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#### **Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to give tourists a reason to visit, businesses a reason to locate, and citizens a reason to reside, work, and participate in our region of Florida.

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### Welcome

### Pam Whittle, Chamber President

**Transportation Update**: The Truck Route opened up about 18 months ago, and the traffic has begun to settle into a normal pattern, US 301 traffic has increased from the drop experienced at the initial opening of 223. As it was planned, large trucks that were merely passing through with no intentions of stopping and causing much congestion have been greatly decreased in number and those that wanted to come to Starke are able navigate more safely through town. We are still an "Orange Cone City" with the construction of the train overpass well underway on SR 100 adjacent to Downtown, but the completion of the bridge over Alligator Creek on US 301 is a very welcome site for locals. The community will be very thankful for this addition and glad they were patient once it is competed, especially when that occasional train decides to STOP on the tracks through downtown.



North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce serves Bradford, Union and SW Clay Counties. One of our goals has been to increase the tax base, more public dollars by bringing outside dollars in. One way this is done is with the Bradford County Strawberry Festival which is in its 24th Year. The Chamber is the host of this event bringing over 15,000 visitors to our region during the weekend. The ripple effect an event of this magnitude has on small communities such as Starke, Lawtey, Lake Butler and Keystone can be measured weeks after the event, through retail sales, lodging and dinning. The exposure of our region and businesses during the Strawberry Festival is felt long range in return patrons that are seeking the small town atmosphere away from the hustle of larger cities.

Chamber staff has worked tirelessly trying to find solutions to the infrastructure deficit in our region. Internet is no longer a luxury to business but it is as essential as water, and electricity, and not just the business community but the workers that are needed for those businesses require adequate internet for at home work and school. The Chamber has worked with many individuals and organizations making sure the business voice is heard and the problems that have occurred over the past years dealing with the lack of adequate internet are brought to the forefront. We are very happy to say that several solutions have come from those talks and meetings and in the very near future the business community should see relief and options to particular issue. We are a small staff of two but we give the internet situation.

The staff at NFRCC works in partnership with our

local workforce board, CareerSource North Central Florida. Hiring Events are held at the Chamber office for employers needing to fill multiple or specialty positions, allowing employers to do offsite interviews and meet with local talent

NFRCC staff is also the Administrator to the Bradford County Tourism Development Council handling many of the day to day operations for that organization, marketing, social media and website maintenance just to mention a few. Chamber staff assists the TDC with their local grant program for events that promote Bradford County and bring visitors to the county for extended stay. We work with outside organizations to bring in activities to our region of Florida that will promote Bradford County and put heads on beds and increase the tax base in our region. NFRCC is the Administrator for the Bradford County Development Authority, assisting them in much the same way with daily operations. The BCDA has an active website as well as a social media presence on facebook. Both TDC and BCDA have worked alongside the Chamber to improve the infrastructure of our area where businesses and residents experience the lack of internet service. This has become especially important over this past years with more folks working from home and doing more online activities. We have made improvements in this area for some but much still needs to be done in the outlying regions and we will continue to work on this one hundred percent to our jobs and our community.





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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### 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

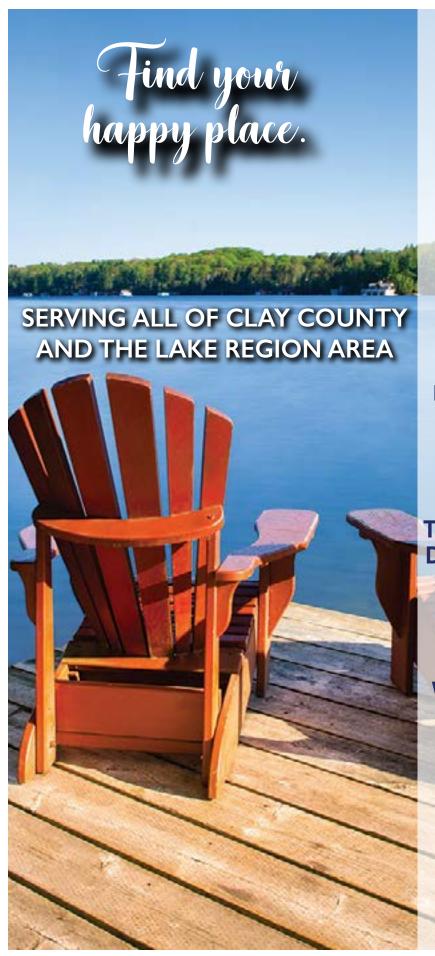
• Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife Management Area Southeast 11th Avenue, Starke, FL 32091 (Approximately 1/2 Mile off State Road 100)

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.





