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Blanding Blvd. widening up for public comment

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG – Florida Department of Transportation is now accepting public comments on the project to add two lanes on a stretch of road on Blanding Boulevard from County Road 218 to the Black Creek bridge in Middleburg.

Transportation officials held a public hearing Dec. 1 to expand the roadway from four lanes to six lanes, a \$21 million project officials said will provide more efficient east-west movement at the intersection of Blanding and CR-218. The project will also include widening the CR-218 bridge over the south prong of Black Creek.

Blanding is Clay County's main thoroughfare, prone to backups and traffic jams. With the completion of the project – first announced in 2013 – the intersection of Blanding and CR-218, a major choke point on the road, will see alleviated traffic.

"Clay County is growing like crazy," said Bill Henderson, district planning and environmental manager with FDOT. "One of the places that's really growing is south of Middleburg, towards Penny Farms."

The project is part of a larger reconstruction effort along a six-and-a-half mile stretch of the road dating back to 2002. Officials knew they would have to execute the buildout in sections. The widening project from Knight Boxx Road to Old Jennings Road saw its completion in 2009. A section from Allie Murray Road to Old Jennings similarly saw completion.

Construction for the remaining section from

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The Town of Orange Park held its official Christmas tree lighting on Tuesday, an annual event that brings out the wonderment in children.



Medical marijuana

Commission leans toward no moratorium

By **Debra W. Buehn**
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Planning Commission looks to be charting a careful, but compassionate, course on its dealings with medical marijuana and a potential moratorium on the issue.

The idea of an approximate year-long moratorium in dealing with zoning regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries and treatment centers was discussed at the Planning Commission's Dec. 6 meeting, and while no action was taken, the commission looked to be leaning towards advising a quicker resolution to the situation, rather than suggesting a year-long moratorium on dealing with it.

"I don't think that we should drag our heels on something the voters of the state of Florida have passed," said Belinda Johnson, commission vice chair.

The Planning Commission acts as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners, which has final say on all planning and zoning items.

The issue will come before the Planning Commission for a recommendation at its January meeting and will also be looked at by the BCC at that time.

The subject of medical marijuana came to the fore in the fall, when the issue appeared on state ballots in the Nov. 8

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Clay County Memories

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Canova Christmas tree almost burned down the house

By Christmas in the late 1880s, nearly a decade had passed since the painful years of the Civil War and the early 1870s wresting of the Clay County seat of government from interior Middleburg to the town of Green Cove Springs.

The Canova family arrived as the hostilities ended and watched with enthusiasm as Green Cove Springs became a destination for wealthy Northern winter tourists, settlers and investors.

Family patriarch, Raphael, was neither northern nor a tourist. He was both sheriff of St. Johns County and mayor of St. Augustine with strong ties to Confederate military leaders. He realized the high probability that St. Augustine would be occupied by Union troops and he, his family and assets a prime target.

Putting his substantial number of properties in the hands of trusted agents, he moved his family, hired hands, cattle and livestock to a prepared camp near the St. Johns River. There they rode out the conflict serving as both supply, information and support for locals in Clay, Putnam and

St. Johns counties. At war's end, he relocated to Green Cove Springs.

When the results of the public referendum made Green Cove Springs the new county seat, Canova was elected to perform the duties of county clerk. To add to the difficulties of the switch, all the county records disappeared.

With his political and law enforcement experience, Canova was able to use his longtime political contacts in Duval County to establish property and other records before Clay County's creation in 1859. This left him with just over a decade of information to fill in.

The right man was in the right place at the right time. In the late 1880s, events would evolve to put the same right man in the right place again.

It was Christmas Eve, approaching dark, when family, friends and neighbors were ushered into the Canova parlor to begin the gift giving. Some of the younger children stopped in their tracks when they saw the large tree filling one corner. Having trees in the house was just catching



Raphael Canova served as the first Clay County Clerk elected after the referendum moving the county seat from the Middleburg area to Green Cove Springs. The real surprise of his successful time in office was that he was able to do it without getting shot or shooting anyone.

on and this one twinkled in the shadowy room with over 30 candles clipped to the branches.

Youngsters jumped again when Santa, Raphael's adult son, Phillip, with his fluffy

white hair and beard and wearing the red Santa suit all the way from London, England ho-ho-hoed his way into the room.

He had just begun distributing candy and gifts from the tree, when suddenly he leaned into the branches and his beard erupted in flames and ignited the tree. Chaos ensued.

As the screams erupted, family patriarch, Raphael, arrived on horseback in the back yard, leapt from his horse and ran toward the noise. It was bedlam for a moment there.

Quickly assessing the situation, he ripped off his greatcoat and wrapped Phillip and the tree in its folds, walked them both out the front floor to ceiling windows and threw them into the water trough.

They shook the tree almost dry and re-decorated sans candles. For a few days, Phillip looked badly sunburned and it was almost Easter before his eyebrows grew back.

Once again – the right man, in the right place at the right time and it was the same man.

Moratorium

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election. State voters passed what is known as Amendment Two, which expands the availability and use of medical marijuana. The BCC sent a request to the Planning Commission in October asking for its recommendations on how to approach the issue should it pass.

The county currently has no zoning regulations in place to deal with dispensaries and treatment centers and technically cannot accept any applications for those items at this time, said County Attorney Courtney Grimm. In fact, she said, the county needs to hear from the state itself on how to form such regulations.

That is expected to take place in the next six months, and Grimm has been among those suggesting a temporary moratorium as it would allow the county staff to develop sound regulations to deal with the zoning issues surrounding the dispen-

saries and treatment centers.

Both Green Cove Springs and Orange Park governments have already implemented such moratoriums.

But at the Dec. 6 Planning Commission meeting, the sentiments expressed by both the audience and some commission members appeared to lean towards implementing regulations without a moratorium.

Richard Klinzman, who ran for a position on the county commission in November but was defeated, said he was no advocate of illegal drug use but believed medical marijuana could absolutely benefit some victims of illness, especially children suffering from cancer. Saying medical marijuana seemed to work and "bring a lot of relief" to children, he asked the Planning Commission to delay any kind of a moratorium.

"I think you have to be very cold-hearted to say 'no, we don't want that in our county,' and if you want to use it you'll have to drive to Miami," he said. "What

I'm looking for is your support in delaying a moratorium on this."

Johnson said she agreed with his views, especially since she knew a family that had been affected by a child with cancer and had seen how the use of medical marijuana had helped them. Saying many people don't understand the difference between "medical marijuana" and "regular marijuana," she said the medical marijuana made it possible for the child to simply eat after chemotherapy treatments.

"It does help," she said, adding she would like to see the county move forward as soon as possible after the state determines its recommendations rather than utilize a moratorium.

Planning Commission Chairman Joe Anzalone said he, too, had personal knowledge of how medical marijuana could benefit people, citing a one-year-old child who experienced seizures on a daily basis without the use of medical marijuana.

"I think this is something that is go-

ing to be good. I don't think it's something that we should take lightly and we should not be dragging our feet on it. I think if we are going to do something we should do it quickly," he said.

In other action, the Planning Commission released its schedule for meetings on updates for the county's comprehensive plan. All meetings will start at 6 p.m. The schedule and location for each planning district is as follows: Orange Park, Jan. 11, Orange Park Library; Green Cove Springs, Jan. 17, Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, 477 Houston St.; Penney Farms/Lake Asbury, Jan. 18, Clay County Fairgrounds-J.P. Hall Building, 2497 SR 16; Doctors Inlet/Ridgewood, Jan. 19, Asbury United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 16 College Drive; Keystone Heights, Jan. 25, Keystone Heights City Hall; Fleming Island, Jan. 31, Headquarters Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd., and Middleburg/Clay Hill, Feb. 1, Middleburg/Clay Hill Library, 2245 Aster Ave., Middleburg.

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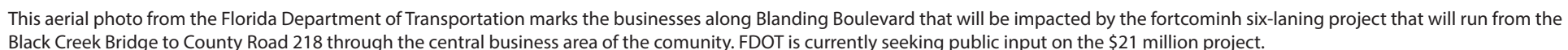
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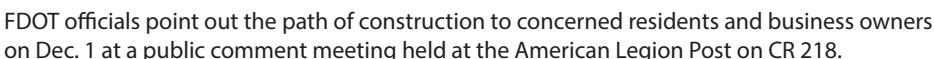
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Black Creek to Allie Murray will begin in the winter of 2018, with the stretch from Black Creek to County Road 218 expected to begin a year afterward.

"It's a very high volume road," Henderson said. "So we're really trying to expand that to get people through quicker. It should do a really good job."

The project all ties in with construction and widening currently underway on Blanding Boulevard from Old Jennings Road to south of Branan Field Road that began in August 2015 at a price of \$16 million. The leg now under construction includes adding four-foot bike lanes and six-foot sidewalk in both directions, replacing the traffic signals at Coppergate, Branan Field and Old Jennings roads, adding street lights



from Bear Run Road to just south of Branan Field Road and constructing a new drainage system including new pipes, inlets and a small pond. Medians are being narrowed to allow for the roadway widening and curb construction, according to FDOT data.

Henderson said some businesses could expect decreased access for short periods during construction, but said once the road is finished business owners could expect higher traffic to shuttle through that segment of road.

