroy a field is paramount.

Of course, the primary function of the Extension Office is to provide information on Family and Consumer Sciences, Livestock Natural Resources, Agriculture, 4-H Youth Development and Horticulture.

One of the most popular programs includes master gardeners conducting workshops to show to grow more vibrant vegetable, flower and butterfly gardens.

The Bradford Extension Office is located at 2266 N. Temple Ave. in Starke. For more information, visit <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/bradford/> or call (904) 966-6224.

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Ice cream options aplenty in Starke

By Don Coble

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