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1838 Farmer's Market Established

**1854** Drew Reddish given title to 40 acre now South Starke

**1857** Census recognizes Starke

**1859** RR build from Fernandina to Cedar Key through Starke

**1861** Bradford Co. was created, named after Col. Richar Bradford

**1876** Starke Incorporates

**1877** Lawtey barned for William Lawtey

**1879** Telegraph started by Col. Moore

**1894** Freee killed Orange Groves

**1898** Courthouse moved to Starke from Lake Butler

**1900** Starke gets Street Lights

**1905** Lawty Incorporates

**1915** Boll Weevil end cotton growing in Bradford

**1918** World War II

**1940** Troops begin to arrive in Camp Blanding WWII

**1965** Bradford High School wins State Football

**1975** Bradford County builds Public Library

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Community Events

**February** 1st Saturday - North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

March 8th - 13th Bradford Agricultural Fair

26th Rotary Beast Featst

**April** 2nd and 3rd Bradford County Strawberry Festival

14th American Values Dinner

15th Starke Kiwanis Golf Tournament

17th Easter Sunday

May 5th Cinco De Mayo

9th Mother's Day 31st Memorial Day

**June** 14th Flag Day

19th Father's Day 19th Juneteenth July 4th Independence Day - Our Country Day in Keystone

4th Independence Day - Lake Butler Celebration on the Lake

**September** 5th Labor Day

October 10th Columbus Day

29th Great Pumpkin Escape

**November** 11th Veteran's Day

24th Thanksgiving 26th Shop Small Saturday

**December** 8th Miss Winter Fest Pageant

9th Christmas on Call St.

10th Starke Christmas Parade 6pm 12th and 13th Shop With A Cop

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The Bradford County Development Authority meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

The BCDA is a stand-alone economic development entity created by Florida Legislature, whose board members are appointed by Florida's Governor. No member of the Bradford County Development Authority receives compensation of any kind for their service. All board members are volunteers that are dedicated to economic

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

opment 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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### **Bradford County Library**

Every year, the North Florida Regional Chamber selects a collection of individuals and organizations to honor. Titles include Volunteer of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. This year, the chamber took a different approach to one of their categories and named the Bradford County Public Library the business of the year. I spoke with Library Director Robert Perone to learn more about the library and the reasoning behind the chamber's selection.

The Bradford County Library's motto is "Providing information and education for the people of Bradford County". In 2021, the Bradford County library did just that. From physical copies of books to Overdrive access for eBooks and audio books, the love of reading has never slowed down.

"We've noticed an increase in people returning to the library. It's not just regulars either. We've signed up an unprecedented number of people for library cards and renewals." Perone says, when I ask about numbers during and after Covid. "Returning in person to the library has been a sign of normalcy that so many people missed."

Despite the increase of in-person visits, Bradford County Library continues to offer remote resources.

"Some of the most popular programs in the past year have been at home or take-home opportunities," Perone comments. The library offers play-away machines that are already loaded with materials. When someone checks out a play-away, they can plug the device into a car stereo, a radio, or their own headphones.

Other programs the library offers are just as popular as citizens of Bradford County try to return to a sense of normalcy. There are children's story time events, a crafting group, and plenty of science and tech programs.

Bradford County Library always takes into consideration the wants and needs of their community. "I'm most proud of the work that my staff puts in." Perone comments.



"With everything going on, my staff never stopped providing for people. They went above and beyond to make sure someone could fill out paperwork they needed. We turned over rocks to find specific books that people wanted."

With programming being staff run, it means that the community hugely benefited from the work and dedication of the Librarians and staff.

"We reach out and bring in such a variety of material and programs, and all of that is because of the work my staff puts in. We did virtual programming like most of the other libraries, but it was our staff taking the time to listen and help our community. They took the time to show someone how to set up an email account. If a senior adult couldn't see their family, our staff would help them set up a zoom meeting and get to see them."

It's no surprise that the Chamber selected the Bradford County Library for this honor. To find more information online, you can access the library at www.bcplibrary.com or on Facebook. They post programs as they are scheduled, and spots fill up fast. Call or visit the library today to sign up!





Robert Perone, Library Director, Angela Quinn, Mary Canupp and Kimberly Crawford, Circulation Supervisor

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### Courinic Douglas, Business Person of the Year



Despite the pandemic waning, many businesses of Starke are still facing hardships.