FDOT held a similar call for public comment in 2013, however the plan changed slightly based on updated traffic count information collected since. Regardless of how smoothly the construction will go, businesses remain concerned.

"People are definitely going to get hit, eventually," said John Placzowski, owner of Clay County Transmission "And I don't

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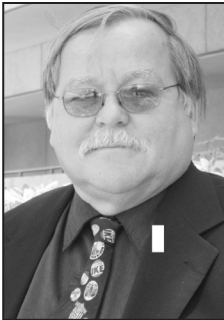
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The Shame of Florida: Options on the felon vote

By Darryl Paulson
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In the first part of this article, I focused on the origins of the felon vote in Florida and the consequences it creates for both those convicted of a felony and on the Florida taxpayers. This part will focus on the various options concerning the felon vote.



Darryl Paulson

We know that over a quarter of all voters who have lost the franchise due to a felony conviction reside in Florida. We know that over 10 percent of the voting age population in Florida are denied the right to vote due to a felony conviction. In the United States, 1.77 percent of whites are disenfranchised due to a felony conviction compared to 7.66 percent of blacks. Florida has disenfranchised 23 percent of its black citizens because of a felony. This has led the Sentencing Project to declare that “in 2010, more people are disenfranchised in Florida than in any other state and Florida’s disenfranchisement rate remains highest among the 50 states.”

Critics argue that there is a process to seek the restoration of your voting rights. True, but the process is terrible, unfair and slow. The Florida cabinet and governor make up the Clemency Board which meets four times a year. Currently, 1.7 million Floridians have lost the right to vote due to a felony conviction.

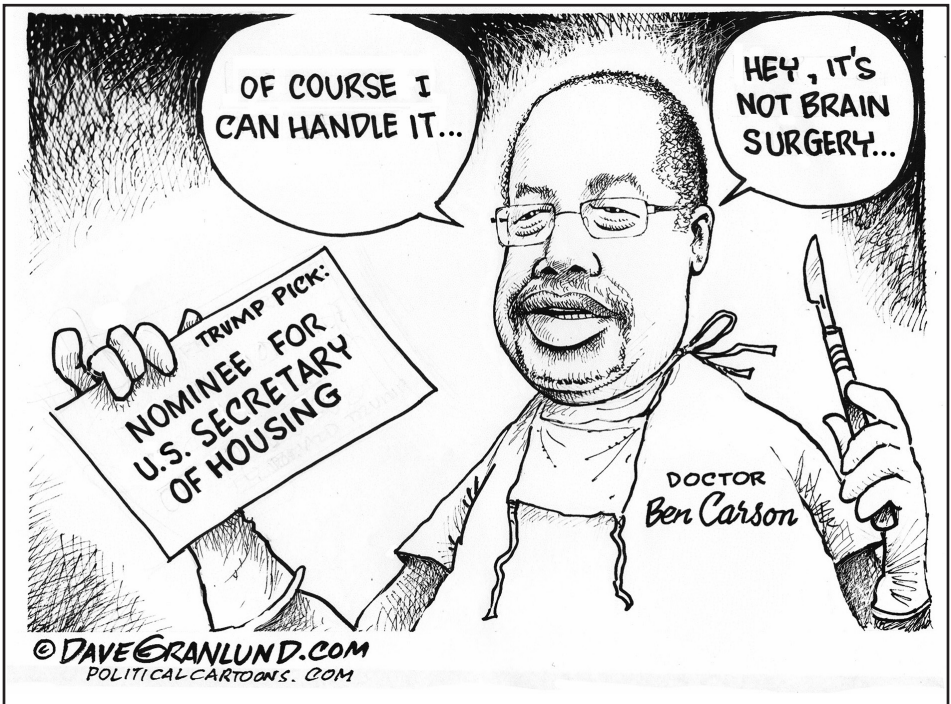
At the September 2016 meeting of the Clemency Board, 48 petitions were considered and 23 individuals had their civil rights restored. At this rate, it will take decades to work through the backlog of 12,000 appeals on file. This excludes the hundreds of thousands who have not filed for restoration of their rights because the process is too complicated, expensive and time-consuming.

Florida requires non-violent felons to wait five years after probation and parole to file an appeal. Violent felons must wait seven years. In addition to the waiting period, it then takes an average of nine more years before your case will be heard. This means that after you have paid your debt to society for your crime, you must wait between 14-16 years before your case will be heard. That strikes me as “cruel and unusual punishment.”

Florida, Iowa and Kentucky are the three states that impose a lifetime ban on felon voting unless you seek restoration. Between 2011-2015, 93 percent of appeals in Iowa were approved and 86 percent in Kentucky. In Florida, only 8 percent were approved.

In Florida, the success of voter restoration depends on who is the governor. Gov. Charlie Crist and his cabinet modified the

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Guest Column

Nora’s Time

By Craig R. Seaton

It’s not the first time she noticed that guy staring at her. Every time she glanced up from her book (you know, the glance that really starts as an unfamiliar feeling), this fellow was just staring. And, he was in no hurry to act like he wasn’t when she caught his eye. That worried her more than anything.

More than this barren train station.

More than the yawning hole in her heart.

More than being enormously alone on this night.

Why this night? There were 364 others that would’ve worked just fine, thank you. Tomorrow would be That Day. Oh, how she dreaded That Day....

In an instant she was nine again. Silly pigtails. Ugly hand-me-down dress. Grey-walled empty room. This image had plagued her for years; more than 30 of them to be exact. He was there. He was always there on this night. He never left. You’d think he’d find another mind to bother; another memory to haunt.

How she’d wanted to hold him. How she longed to just wrap her little bony arms around his comfy waist. That waist had always drawn her like a cool drink of water on a sweltering day. Then, every time right before she launched toward him with all her might, he’d always turned and walked out of the room. More like disappeared out of the room really. Always, just before she got to him. Right out of reach. Why couldn’t he stay just a moment longer? Just long enough for arms to meet waist.

Train station still barren. Guy still staring. Oh my. That was more than a stare. That, my dear Christmas Eve Loner, was a look. A genuine look. She hadn’t seen one of those in years.



Craig Seaton

Breathe in. Get ready. He’s getting up. He’s...uh, he’s huge! He didn’t look that big tucked away in the corner chair under the wall-mounted TV; the one with the hand-scribbled “don’t touch” sign taped on the volume control.

Breathe Nora. Breathe. You’ve done it all your life. Just suck in some air and blow it out again. It’s not rocket science! Why then could she not remember how? Breathe!

His steps took eons to complete; like one of those slow-motion scenes in a movie, but with the edgy theme music missing. Fwop. Fwop. Fwop. Fwop. As he closed in, she closed her eyes tightly. That should make him go away.

No good. She still felt him coming. She didn’t need to see anything. It was all playing out quite nicely in that bothersome mind of hers. Then, just when she thought the entire train station would simply implode right in her lap...

“Nora?”

What? That was an awfully deep voice to be coming from her very feminine subconscious.

“Nora?”

No, it can’t be. He can’t be speaking to me! He can’t be calling my name. Not my name. Any name but mine. Wait...he knows my name? He knows MY name? This changes everything. This feels weird and amazing at the same time. This is swimming in a pool and staying perfectly dry.

This is—The Time.

She knew it would come. She knew she couldn’t run forever. She’d imagined and fantasized about The Time. She’d painted pictures of it. She’d written stories about it. She’d spent endless hours walking in the forest imagining what The Time would look like when it came. But she always knew it would come. The Time would come. He would come.

“Nora?”

Yes?

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This Week in History

5 Years Ago, 2011

- Members of the teacher’s union, Clay County Education Association, voted to approve a new contract with the Clay County School District. The contract agreed to pay teachers a \$1,000 bonus for not using all their personal days during the school year.
- Orange Park Town Council voted 3-2 to purchase a \$306,000 software package that would be used to integrate many of the town’s internal functions, such as budgeting, inventory control and utility billing.
- Lee Bentley, planning and zoning director for the City of Green Cove Springs, announced he was withdrawing his name from consideration to be the city clerk.

10 Years Ago, 2006

- Green Cove Springs City Council approved plans to build a \$2.5 million, two-story, 215-space parking garage on the northwest corner of Palmetto Street.
- Orange Park Town Council deferred a request from Seven Bridges School to build a 4,333-square foot Montessori School at the corner of Plainfield and Loring avenues.
- Clay County School Superintendent David Owens announced that David Nix would be principal of Coppergate Elementary School when it opens in August 2007.

20 Years Ago, 1996

- Orange Park Kennel Club marked its 50th year of greyhound racing in Orange Park by ending its Dec. 6 night of racing with fireworks.
- Rather than conduct a formal review, Green Cove Springs City Council voted to accept the resignation of City Manager William Emmerich who was relieved of all of his duties and placed on leave until Jan. 2.
- The University of Florida men’s golf team began its season ranked No. 1 with help in part from Middleburg brothers Josh and Kort McCumber, nephews of PGA Tour star Mark McCumber.

30 Years Ago, 1986

- Orange Park Town Council voted to change the zoning between Loring and Kingsley Avenues on U.S. 17 from commercial neighborhood to commercial general citing the new classification would allow more businesses to come into the town.
- Green Cove Springs City Council voted to have consulting firm Langton & Associates apply for another Community Development Block Grant to make street and drainage improvements on Forbes, Spruce and Hills Streets.
- The Clay County Builders Council agreed to open talks with the Clay County School District involving growth management and how it impacts schools.