Lockdowns meant that less foot traffic was coming into businesses. Sales dropped, and with the whole business having to close for at least two weeks if someone tested positive, it was hard to stay open, let alone stay afloat.

With the help of 2021's Business person of the Year, however, it made things easier.

That's where Courtnie Douglas comes in. When Douglas graduated from the University of Florida and joined Edward Jones in 2013. After joining the firm, Douglas opened the

first office in Starke. She works with a variety of clients and treats all of them to the kindness and respect that is now synonymous with the Courtnie Douglas- Edward Jones experience.

Throughout the pandemic, Douglas helped keep businesses afloat. Whether it be through sharing pictures of her lunch that she got from a local restaurant or helping small business owners manage their finances in a professional capacity, Douglas brought in interest.

Pam Whitle, President and CEO of the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce, shared some insight into why they selected Douglas.

"She would always post about where she was going to lunch, or what businesses were open that she was going to stop by. She'd take a picture of her meal and it would look so delicious and post it on her social medias and tag the restaurant."

Advertising is one of the biggest ways to bring in foot traffic. Though most businesses have their own social media pages and their own marketing, because of the way these platforms are designed, it rarely has the widest reach possible. When someone like Douglas shares these businesses on their own social media, it opens a new range of customers who might not have found them otherwise

Beyond marketing, Douglas boosted morale.

"Courtnie would get coupons or gift cards to these places she went to and would give them out. She'd be sure to post about it too, but she would leave them outside her office for anyone who wanted them." Commented Whitle.

Buying gift cards has been a great way to support local businesses during various lockdowns and pandemic scares. The business can make money during periods where they aren't receiving many customers, and beyond that, it's another way to market.

Gift cards or certificates can be given to those who have never tried a business and then redeemed as a risk-free way to try something new or support an old favorite.

Douglas's generosity and kindness makes her a great financial advisor to the people of Starke, but beyond that, it makes her a great member of the community, and the perfect candidate for the 2021 Business Person of the Year title.





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#### **Bradford County Fair Grounds**

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The annual Bradford County Fair. There is Cattle and Swine, their respective shows and sales. The Goat and Poultry exhibitions will be back this year as well. Lots of great food will be returning including The Kiwanis Club, featuring their great Bar-B-Que and other delicacies, The Rotary Club, featuring their funnel cakes!, along with Shands Hospital Auxiliary serving their famous Strawberry Shortcake!













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### **Kingsley Lake**

Kingsley Lake is an almost circular lake of about 2,000 acres in North Central Florida, about six miles east of Starke, Florida. According to some sources, it is the oldest and highest lake in Florida, located on the edge of the Trail Ridge formation. The lake is a very stable lake with a sandy bottom. Its deepest part is about 90 feet.

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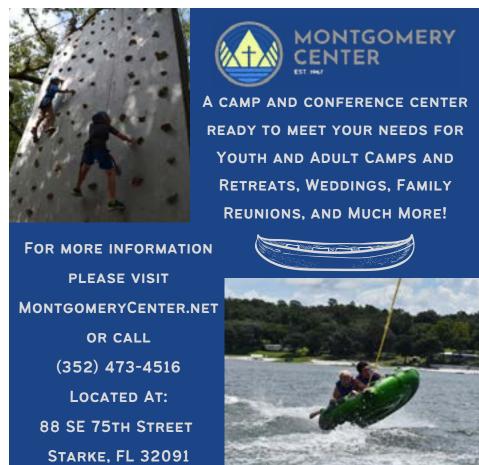
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### Priscilla Sparks Volunicer of the Year

The spirit of volunteering is alive and well in Starke.

Those unfamiliar with Priscilla Sparks likely know of her husband, or her father-in-law. Justin Sparks, son of the late Mr. Lee Sparks, owns the Florida Twin Theatre. The movie theatre has been in their family since 1984, after the passing of Lee, Justin and his wife Priscilla took over.

In 2021, Sparks devoted herself to keeping the main street of historical downtown Starke looking its best. No matter what it was, you could find Sparks getting it done and assisting wherever possible- even through her pregnancy.

Pam Whitle, President and CEO of the North Florida Regional Chamber of Commerce had this to say about Sparks. "She's one of the strongest people I know! You could find her out there every day weeding or cleaning, even nine months pregnant."

Weeding was the least of Sparks' impact. Whether it was mowing, weed whacking, or painting, Sparks would get it done.

"I think downtown Starke hugely benefited from her work, and not just because it looks fantastic." Commented Whitle.