40 Years Ago, 1976

Orange Park High Principal Walter Brock was listed in satisfactory condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Greater Or-

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appeals process and, as a result, 155,000 felons had their civil rights restored in four years. Gov. Scott reversed Crist’s policy and in the first six years of his administration only 2,339 received the restoration of their rights. During Gov. Bush’s eight years in office, 77,000 had their rights restored. Critics point out that these individuals committed a felony and have forfeited their right to vote. But, is this a lifetime ban? Almost all states restore voting rights after the completion of probation and parole.

It is also apparent that most felonies are non-violent. One-third of all arrests in Florida are drug related and only a quarter of felons serve time in prison. They are not threats to society.

Individuals in Florida have been convicted of felonies for the following: driving with a suspended license, disturbing eggs of nesting turtles, burning a fire in public, walking through a posted construction site, catching lobsters with tails that are too short, and lunching helium balloons into the air. These are not what most people would consider to be violent crimes.

Another objection, although often unstated, is political. Democrats have pushed for the felon vote because they believe they will benefit. For the same reason, Republicans have opposed easing felon vote restoration. There is some truth to this concern, but do we make policy because it is justified, or do we make it only if it benefits our party?

Studies have shown that ex-felons register as Democrats over Republican by a five-to-one margin. Studies have also shown that only about one-third of ex-felons registered to vote and only one in five voted. Still, in a close election, this may be the margin of difference.

Florida’s current felon vote policy is so far out of the mainstream that it stands out in comparison to other states. When 27 percent of all disenfranchised felon voters reside in Florida, you know our policy is extreme.

Restoring civil rights in Florida will apply only to non-violent felons according to a proposed constitutional amendment that

may appear on the 2018 ballot. The “Voter Restoration Amendment” currently under review by the Florida Supreme Court, exempts violent felons from having their civil rights restored unless they appeal to the Clemency Board.

Restoration works and is widely supported in the criminal justice community. A study by the Florida Parole Commission found that recidivism rates for ex-felons who had their civil rights restored was 11 percent, compared to 33 percent for those who did not have their rights restored. That is one reason the National Association of Chiefs of Police supports restoration of civil rights to ex-felons.

As a society, we claim to value redemption and forgiveness. Jesus did not tell the thief on the adjoining cross to wait 14 to 16 years to seek forgiveness. “This day, you shall enter heaven.”

Finally, restoration is the right thing to do. It is right because it lowers recidivism and saves taxpayer dollars on unnecessary prisons. It is right because it reintegrates individuals into society and gives them a second chance to be productive citizens.

Nothing is more sacred in American society than the right to vote. We should be seeking to expand this right instead of denying that right to non-violent felons who often made a youthful mistake that they are now forced to pay a lifetime penalty.

It is past time to do the right thing.

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Bank chips in for food pantries

ORANGE PARK – Elizabeth Katz, Fleming Island branch manager for Ameris Bank joined her colleague Amy Horton, Orange Park branch manager for Ameris and delivered two checks for \$897.33 each as well as more than 80 pounds of food to the The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry of Orange Park and the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs as part of the bank’s 7th Annual Helping Fight Hunger Initiative.

The Fleming Island Branch partnered with the community to collect food donations and Ameris paid for each item collected. Ameris Bank also made separate donations to other food pantries in Clay County, such as a \$584.82 donation to The Good Samaritan Church, a \$584.82 donation to Calvary United Methodist Church and a \$2,729.78 donation to Middleburg Methodist Church. A companywide project of Ameris Bank, the initiative exceeded its goal of 500,000 food items by collecting 825,981 items in October. Parent company, Ameris Bancorp, pledged to donate \$100,000 to local food banks throughout the communities it serves.



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want to be responsible. I don’t want to lose my business over it.”


The FDOT plans to put a crosswalk in front of Clay County Transmission where a traffic light is currently in place. The only problem, Placzowski said, is the traffic pole standing where they want to station the traffic walk has been hit so many times he had to put tires around it.

He attributes the crashes with the traffic pole to the current street design. He said Palmetto Street feeds into his business’ driveway. After speaking with project managers and transportation authorities about his problem, however, Placzowski said, he is more comfortable with the plan after having had his voice heard.

“I’ve got time, it’s going to work out ei-

ther way,” Placzowski said. “But if they decide to initiate the plan the way they have it, I don’t agree with it, let’s say that.”

Public comment is still underway for the project. The DOT asks those interested to contact project manager Leigh Ann Bennett at (800)749-2967 for more information or to submit comments before Dec. 12.


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ange Park Community Hospital after “taking ill” at the school. Brock, 38, was to be held for two days of observation.

- Charles Bickerstaff said he wanted to set up a Jaycees chapter for the 27 inmates in the former Doctors Inlet Road Prison. He said many of the inmates were working to “better their own prison community.”
- The Clay County Transit Authority announced it was expanding services from two buses to four with help from a grant from the Florida Department of Transportation.

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Hailey



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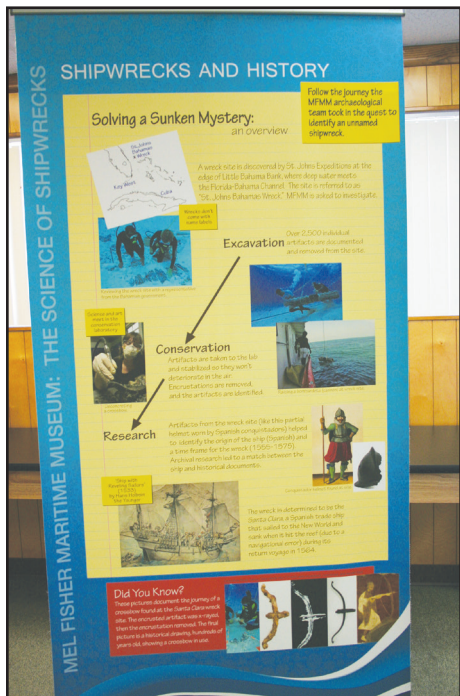
Mr. Chubsters



Mr. Chubsters can to CCACC as a stray cat on November 26th and he must have had a loving home at some point. He is a very large cat at 20 pounds and loves attention from people. He is a bit large for adoption cages and we would love to see him find a home for Christmas.

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Pop-up museum provides lessons in history and science



Orange Park Junior High history and social studies teacher Cindy Cheatwood, left, stands with Camila Bautista and Lana Peyton on Dec. 4 during a public viewing of "The Science of Shipwrecks" on loan to the school through Dec. 9.

Exhibit highlights 1564 merchant ship Santa Clara

By Eric Cravey
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – Science and history recently converged in a portable classroom on the campus of Orange Park Junior High with a tour stop from a pop-up museum called "The Science of Shipwrecks."

A joint project between the Key West based-Mel Fisher Maritime Museum and the State of Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources, the museum gives students a glimpse into the shipwreck of the Santa Clara, a Spanish merchant ship that crashed into a coral reef in 1564 due to human error.

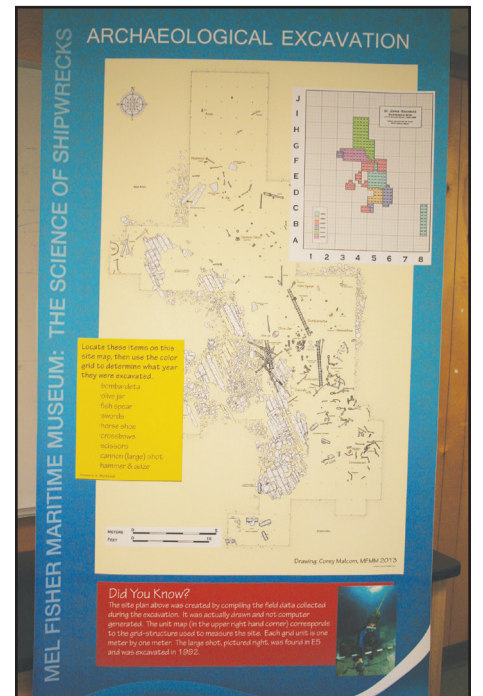
OPJH history and social studies teach-

er Cindy Cheatwood said the museum's stop in Clay County began back in February when the school applied to the state for the grant that would pay for its tour stop here. Reasons for bringing the educational exhibit to the school are meant to start a conversation of sorts.

"When I bring my civics kids in, I explain to them that not only is this about the history of Florida and North America, but it's also about what role citizens had in bringing this here," she said.

Cheatwood said part of the reason the junior high applied for the grant is "to try to spark a little interest in marine

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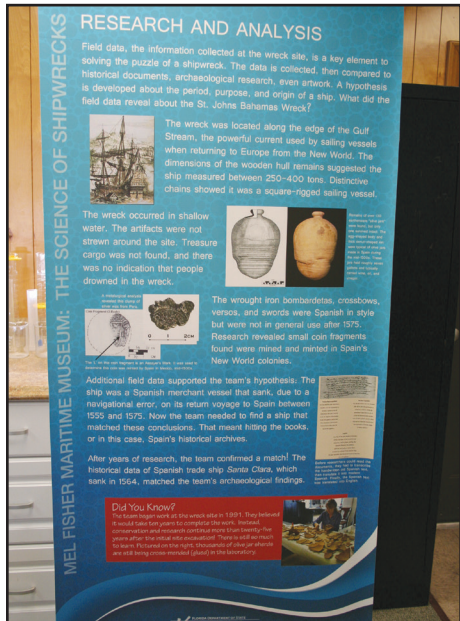


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archaeology or archaeology, in general.”