Having these public spaces isn't just nice to have, or an afterthought for city planners. They are necessities. Well-paved roads, maintained buildings, and greenery do more than just provide a pretty picture or a pleasant view out of the window. They're critical in connecting a community together. Without parks, how many people would walk their dogs or spend time outside? Without well maintained sidewalks, how would anyone stop by the businesses alongside the street.

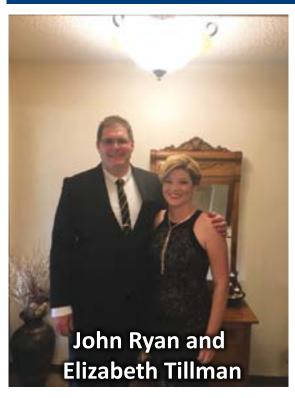
These public spaces are living things that grow with the communities they serve. The UN-Habitat has done studies into correlation between well maintained streets and prosperity in a community and has found evidence that suggests public spaces are one of the major reasons a community will thrive. These public spaces are where neighborhoods come alive, and where a community forges its identity.

Sparks' one-woman effort to keep Starke looking its best is more than just a beautification effort. It's a public service of the highest caliber. Sparks completely deserves the title of the Volunteer of the Year- and not just because of the physical work she did, and her nonstop effort. In her own way, Sparks is creating a community. By inspiring others with her devotion to Starke, she reminds them that Starke is their city, and their pride. Next time you stop by the theatre or see Sparks' impact on the streets of downtown, take a minute to appreciate the work that it takes to build a community and maintain its strength.





### Starke Cifizens of the Year



John-Ryan and Elizabeth Tillman are no strangers in the community, and for those that know of their work and their impact, it came as no surprise that the Chamber of Commerce chose the two as citizens of the year.

John Ryan Tillman is the sales associate and production manager chief for Union County Times, the Bradford County Telegraph, and the Lake Region Monitor.

Beth Tillman owns Sporting Chance, a screen printing and embroidering

clothing company. Both have a long history of marketing and sales, and that background led to their enormous influence on the Tri-County area in 2021.

As the pandemic dragged on, the Tillmans used their connections to local businesses through the papers and Sporting Chance and took it upon themselves to drum up customers. The two would visit businesses in the community- restaurants, clothing stores, or cafes, and show off specials they found or upcoming events.

John Ryan especially felt honored by the nomination.

"We take a great amount of pride in small businesses in our community. Without small businesses, neither of us would be in business," he commented.

Beth chimed in, "John Ryan grew up here, so he's known a lot of these businesses for years, and when I did sales and graphics for the paper, I developed my relationships with them. We do the best we can to help when someone is down on bad times and get the word out to bring people in."

Despite the foot traffic they've brought in and the inside look into local deals and promotions, the Tillmans' are both humble about the part they played.

"We definitely didn't pave the way for these businesses," John Ryan laughed

"But it's a great privilege to help these businesses to succeed through advertising and getting their names out there."

When talking about the community and why they wanted to give back, John Ryan had this to say.

"It's so important to have strong businesses in our community. Small businesses are the backbone of our community and we're lucky to be a part of this area and this community."

Caring for others, and seeing others care as well during this pandemic is the thing that keeps the Tillmans going. "When the pandemic first started, the restaurant industry really got hurt, so a lot of other businesses in our area that weren't hit so hard agreed to sponsor every restaurant that could open to keep them afloat. That's always touched my heart that other businesses would do what they could to protect other people in their industry."





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## Timmy Hansen, Travis Pastrana and The FIRM come away from Nitro RX finale as big winners

World's best drivers compete in front of sellout crowd

#### **By Don Coble**

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STARKE – Former World Rallycross Champion Timmy Hansen closed out the inaugural Nitro Rallycross season with a victory at the Florida International Rally and Motorsports Park.

Series founder Travis Pastrana left the multi-purpose track at the Keystone Heights Airport with the first Nitro RX championship.

And with a sellout crowd on Sunday, Dec. 5, Northeast Florida made a lasting impression on the international organization.

"This far exceeded our expectations," said Nitro RX general manager Chip Pankow. "Keystone Heights were super hosts."

The three-day event was considered a risk by Pastrana because of its remote location, but his group put together enjoyable days of racing that included portions of pavement, soft sand turns and high-flying ramps. Race fans from across the country responded in an overwhelming manner and they were treated to a lot of thrills – and controversy – in the Supercar season finale.

It took less than 100 yards after the start for Pastrana to change the complexion of the race – and his own championship hopes. He started third behind Subaru teammate and pole winner Scott Speed with Timmy Hansen on the outside pole. Speed was on the inside going into the first right-handed turn when Pastrana went left through the dirt after being bumped by Kevin Hansen, and pushed Speed out of the inside groove toward the wall. Hansen quickly steered his car right to avoid the melee and took the lead.