From a practical standpoint, the display panels explain how the Santa Clara sank after hitting a coral reef in five meters of water on the southwestern edge of the Little Bahamas Bank, approximately 37



kilometers north-northwest of West End, Grand Bahamas Island. But the displays also show “the how” in which an archaeologist operates underwater to find such a lost treasure. One panel, for example, shows how scientists used a grid system to search for artifacts, which Cheatwood said, are fascinating how well they were preserved underwater some five centuries.

“If you can imagine being underwater for 500 years, you know those vials are still round. It’s amazing and when I talk to my students about this, I say, ‘You’re going on this trip, what are you bringing with you. What are the values of the things that you bring? ... They get to kind of put that in their heads – I only get to carry so much. A typical sailor wouldn’t have had much room, so the things that you find are really interesting,’” Cheatwood said.

Students from W.E. Cherry and Grove Park Elementary schools walked to the Gano Avenue campus to visit the museum. However, before they entered the portable, they had a chance to learn about Mel Fisher and how his quest all began by watching a biography on the modern-day explorer “so they could kind of see where he got his interest and the passion. I mean you really had to have a passion to pursue it the way he did relentlessly would be a good word for it.”

Students, depending on their grade levels, got to take part in a scavenger hunt inside the pop-up museum. They could read the displays and their scavenger hunt outlines and then find the objects in the classroom.

“It’s just crazy how so many artifacts were found and they were in kind of pristine condition that they were able to identify what they found and that science is so advanced that they can do that. It kind of shows you that they had their own versions of technology as well,” said Lana Peyton of

Middleburg, an OPJH eighth grade student who volunteered Dec. 4 to guide members of the community to the portable classroom much like a big-city museum docent.

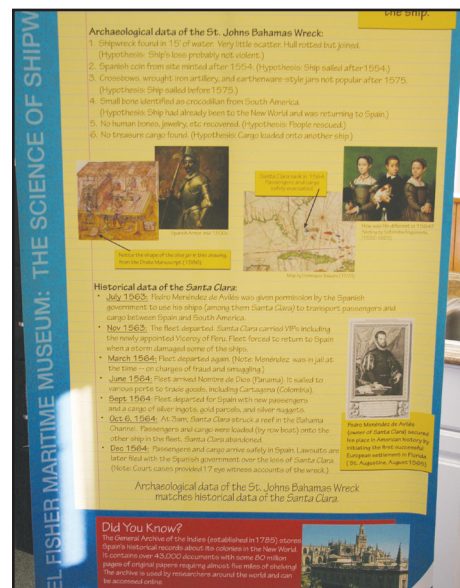
Accompanying Peyton was fellow eighth grade classmate Camila Bautista, also of Middleburg. Bautista paid special attention to the technology used in 1564.

“I found it interesting the way they preserved weapons or technology that they found there and I found it interesting the way that they did it and each weapon and technology they have a story to tell and I think they’re telling it by preserving it and I just found it really cool.”

Cheatwood said having the pop-up museum in Clay County was an honor. She also said this traveling display is a great example of how to capture history and present it in such a succinct, professional manner.

“Just the fact that Mel Fisher’s name is on this gives it a certain kind of credential. The historians who have put all the work into documenting this, this is a lesson in how you do it right. So, if you want to have a project and you think it’s going to have historical merit, you’re going to have look for good examples and this is very well done,” Cheatwood said.

Although Fisher is probably best known for his search for the fabled Spanish galleon Atocha, he first began searching for sunken treasure in 1962 when he met a man named Kip Wagner. Ill-equipped and his crew not able to devote full-time to the project, Wagner invited Fisher to join him



on a 50-50 basis in search for the 10 shipwrecks of the 1715 Spanish Plate Fleet that was lost in a hurricane off Florida’s east coast.

In 1980, Fisher was thrust on to the international stage as a treasure hunter when he discovered more than \$20 million worth of gold and other riches from the Santa Margarita, a sister ship of the Atocha that was lost in the same storm of 1622. He quickly learned that finding treasures and artifacts is only the beginning – they must be conserved, studied, restored, recorded, and shared or exhibited with the world.

“I feel honored that the people who made the museum wanted our school to have it here,” said Ryley Barnett, OPJH eighth grader.



Gerard Casale, right, discusses weaponry from the Spanish merchant ship Santa Clara with OPJH teacher Cindy Cheatwood on Dec. 4. Casale, chair of the Clay County Preservation Board, visited the pop-up museum to gain insight about local preservation projects.



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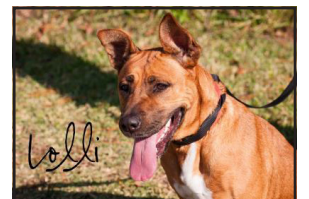
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If you would like to become an Adoption Ambassador, please contact Sherry Mansfield at sherry@safeanimalshelter.com.



Videos hope to educate Floridians

Fish and Wildlife hopes to reduce bear-human conflicts with informative videos

TALLAHASSEE — As part of a continuing effort to reduce conflicts with bears, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is releasing two new videos in the “Living with Florida Black Bears” series, designed to educate the public about how to safely coexist with bears in Florida.

The “Cause for a Call” video outlines when and how people can reduce conflicts with bears by taking simple steps such as securing trash and other attractants.

The “BearWise Communities” video describes how to make a neighborhood “BearWise.” BearWise communities work to coexist with bears. This video educates residents on when and how to report bear



conflicts or sightings, and how to secure food items that attract bears to a neighborhood.

Unsecured trash and attractants, such as bird feeders, are the number one cause for bears coming into contact with people. This summer FWC researchers, in partnership with Dr. Joseph Clark, a leading black bear scientist, employed cutting-edge modeling to confirm that Florida’s robust black bear population is estimated to be over

4,000 bears. More bears in Florida means more chances for human-bear interaction, which can be dangerous.

The new videos are being added to the existing “Living with Florida Black Bears” series, which already includes the following videos:

- How to Make Your Wildlife Feeders Bear-Resistant
- How FWC Conducts Bear Population Estimates
- A Day in the Life of a Florida Black Bear
- How to Protect Pets and Livestock from Bears

The FWC plans to release more bear-related videos in the coming months. The short videos help meet the information needs of a busy public.

To view the “Living with Florida Black Bears” video series, visit MyFWC.com/Bear and click on “Brochures & Other Materials.”

In addition to educational efforts, the FWC is providing financial assistance to local communities so residents and businesses can take actions to reduce human-bear conflicts. To ensure Floridians have the resources necessary to properly secure their garbage, the FWC is currently working to distribute \$825,000 to communities to become more BearWise by funding bear-resistant equipment and other methods to reduce conflicts. These efforts are in addition to our already robust Bear Management Program, which includes over 100 staff working year-round to educate people about bears and respond to human-bear conflicts. Read more at MyFWC.com/news and click on “News Releases,” “Oct. 2016” and scroll to “FWC receives 19 proposals...”

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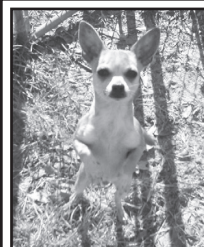
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Florida crime down in the first half of 2016

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Crime continues to fall across Florida, according to the 2016 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report published by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The report shows Florida's crime volume dropped 3.4 percent compared to the first six months of 2015.

"This report highlights the commitment of Florida's law enforcement community and our first responders who don't hesitate to put themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow citizens," said Rick Swearingen, FDLE Commissioner.

"Florida's steadily decreasing crime rate is a true testament to the hard work and commitment of our brave law enforcement officers. As the crime rate continues to decrease, it is clear that our shared goal of creating safe neighborhoods is working. While this is great news, there is still work to be done and we must continue to focus

on reducing crime and making Florida the safest place to raise a family," said Gov. Rick Scott.

The crimes of robbery, aggravated assault, burglary and larceny were all down in this report while murder, rape and motor vehicle theft all increased. Murder figures included the 49 people killed in the Orlando Pulse Nightclub shooting on June 12, 2016.

"Thanks to the dedicated service of our law enforcement officers across the state, Florida's overall crime rate is continuing to decline. While we continue to heal from the effects of the Pulse night club tragedy, we should recognize the bravery and professionalism of the first responders from all over the state who came together to assist the people of Orlando. I am immensely grateful for those who were working on the ground and all of the brave men and women

across the state who risk their lives every day to ensure our communities are safe," said Attorney General Pam Bondi.

Law enforcement officers made 380,515 arrests from January through June 2016. Statewide, four law enforcement officers have been killed in 2016, three in motor vehicle crashes and one who was struck by a vehicle while on-duty.

One correctional officer died after collapsing during a training exercise.