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"I couldn't get on the brakes. I really messed him up," Pastrana said. "I feel horrible."

Pastrana quickly went to Speed's car after the race to explain his side.

"We got smashed by Kevin [Hansen] coming in the first [turn], which I would have done the same. He hit me. Once you break loose on pavement ... I really feel bad for Scott coming in there. He mentored me. He was the fastest at the race this year. I hate to have something like that to go down."

Pastrana didn't want to accept the championship trophy until the race stewards made the results official. Speed didn't wait for any rulings, though, telling Pastrana to "Take the trophy. It's yours."

Kevin Hansen wound up 1.187 seconds behind for the runner-up spot in the race, while Speed was third and Pastrana was fourth.

Pastrana and Speed each finished with 219 points toward the championship, but Pastrana won the tiebreaker with two wins this season. Speed had one victory.

"I know there will be some interesting things after this," Pastrana aid.

Timmy Hansen finished third in the championship with 2018 points.

"We were coming into this championship fight in third place," Hansen said. "And we had to do was win – even better with a first, second place [with Kevin] and see how it all played out. It was the perfect weekend here. My car has been absolutely on point. We came through one and two. It's a fantastic way to end the season."

Former NASCAR champion Chase Elliott made his first rally-cross start, driving his way into the eight-car main event during one of the heat races. Despite finishing eighth and having no experience in off-road racing – particularly making 100-foot jumps on a two-story-tall ramp – he said he hopes to compete in future races.

"This is a different vibe. It's fun for me," Elliott said. "At the same time, I've enjoyed working with all of these guys. I would love to do more of this and get a little bit more up to speed on it. I feel like I came a long way in my couple days here, but I certainly have a long way to go.

Two other classes also competed on the 1.6-mile raceway. Another Swede, Mikafla Ahlin-Kottulinsk, won the side-by-side class by beating Kory Willis.

Former Indy Car and IMSA series driver Sage Karam won the Nitro RX Next division race, but Casper Jansson's second-place finish easily propelled him to the support class's championship.

Nitro RX safety officials cut off ticket sales Saturday afternoon after it determined the track had reached maximum capacity. Many portions of the track weren't accessible because it borders thick woods on one side and the airport on the other. Nonetheless, sev-

eral thousand fans packed the parking lot, general admission and VIP areas with fans watching eight-deep in the standing-room-only areas.

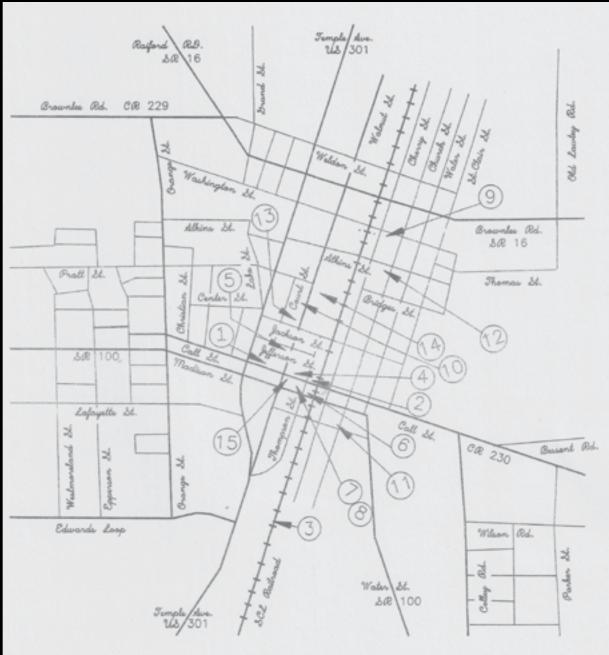
"I tell you: I love The FIRM," Pastrana said. "You guys have been awesome, everyone down here in Florida."





### GUIDE TO HISTORIC STARKE

Eagle Scout Service Project of Douglas Wayne Snyder II Boy Scout Troop 70, Starke, Florida Project Sponsored by the Bradford County Historical Board of Trustees



- 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 Te 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.
  - 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.

**5** The Von Klein Home, now the

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
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buildings built in the 1920-1930

period. The first building was used

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Street and consists of three

- 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.

- 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.
- 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 tits 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 made it all possible.



The City of Hampton, Florida, located about six miles south of Starke was incorporated in 1893 and has gone through phases of boom and busy 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



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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.

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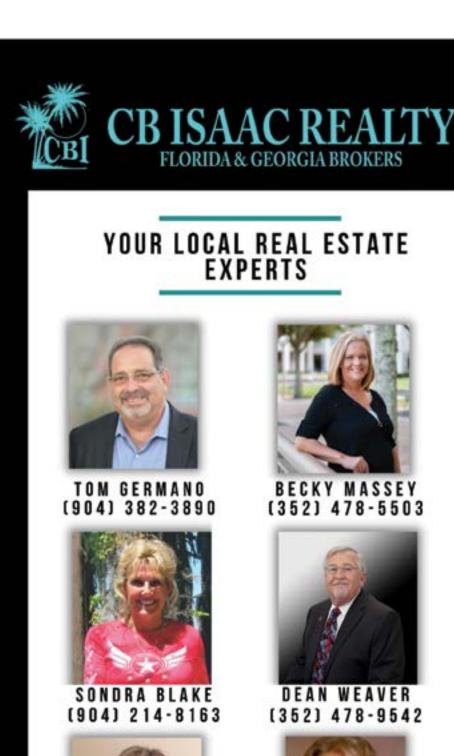






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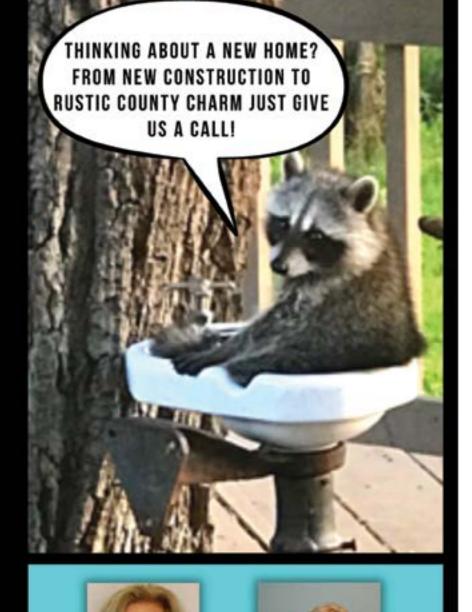




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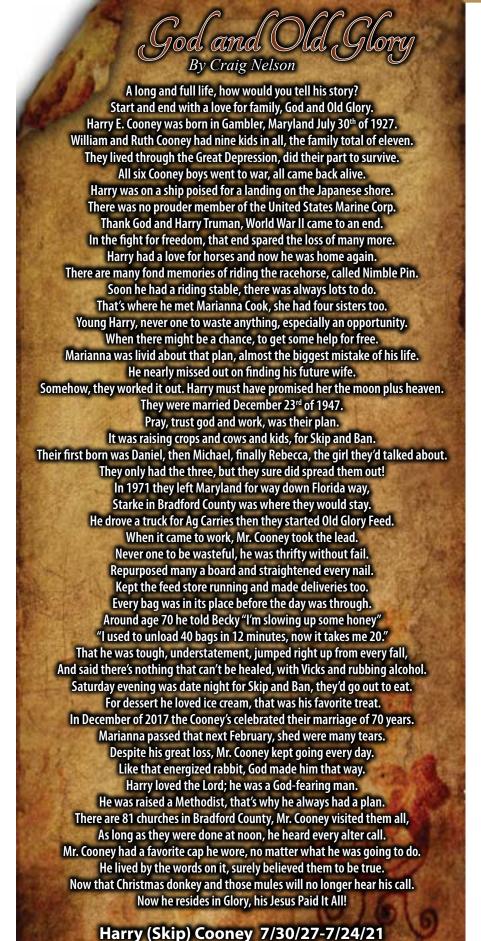
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### Starke Racing Museum.. a true Gem and Legacy of Harold Smith.

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 Orien 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.







## "We Are Cooney Strong"

by Rebecca Cooney

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They had three children, Daniel, Michael, and Rebecca. Daniel became a Marine (Vietnam) and a successful truck driver. Michael became a successful business man and has traveled the world. Rebecca has traveled and trained many great race horses. They also have four grandsons and two great grandsons to carry on the Cooney name.

Skip and Ban were so proud of their children's accomplishments and took great pride in showing them the difference between right from wrong.

The Cooney's moved to Starke, Florida in 1970. They only knew one person that lived there. Skip always said his family would never be without a home, so he bought a mobile home and set it up in his friend's back yard.

Skip and his son Daniel got a job driving trucks over the road, while Ban stayed home to raise Michael and Rebecca. It was a challenge at first to come to a community not knowing a lot of people but it wasn't long before they fit in and became a big part of the community.