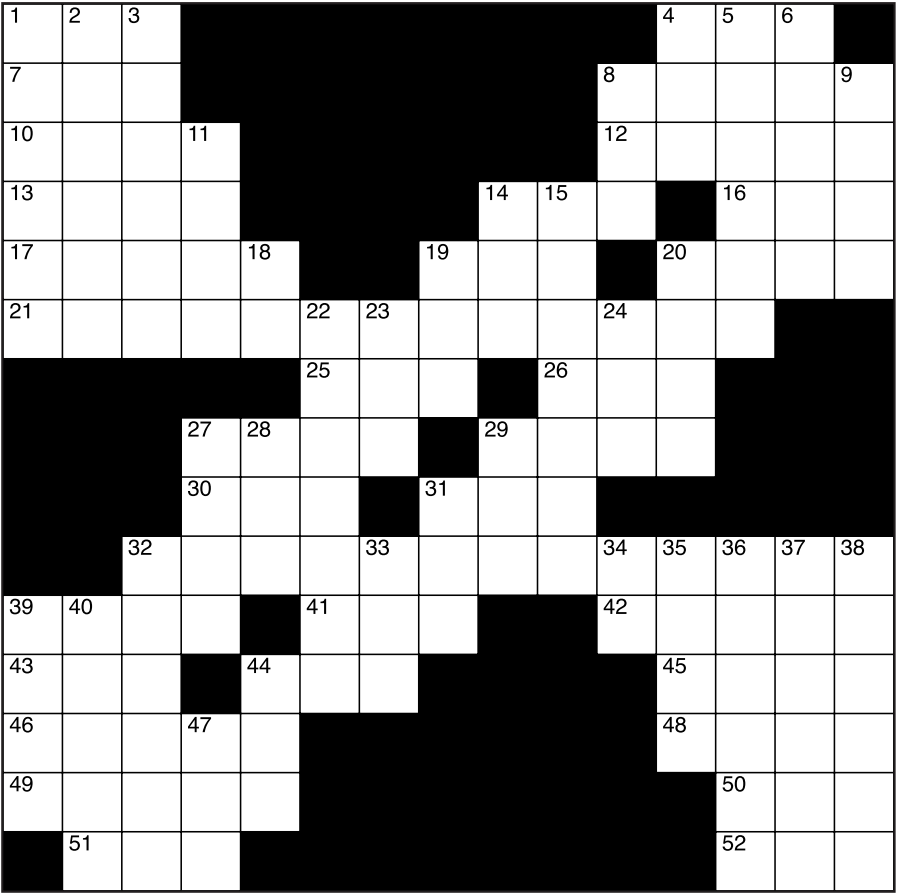
"These figures show that continued progress is being made to drive down Florida's crime rate, which is already at a 45-year low. While there's more work to be done, well-deserved credit for these im-

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- 4. Annualized percentage rate
- 7. Frictional horsepower
- 8. Alternate name
- 10. Incursion
- 12. Metrical feet
- 13. Musician Ingram
- 14. Swiss river
- 16. Text speak for annoying
- 17. Squelch
- 19. Will Ferrell played one
- 20. Close violently
- 21. Arrogant
- 25. Goddess of the dawn
- 26. Today (Spanish)
- 27. Ethiopian town
- 29. Speed
- 30. Kids take it to school
- 31. Bowling ball's adversary
- 32. 1988 NFL MVP
- 39. Volcanic crater
- 41. Curved shape
- 42. Discover by investigation
- 43. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 44. A son who shares his dad's name

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Again
- 2. Erectile organs
- 3. Concluding speech
- 4. Pie ____ mode
- 5. With pustules
- 6. Muslim calendar month
- 8. Need it to live
- 9. Thailand
- 11. Container to serve food
- 14. Boxing great
- 15. Woolen blankets
- 18. Expresses surprise
- 19. Emergency medical services
- 20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
- 22. Reporter
- 23. Arrived extinct

- 24. Ad ____
- 27. Academic bill of rights
- 28. A pair
- 29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
- 31. China
- 32. Made illegal
- 33. Be mistaken
- 34. Stephen King's 'Pennywise'
- 35. Semite
- 36. Martens with short tails
- 37. Large bodies of water
- 38. Lower in position
- 39. Dough used in Latin American cuisine
- 40. Calculating tools
- 44. Boxers do this
- 47. Macaw

Total Reported Violent Index Crimes, Clay County, Florida, by Offense and Year							
Year	Population	Murder	Forcible Sex Offenses	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total Violent Index Crime	Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Population
1995	120,896	1	88	67	495	651	538.5
1996	125,431	1	100	60	593	754	601.1
1997	127,926	2	102	68	588	760	594.1
1998	134,534	3	140	56	387	586	435.6
1999	139,631	2	114	56	287	459	328.7
2000	140,814	4	82	61	351	498	353.7
2001	142,838	3	165	80	470	718	502.7
2002	149,901	2	122	73	428	625	416.9
2003	156,011	4	96	82	356	538	344.8
2004	163,461	6	126	61	462	655	400.7
2005	169,623	5	165	70	560	800	471.6
2006	176,901	7	158	101	562	828	468.1
2007	184,644	6	118	117	676	917	496.6
2008	185,168	5	162	110	650	927	500.6
2009	185,208	13	52	122	742	929	501.6
2010	187,278	9	112	117	578	816	435.7
2011	191,143	5	115	110	545	775	405.5
2012	192,071	7	121	86	584	798	415.5
2013	192,843	3	103	91	462	659	341.7
2014	197,403	6	84	103	343	536	271.5
2015	201,277	5	135	86	354	580	288.2

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Crime in Florida, Florida uniform crime report, 1995-2015 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE. Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

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Skate park hosts 'Best Run' competition, dedication

ORANGE PARK — More 300 skaters, parents and spectators came down to watch skaters show their best moves at the newly-redesigned Orange Park Skate Park.

Competitors had the park to themselves Dec. 3 for two consecutive 45-second runs to show off their "Best Run" on the streamlined skate park. Competitors ranked in four different categories based on age and sponsorship. Prizes included skater paraphernalia from the park's new skate shop as well as prizes from corporate sponsors.

"It was so exciting because many of these skaters had only skated the park a few times," said Anjie Palmer, park operations manager and head of the nonprofit

Orange Park Patrons that runs the park for the Town of Orange Park.

Also that day, Orange Park Patrons held its first "Top Patrons" wall dedication ceremony. Volunteers installed six donated personalized tiles on the entrance wall to the skate park.

Top Patrons attending were Town of Orange Park former mayors Jim and Phyllis Renninger, current council member Connie Thomas and Beverly Steffens. Shown here, from left, are Anjie Palmer, Courtney Green, Beverly Steffens, Connie Thomas, former Town of Orange Park mayors Jim and Phyllis Renninger.

MORE PHOTOS, 12



Winners 16 & up division are Anthony Caputo, 3rd place; Adam Butterball, 2nd place and Jacob Babbitt, 1st place.



Winners from sponsored division from left are Robert Dussing 3rd place; Aaron Leavens 2nd place Dom Borrero Best Trick; Courtney Green, presenter; David Jordan 1st place.

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Obituaries

Maryann Koopman

Surrounded and held by her family, Maryann Koopman passed away on November 21, 2016. Maryann was born in Brooklyn, New York to Salvatore and Catherine (Dunn) Scandole on September 4, 1941. She moved to Clay County Florida in 1993 to open a restaurant with her son Anthony.



Maryann Koopman

Maryann owned several successful businesses in the area including Unique Affairs to Remember specializing in wedding coordinating and event décor. Maryann spent her retired years enjoying time with her family whom she deeply loved.

Her love of cooking and entertaining had a special way of bringing everyone together. She truly believed Family First! She was preceded in death by her husband Fred Koopman Sr. and Son Anthony Monaghan, Brother Vincent Scandole and Sisters Theresa DeCicco and Cathy Davidson.

She is survived by her children: Cosmo Paul LoRusso, Kim (Noto) Stoddard and Christopher Rayola. Daughters in Law: Carole (Monaghan) Zelek, Christine LoRusso, Teri Monaco and Son in Law Mark Stoddard. Grandchildren: Amanda Monaghan, Amber Flowers, Ashleigh Walker, Anthony, Crystal, Courtney and Thomas LoRusso, Sydney and Reilly Stoddard, Michael Rahbar, Jonathan and Sara Rayola, Josephine Borden, Jessica Irwin, Tonya Hampton and Phillip Mahn. Great Grandchildren: Cosmo, Zachary and Sophie. Salley (DeCicco) Henderson, Elaine Davidson, Jerry DeCicco along with several other Nieces and Nephews throughout Florida and New York

Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at St. Joseph's Historic Church 4124 Loretto Road Jacksonville, FL 32258 A Celebration of life will immediately follow at The Cody Enrichment Center, 4152 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-4000.



Vivian Patterson

Vivian Patterson passed away on Friday, December 2, 2016. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Edward M. Davis

Edward M. Davis, 95, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 3, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904)284-4000.



Ronald "Andy" Anderson

Ronald "Andy" Anderson, 63, of Middleburg, FL passed away December 1, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904)284-4000.



Heather E. Hines

Heather E. Hines passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2016. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Brenda Lee Schneske

Brenda Lee Schneske, 57, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 2, 2016. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904)284-4000.



Lt. Col. Paul Andrew James Bue

Lt. Col. Paul Andrew James Bue, U.S. Army (retired), age 82, passed away peacefully on November 29, 2016 in



Lt. Col. Paul Andrew James Bue

Green Cove Springs, Florida. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and graduated from Boston University before joining the US Army in 1956. He served 2 tours of duty in Viet Nam and retired after 22 years of active duty.

Following his military career, he moved the family to Thomson, Ga. where they purchased an old pre-civil war era house with 10 acres of pastureland for horses, goats, and chickens. Paul placed his military experience to good use and coordinated the McDuffie County Volunteer Fire and Emergency Response Teams for several years. Leaving Thomson after 25 years to seek warmer weather, Paul and wife Sandra moved to Penney Retirement Community (PRC). While at PRC, Paul was on the Town Council for 15 years and served 3 years as the Mayor of Penney Farms. He worked to obtain designated scenic highway protection for Highway 16 and worked with the planning commission for Clay County to manage city infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing community.

Paul enjoyed reading, dining and cooking, taking care of his animals, watching the backyard birds, and traveling to visit with family members. As a long-time supporter of the Humane Society, he was well known by all canine members of the PRC community for the ready supply of dog treats he kept in his golf cart.

Paul is survived by his wife Sandra, three happily married children, James Bue and daughter in law, Bonnie; Juliana Bue-Valleskey and son-in-law Daniel; and Jennifer Terwindt and son-in law Stefan, and seven grandchildren Jaime, Andrew James (AJ), Benjamin, Nicolas, Emelia, Alexander, and Sebastian.

No visitation is planned; however, a Memorial Service at PRC will be held at 3 PM on December 10, 2016 in the Penney Memorial Church, Penney Farms,

Florida. Following the service there will be a rendering of Military Funeral Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to PRC Resident's Aid Fund, PO Box 555, Penney Farms, Florida, 32079. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, (904) 284-4000.



Donnie Cope

Donnie Cope, 63, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 4, 2016. Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com. Arrangements under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904)284-4000.



Ruth Maria Thomas

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Winners of the 13-15 division are, from left, Nick Christopher, 2nd place; Griffin Connor, 1st place and Chase Romani, 3rd place.



Winners 12 & under division are, from left, Tyler Creekmore, 3rd place; Zach Urban, 1st place; Brody Harris, 2nd place; Courtney Green, presenter.

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Crime from page 9

provements is owed to all of Florida's dedicated law enforcement officials who work tirelessly to keep our friends, neighbors, and children safe," said. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater.

Overall, domestic violence fell 4.6 percent. Cohabitants continue to be the largest group of victims of domestic violence related offenses.

"The results of the Semi-Annual 2016 Annual Crime Report are testimony to the dedication and hard work of deputy sheriffs and law enforcement officers across the state. This report also demonstrates the need to stay vigilant and properly train and equip law enforcement so that we can be most effective," said Jerry L. Demings Florida Sheriffs Association president and Orange County Sheriff.

The Semi-Annual UCR calculates crime volume, the number of index crimes known to law enforcement. FDLE began tracking crime statistics in 1971.

Ticket surcharge, temporary seat bills clear Jacksonville City Council Finance Committee

By A.G. Gancarski
FloridaPolitics.com

JACKSONVILLE — Two bills related to sports and entertainment cleared the Jacksonville City Council Finance Committee on Wednesday.

The first bill would increase city-imposed ticket surcharges for the Veterans Memorial Arena, the Baseball Grounds of Jax, and the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts, while adding surcharges for events at the under-construction amphitheater and flex field at the stadium.

The bill had its first hearing in Neighborhoods, Community Investments, and Services Committee, where it was deferred because of objections by the Jacksonville

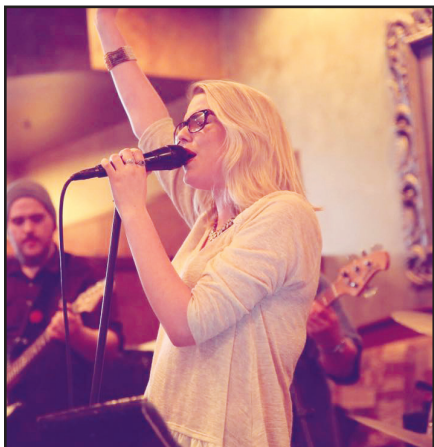
SEE TICKETS, 24



By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Cortnie Frasier's career as a blues singer earns her enough income to live comfortably in Green Cove Springs. Ask her about her commute to shows, however, and 10 times out of nine, she will sigh and say out of the county.

Among the skilled workers and labor-Blues singer Cortnie Frasier, at right, says the Clay arts scene needs to get 'popping.' Above her is artist Kyle Willis.



ers who migrate out of Clay County daily are native artists who – if the opportunities were available here – would just as quickly stay here to perform instead of driving to Jacksonville or St. Augustine.

However, it doesn't look like the hemorrhaging is going to stop anytime soon.

"Duval County's opportunities for art in all aspects is far more immense than in Clay County by a landslide," Frasier said. "There's museums around there, all kinds of stuff. Clay County – I feel like they just

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Guest Column

Investing in cultural tourism

By Kathy A. Fleming

From advanced manufacturing to national defense and from agriculture to technology, Florida's economy is one of the most diverse in the country. As the rest of America continues to learn about the economic success of Florida, the tourism economy still reigns supreme in the Sunshine State.

The tourism numbers for Florida are impressive. The state is on track to welcome more than 100 million tourists here two years in a row. According to



Kathy A. Fleming

Visit Florida, the state's tourism development agency, tourism and recreation sales totaled \$89.1 billion dollars in 2015 and through August of this year, that number has already reached \$63.6 billion dollars. In 2015, nearly two million people in Florida's workforce were engaged in the tourism and hospitality industry.

While Florida's theme parks and its beautiful beaches are huge tourism draws, one area of Florida's tourism industry that

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Settlement leads artist to design escape room experience

By Jesse Hollett
Staff Writer

OAKLEAF — It all started with a bottle of Redemption Rye Whiskey.

Oakleaf visual artist Kyle Willis and his friend Tommy had been drinking beers throughout the day and didn't want to drive intoxicated to grab more alcohol, so they polished off half a bottle of whiskey belonging to Willis' girlfriend with the promise he would buy her another tomorrow.

He kept his promise and bought the bottle the next day.

"Tommy's like, 'hey, she only had half a bottle, maybe we should take a couple drinks out of it before we give her the bottle,'" Willis said.

So Tommy drove into the Oakleaf Town Center to grab a bag of ice and reached a four way intersection. As they started to accelerate, Willis heard Tommy scream, "She's not even going to stop!"

Willis looked up from his phone with just enough time to catch sight of a student driving a Nissan and texting before she impacted the side of their SUV. The student had run a stop sign while texting.

Their car flipped, an event Willis describes while he waves his arms in slow motion, it was something straight out of the action movie "The Matrix," he said.

Citizens poured from local businesses to help Willis and his friend out of the vehicle while Willis watched them through



Guests at Fort Lauderdale escape room "Escape-topia" shown here on a web-based camera, must solve an intricate puzzle before they can be allowed to leave the room. The escape room came about after Oakleaf artist Kyle Willis used money from a vehicle accident settlement to fund the project with a business partner.



the sunroof of the SUV.

Luckily, he said, he escaped with a bruised neck and shoulder.

The crash happened just over a year ago. He's able to laugh about it now and recall the story with a laugh, partly because Tommy despised the SUV, but mostly because he's used a portion of his settlement money from the crash to build an escape room.

Escape rooms pit players against real life puzzles and dark plot lines in a race against time to find a way to exit a locked room within a set time limit. Like other escape rooms across the nation, Fort. Lauderdale-based escape room, Escape-topia, is an entertainment venue that offers a 60-minute experience for groups of two to 10. Players must work together, find clues, decode messages and solve puzzles to unlock the door to freedom. If players do not complete all of the requirements, or if they do not finish in the time allotted, they are let out of the room and are unsuccessful in their escape attempt.

Willis' Escape-topia locks players in a turn of the century circus-inspired set of rooms where players must unravel a storyline of a murderous clown in order to escape. The room opened to the public in late October, joining a zombie and beast escape room owned by his business partner.

Willis gets a cut of his room's profit every month to help make up for the \$6,000 investment into creating the room.

"It's a nice new revenue stream," Willis said, "I plan on using that, at least some of that, to bootstrap the next one. I want to open up another location in Jacksonville" and maybe South Florida, Willis said.

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also continues to play a significant role in the economy is that of cultural and arts tourism. Many of our state visitors are adding visits to our state's cultural resources as a complement to their vacation while many visitors are coming to Florida solely for what we have to offer culturally whether it is a museum or special heritage event.

According to a 2013 report from Man-dala Research, a cultural tourist typically spends more and stays longer than other types of travelers. The U.S. cultural traveler spends 60 percent more, approximately \$1,319 per trip compared with \$820 for than those who do not participate in cultural or heritage attractions. That adds up to more economic impact for our economy and more tax receipts for our state and local governments. Our cultural facilities also employ thousands here in Florida providing jobs and prosperity for Florida families throughout the state.