Through the years they became a part of many activities in Bradford County. Skip always said he never met a stranger. He always greeted then with a handshake and said "Hello Neighbor". He always left a lasting impression and a positive thought.

Skip and Ban are both at the Jacksonville National Cemetery where they are laid to rest together. We have peace knowing they are in Heaven together.

A strong loving bond that was NEVER broken. As a Marine the saying, "Semper Fi" (always faithful), held true to Skip's heart.

If you have ever been to the Cooney's property or home it is very easy to see how much they loved their God and Country. There are American flags flying and the 3 crosses in the corner of the property. Every morning they said the Pledge of Allegiance and Morning Prayer.

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I, Harry Cooney, first wrote this, my understanding of the freedom of our flag in 1983.

### **Camp Blanding Museum**

As of the census of 1860, first head count made after the birth of Starke, showed 138 inhabitants of the tiny settlement, more than half of whom came here from Georgia and South Carolina.

In 1940, Camp Blanding was leased to the United States Army as an active-duty training center. The post was originally used by New England and Southern troops preparing for deployment overseas. However, during the course of the war, Camp Blanding served as an infantry-replacement training center, an induction center, a German prisoner-of-war compound, and a holding center for 343 Japanese, German, and Italian immigrant residents of the United States. At the height of the war, the Army leased acreage from local landowners, raising the total to 170,000 acres. From 1940 to 1945, more than 800,000 soldiers received all or part of their training here.

Starke, while very small became a boom town with an abundance of people and cash, yet no hotels or rooms for rent, they quickly began to build and offer rooms for rent to the quickly expanding due to the military growth at Camp Blanding

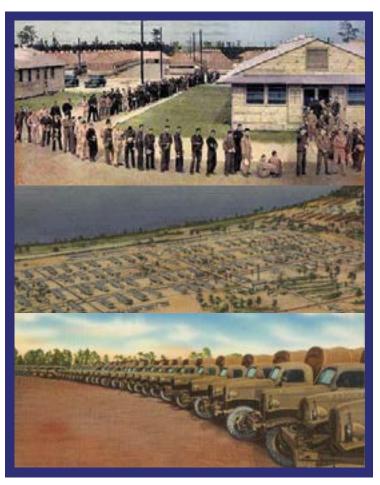
Today, the history of Camp Blanding can be seen at the ever popular Museum, which was established in 1990 and currently features displays focused on Camp Blanding's History and involvement during WWII.

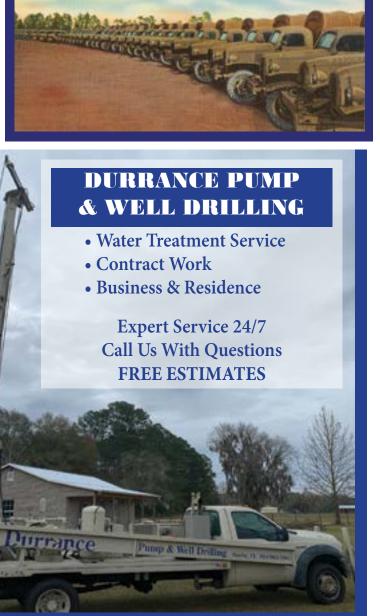
On display you will find uniforms, weapons, equipment items, vehicles, and aircrafts dating back to the 1940's. Our plans are to expand the museum to include displays for the Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror (Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom).

Inside the museum, you will also find a gift shop specialized in selling history books, pins, patches, badges, and other miscellaneous historical military items. The museum also has a Memorial Park dedicated to preserving large military artifacts of military history covering World War II, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm. You will also find numerous monuments to the men and units who trained and or were stationed at Camp Blanding over time.





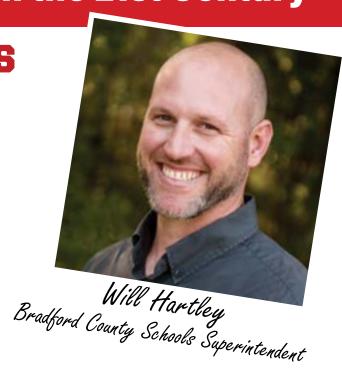




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As Superintendent I can tell you that this community has a tremendous team working together to make Bradford the best school system available to our children. We work to meet the needs of each and every individual students at every grade level no matter what challenge we might face. Our goal is always to put our kids first. From early education to graduating seniors, families across our County have come to trust our hardworking team with dedicated, quality educated teachers and employees who are excited every day to put their experience and expertise to work making a difference in Bradford County Schools.

Together with our wonderful Education Foundation we have accomplished so much. These volunteers roll up their sleeves every day to find state funding and local grants like the ATT Grant for Lawtey Elementary and the Clay Electric Grant for SSE, SES and BMS for Math and STEM Programs. Great appreciation to the State of Florida for the special facilities construction funding that made possible paying off Bradford's new K-6 school project!

A big shout out to our school board members. Bradford County is divided into five districts with one school member residing in each district. The duties of the Board include working with volunteers, teachers and families in the community as well as adopting the annual budget, establishing district board

> policies, approving expenditures, textbooks, and course study. They are the incredibly important to the district. They include Sheila Cummings, Vice Chair District 1, Gayle Nicula, District 2, Cheryl Canova, District 3, Candace Osteen, District 4 and Erica Reddish, Chair, District 5.

> Bradford County is a wonderful family-oriented community. We are so fortunate for the engagement from our parents, businesses and overall community to make our home special!

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**Bradford County School District** 

Mission Statement The Bradford County School District serves the community by

providing a quality education so that all students can excel.

Vision Statement

Equipping students to excel in the 21st Century

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### KEYSTONE HEIGHTS PROVIDING UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

Clay County's only airport, **Keystone Heights Airport**, serves as a take-off and landing site for private aircraft, corporate jets and a variety of air services. Keystone Heights Airport also provides FBO service in the newly constructed **FBO** building. In addition to being a transportation hub for the county, the Keystone Heights Airport is also home to two unique attractions.

Take in our rich military history by visiting both military museums: Military Museum of Northeast Florida located in Green Cove Springs and Camp Blanding Museum. You'll see memorabilia and hear tremendous military and space aviation stories that are part of our destination's pride.

After strolling through history, see how fast you can go on the **Rally Race Car Course**, **FIRM**, located at the Keystone Heights Airport. Whether you want to take defensive driving classes, drive or train to race rally cars, or you want to bring your own vehicle for open course day, it's about racing for your bragging rights.

Just down the road from the Keystone Heights Airport, another adventure awaits. **Single Vision** is a wildlife education facility. While there you can see and learn more about lions, tigers, leopards, panthers, bobcats, bears and other species of exotic animals.

#### It's All Natural

What do the gopher tortoise, Sherman's fox squirrel, Florida black bear, American alligator and eastern indigo snake have in common? They are all threatened species or species of special concern that are located at **Belmore State Forest**, just northeast of Keystone Heights. Hiking and biking trails, permitted hunting and much more can be enjoyed there from sunrise to sunset.

If you're looking for more outdoor adventure, **Goldhead State Park** offers a rare hike down to a ravine, primitive or RV camping or cabins. Hiking and cycling trails, canoe and kayak launches and a wide variety of picnic areas and private event space make it easy to enjoy this state park.

Looking for some family fun? Keystone Heights offers many park adventures. **Paradise Bark at Sunrise Park** is the only official dog park in the county. **Keystone Beach** brings out the kid in you with a fun family picnic area and an expansive playground encompassed

by a great oak canopy. The Historic Keystone Beach Pavilion has been renovated to include an HVAC system to serve as an indoor/outdoor entertainment venue. Additional renovations have included a seamless wifi zone in the parks surrounding city hall as well powered picnic tables to charge your laptops/smart devices so that you may work from our amazing park. The family can enjoy a dive into Lake Geneva from the recently added swim platform donated by L.R.D.C. as well as renting a paddle board to explore this breathtaking lake. Future renovations are to come in the early months of 2022. They will include restroom renovations and upgrades, replacing the stage overlooking the Lake Geneva, updating our covered picnic area and the addition of a restroom to the Historic Beach Pavilion.

The Keystone Heights Trailhead along the Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail, a nearly 47-mile, multi-use recreational trail from Palatka to Lake Butler, is closer to completion. The trail runs along the Norfolk-Southern Railroad spanning 4 northeast Florida counties. While this trail still has 24-miles in various stages of development, the 19-mile span that runs through Keystone Heights is paved and inviting you to explore. Riders/walkers are encouraged to park at the Keystone Heights trailhead where tools are provided for general maintenance for your bike. You can also grab a quick drink of water, fill your water bottle and rest for a moment under our shade trees. Don't forget to check out our story walk along the trail for a new family friendly story every quarter.

Keystone Heights, with its unique experiences and natural beauty matched with the friendly faces you'll see most everywhere you go, is a place you'll want to visit again and again.



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