This year was looking to be another

great year for the state's museums and cultural facilities but unfortunately two hurricanes slammed into our beautiful state. Hurricane Hermine, made landfall in the Florida Big Bend, and stretched her destruction to Tallahassee. Impacts from Hurricane Matthew wreaked havoc along Florida's east coast. Many cultural attractions, museums and historic sites closed in its wake. This, in turn, caused a loss of revenue and capital deepened by dramatic, social media images of flooding.

These images continue to dampen visitation today statewide. At the same time, extra expenses are a reality for repairs and cleanup of historic sites and cultural institutions. This deep financial dent remains all the way from vibrant Miami, through the celebrated seaside communities of St. Johns County and northward to historic Fernandina Beach. Clean up has begun, but winds and floods deeply injured authentic Florida historic sites and museums.

In Florida, all of our tourism assets from the largest theme parks to our smallest museums create a canvas for which

makes our state the world's most popular tourism destination. When natural disasters hit, all tourist attractions take a financial hit, however our state's nonprofit attractions which already run on tight margins are among the hardest hit.

Gov. Rick Scott and our State Legislature have been some of our greatest proponents for our state's cultural assets from spearheading initiatives such as Viva Florida to supporting grants to supporting our cultural facilities. As our state leaders head back to Tallahassee in the spring to work on our next budget, we ask you to pay special attention to our state's museums and other cultural institutions especially those that were impacted by this year's storms. We look forward to continuing to provide special places for Florida's tourists to visit while also creating the jobs so that Florida continues to be the leader of the national tourism economy.

Kathy Fleming is the resident of the Florida Association of Museums and executive director of the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum Inc.

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forget about art.”

Clay County has a smaller population in comparison to the densely packed urban core of Jacksonville, so Frasier said she understands the disparity of artistic opportunities. However, the opportunities and funding for the arts available in Clay County leaves many artists burned, forced to seek higher opportunities out of the county. Clay artists take their spending dollars and ideas into Duval where cooperative funding on the county and corporate level help artists thrive.

Likewise, when artists live and work where they live, communities thrive. In an astonishing report by the advocacy and research foundation Americans for the Arts, the group found funds generated on local, state, and federal level totaled \$22.3 billion in yearly revenue. This far exceeded the \$4 billion appropriated to arts programs throughout the country.

Nationally, the industry generates roughly \$135.2 billion of economic activity, over four million full-time jobs and generates \$86.68 billion in resident household income, according to the 2011 report.

“I don’t see a lot of funding for the arts [in Clay County.]” said Oakleaf-based visual artist Kyle Willis. “What little funding I do see, I see entities like the Art Guild of Orange Park keeping that from getting in the hands of artists.”

Willis said the way the art collective applies for county and state grants allows surplus funding after materials are purchased to go into the art collective’s bank account instead and never into the “hands of artists, ever.”

Aside from grants, one way the county funds its arts community is through capital generated from the sale of Florida art license plates. The Department of Highway, Safety and Motor Vehicles doles the funds out to the county where the plates were purchased, but each county must designate a recipient arts organization within the county.

In the 2016-17 budget, the county received \$2,125 in revenue from the plates. In Duval, a percentage of the construction costs from any vertical construction project is transferred to the Art in Public Places Trust Fund. The fund helps implement city-wide plans for the creation and placement of artworks in the county.

Often, even one building project will bring huge sums of money into the fund.

When specific funds for arts in any community dry up, however, there are grants artists can apply for from various entities.

However, Willis said, many artists don’t know how to write grants or know what grants are available. Since he began to learn about this process, among others involved in making money as a full-time artist, he’s shared his knowledge with other struggling artists in and out of the county. He founded the art collective Local Artists Coming Together for community after he received cold, canned responses from existing art guilds and collectives in Jacksonville.



Founding executive director of the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts, Tony Walsh, said events such as CalaVida will help the Clay arts community grow, but more is needed.

Willis will host an event on Dec. 18 at his home to help teach artists how to apply for grants. Sometimes, however, the trouble in making money from art comes from themselves and not the area they work in. Willis said a generation of part-time artists selling their artwork for less than what it’s worth has also contributed to a hallowing out of the consumer and artist mindset. He said when an artist undercuts their process they’re doing a disservice to themselves and the consumer, who is lead to believe original artwork is only worth pocket change.

“I would say in the 16 years that I’ve been in Clay County, it has steadily grown to more of an awareness of the arts to a place where artists – both visual artists musicians and even actors – can practice actually practice their crafts in the county,” said Tony Walsh, a playwright and founding executive director of the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts at St. Johns River State College. “Now there’s a difference between practicing your craft and making a living.

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There aren’t that many opportunities currently for both musicians or actors to make a living [in Clay County].”

Walsh points to Green Cove Springs’ annual CalaVida Arts Festival as an example of how the community is slowly adding more to Clay County’s artistic central nervous system. Fraiser said events like CalaVida help bring a bigger sense of community to the county and help artists, but said she would like to see more events like these.

Like Duval, Clay County artists tend to collaborate with local businesses to bring projects to life. Brewer’s Pizza on Blanding Boulevard is home to Pinglehead Brewing Company, which has collaborated with local visual artists to make many of their drink labels as well as a platform to advertise and promote local musicians.

The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café at the corner of Park and Kingsley avenues hosts “Art Buzz” as a free resource for visual artists and artisans alike to set up shop and sell their wares at no cost to them. Likewise, the Rogue Gallery Comic Book Shop hosts “Rogue’s Night Out” monthly to give artists a larger platform to sell their wares in an environment similar to Jacksonville’s monthly art “Art Walk.”

As Clay County brings in new businesses with a focus and appreciation for the arts, in turn, the demand and supply for arts will grow, according to Willis. However, until that time, Frasier will continue to leave the county to perform her blues songs.

“[Clay County] just isn’t popping,” she said on her way to a gig in Duval. “It needs to be popping.”



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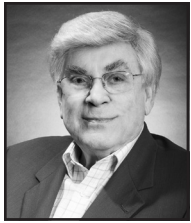
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The Bible does not tell us how many wise men there were. We have assumed there were three because of the number of the gifts they brought for Jesus. They were more than one and they were united in their desire to worship the new born king. Their studies, and the miraculous star, had convinced them that they were seeking deity. Thus, they desired to worship Him; when they found Him, they did so.

These seekers are important in the story of Jesus' birth because they teach us the value of obedience and dedication in our service and worship to God.

They determined to find Him at any cost. We do not know how far they traveled, but we do know they came from a distance.

They would not be deterred in their search for the child king. Herod tried to deceive them and misdirect their purpose when he told them to return and tell him where they found the child so that he could go and worship Him, too. The Holy Spirit protected them from Herod's deceit because their true goal was to worship Jesus.

When they arrived in Bethlehem and found the child king, they bowed before Him and gave Him appropriate and prophetic gifts.

It is important, today, for us to recognize the focus of our worship. We should be determined. We should not be deterred from seeking Him. We should give Him the most appropriate gift, in view of His inexpressible, indescribable gift to us. That gift from you to Him is the gift of yourself!

This entire account of the wise men seeking Jesus is recorded in the second chapter of Matthew. Read it and become a seeker and worshipper of Jesus. That is who true wise men are.

Escape

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"There's not one in Clay County, if I find the right spot, especially one that's close to [Interstate] 295 – I'd love to make one in Clay County...Wells Road could use some new blood," he said.

There are two escape rooms in Jacksonville currently, part of a growing wave of similar real-life puzzle-thrillers that have swept across multiple continents from Japan in the last decade. Willis said he could save on the costs of housing, transportation and food he had to expend to make his first room if he created the next one closer to home.

Willis built the room up from a set of two office buildings with white tile ceilings and carpeting into a horror-themed adventure room in seven weeks with wood, homemade props and a good deal of sweat. He created his own puzzles without peeking at other escape rooms to form a truly unique experience, he said.

Some of his puzzles are math-based, while others use smell to help find the answer. Players find a message from an investigator in the room detailing how the detective has knowledge of Giggles



Oakleaf artist Kyle Willis, who loves to paint and draw clowns, and co-owns the Escape-topia escape room in Fort Lauderdale, wants to set up an escape room in Clay County.

the Clown's murders and then must discover a timeline of each child's death through a set of intricate, self-designed puzzles to escape the rooms.

Willis shares the space with his business partner, who – after his previous partner pulled out shortly after opening – got into talks with Willis to add on to the previous two escape rooms.

Throw is a \$6,000 investment and Willis owns a horror-themed, cerebral puzzle that started on paper and then materialized. His escape went live to the public in late October while Willis watched via internet cameras he installed.

When pressed for more details on the plotline of the escape room, Willis smiled and said, "I don't want to give it away."

In Spirit Briefs

Kids workshop helps prep for Chanukah

ORANGE PARK – Chabad of Clay County is partnering with Lowe's to bring the joy and glow of Chanukah to the community.

Children and their families are invited to craft their very own menorah, using materials and guides sponsored by Lowe's.

The participants will receive their own menorah kit, along with child-sized aprons, with Lowe's staff on hand to guide and assist. Traditional Chanukah refreshments will also be served.

The event is scheduled for Dec. 18, from 2:30- 3:30 p.m. at Lowes, 2285 Kingsley Ave. near Orange Park.

"Kids love menorahs that they create on their own, they treasure it and they then feel more involved in the holiday," said Rabbi Shmuly Feldman, director of Chabad in Clay County. "Lowe's has partnered with Chabad all over the U.S. to bring holiday programs to the community, and we are grateful to have this program available in Clay County as well."

"Chanukah celebrates the triumph of light over darkness," Feldman said. "We celebrate by kindling the menorah each of the eight nights of Chanukah, beginning with one candle on the first night, and steadily increasing, adding a candle on each night until all eight are lit. It commemorates the miracles G-d performed for our ancestors in the ancient land of Israel, and it also reminds us that light



and goodness must always be on the rise, ever increasing from day to day, until the entire world is filled with goodness and kindness."

The event is free and open to the public. However, space is limited, so contact Chabad to reserve your spot. Call (904) 290-1017 or email info@jewishclaycounty.com.

Live Nativity planned at St. Giles

ORANGE PARK – Members of St. Giles Presbyterian Church will bring to life the manger where the Christ child was born

next weekend.

The church will stage a live nativity on Saturday, Dec. 17 and Sunday, Dec. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the corner of Blanding Boulevard and Foxridge Road near Orange Park.

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Business Briefs

New pretzel bakery opens inside area Walmart

FLEMING ISLAND — Ben's Soft Pretzels, the fastest growing pretzel franchise in the U.S., will celebrate the opening a new location in Clay County on Dec. 8.

The new location will open inside the Fleming Island Walmart at 1505 County Rd. 220 on Fleming Island. The grand opening celebration will take place from

11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and will offer one free jumbo soft pretzel to each customer.

Passionate about serving the world's best pretzel, the Amish-inspired pretzel franchise has been open since 2008. Hand-rolled, Ben's Soft Pretzels are baked fresh in each bakery throughout the day and feature special imported German salt. The pretzels are nearly twice the size of other soft pretzels and have a fluffy, melt-in-your mouth taste.

In addition to Ben's signature jumbo soft pretzel, the bakery also offers pretzel bites called Buggy Bites, Pretzel Stix, all-beef Pretzel Dogs and Meatball Pretzel Pockets. Customers can pair their fresh baked pretzels with eleven different dipping sauces including cheese, Amish sweet mustard, marinara and a variety of other options.

The Fleming Island location is owned and operated by entrepreneurial couple Andy and Angie Churney and their family. Andy was first introduced to Ben's Soft Pretzels through his friend and co-founder of Ben's Soft Pretzels, Ben Miller.



After operating Ben's Soft Pretzels mobile bakeries at fairs and festivals in the summer, Andy decided to help Ben full-time in managing his locations.

Realizing the great business opportunity in Ben's Soft Pretzels, Andy decided to open his own bakery with his family in Florida.

In a true family operation, all employees at Fleming Island's Ben's Soft Pretzels bakery are one of the Churney's 11 children.

"It is a true blessing to be able to open a business as great as Ben's Soft Pretzels with my family in Orange Park," Andy said.

"My family and I couldn't be more excited to bring Ben's delicious, quality pretzel products to the Jacksonville area."

Nearly eight years ago, Ben's Soft Pretzels was started in America's heartland by three visionary entrepreneurs who were passionate about great tasting food. Scott Jones, Brian Krider, and Ben Miller co-founded Ben's Soft Pretzels after Ben and his wife, 3rd generation Amish bakers, perfected the Amish/Dutch dough recipe that is used in all its locations. The first bakery opened in Concord Mall in Elkhart, Ind. and has since grown to 78 locations in eight states.



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Study documents nutritional risk in Florida's older adults

By Brad Buck
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Older adults who eat at congregate meal-serving sites may come to the meals with significant nutritional deficits, according to a new study by a researcher at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Congregate meals are delivered through the Area Agencies on Aging, administering state and federally funded meal and nutrition education programs with outreach services. Collectively, about 425 congregate sites in Florida serve thousands of meals daily.

In the study, Kelly Springstroh, an undergraduate in the UF/IFAS food science and human nutrition department, wanted to determine if handgrip strength predicts nutritional risk in older adults.

This study showed that handgrip strength alone was a weak predictor of nutritional risk but may be useful as a component of a nutritional risk screening tool.

The nutritional risk was due mainly to inadequate servings of recommended food groups, rather than problems with appetite, chewing or swallowing or significant weight loss, according to the study, led by Springstroh, under the supervision of Wendy Dahl, a UF/IFAS associate professor of food science and human nutrition.

Congregate meals have high standards for meeting nutritional quality, Dahl said. They're often served five times a week, but some people don't come to the meals every time. Thus, the nutritional risk may stem from the quality or quantity of their other meals, Dahl said.

"There's new research on handgrip strength and nutritional risk, which is very useful in hospital patients and others," Dahl said. "It's about muscle mass and function. Loss of muscle and strength is a sign of malnutrition — people are not getting enough protein and/or calories. Other nutrients are also important, but getting enough to eat and getting enough protein is critical."

"Older adults need more protein than younger adults to maintain muscle mass and strength," she said. "Handgrip reflects muscle mass and strength, so it gives us information about nutritional status independent of body weight. It's not adequate to only assess weight. Older, obese individuals can be at significant nutritional risk if they have a poor quality diet or have lost weight/muscle mass. Handgrip helps us to



Wendy Dahl



determine their risk as well as for others with lower body weights."

Researchers conducted the study at 10 congregate meal sites in North Central Florida.

Dahl said handgrip strength, if tested

in combination with a brief questionnaire, may be useful for nutritional risk screening of community-dwelling older adults.

"An inadequate diet and/or weight loss

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Community Briefs

Christmas garbage schedule released

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Department of Environmental Services announces the 2016 Holiday Schedule.

On Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, the Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 12:30 p.m. The county's Environmental Convenience Centers will open at 8 a.m. and close at 12:30 p.m. Curbside collection for residential solid waste will not change dates and times of pickups.

Gold Head Associates presents annual Yesterday's Festival

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, and the Gold Head Associates Inc., present the 13th annual Yesterdays Festival on Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the state park at 6239 State Road 21.

Come for the day and enjoy this unique, affordable, and family friendly event. The festival is free to attend with the purchase of park admission, \$5 per vehicle, up to 8 people in a vehicle.

Meet hobbyists, collectors, and enthusiasts as well as professional museum curators, archivists, archaeologists and historians. Antique cars, tractors, tools, candle making, meat preservation, and historic weapons of all kinds will be on display in the picnic area. Also meet Colbert Sturgeon "Swamp Man" from National Geographic Channel's new series "Live Free or Die."

Take a tram ride tour of the park, guided by a park ranger. Churn butter, grind corn and watch cast iron cooking over a wood fire. Live music will be performed on stage throughout the day. The Camp Blanding Military museum will perform weapon firing demonstrations and the Tri-County Artillery will fire Confederate cannons. There will also be a variety of food vendors on hand.

A silent auction offering many unique items will be held throughout the day with proceeds going to fund projects in the park and along the Palatka-Lake Butler State



Swamp Man Colbert Sturgeon

First Coast YMCA board elects Peggy Bryan as first chairwoman

JACKSONVILLE – The YMCA of Florida's First Coast announced Tuesday that Peggy Bryan has been elected chairwoman of the Metropolitan Board of Directors. Bryan is the first female to lead the First Coast YMCA Board of Directors. Bryan, who previously served as the board's vice chair, will further utilize her leadership skills and philanthropic commitment to govern the growth and operation of the First Coast YMCA association.

"We are fortunate to have a proven civic leader like Peggy who has been a tireless advocate for the Y and our goal to strengthen communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility," said Eric Mann, president and chief executive officer of YMCA of Florida's First Coast. "Her leadership and deep interest in building a stronger First Coast are enormous assets to not only the organization, but everyone who calls Jacksonville home."

While a native of Jacksonville, Bryan is no stranger to Clay County having been involved for years with the Reinhold Foundation and its annual awards program that celebrates the work of non-



J.F. and Peggy Bryan

profits that do work to improve the lives of people here. She and her husband, J.F. Bryan, shown here at left, donated to the St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation to help in the construction of St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County.

She was also instrumental in the fundraising efforts for the new Winston Family YMCA, as well as the building of Gateway's new Outpatient/Administration facility.

Prior to this position, Bryan was the president of Learn to Read, PACE Center for Girls, Greenscape of Jacksonville, Leadership Jacksonville and Youth Leadership Jacksonville. In addition, she serves on several other local boards, including the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Y's charter school, Tiger Academy, and more.

"It's an honor to serve as chairwoman of the Y's Metropolitan Board of Directors," she said. "The wide diversity of Y programs throughout the First Coast significantly strengthens the foundations of our community and touches so many people's lives, getting to be a part of this dynamic force is a very real privilege."

Bryan holds a bachelor's degree in European history and economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Aside from community activities, Bryan enjoys knitting, reading and gardening.

rector from 2008-2013 before going to Haven Hospice.

Rizer retired from the U.S. Army having reached the rank of lieutenant colonel. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland, a master's degree in social work from the University of Maryland and doctorate in social work from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

More than 100 varieties of poinsettias at annual UF/IFAS sale

GAINESVILLE – When attendees shop at this year's 20th annual poinsettia sale at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, they may be surprised that not all poinsettias are red.

The sale, held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 8 and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 9, takes place at the greenhouses behind Fifield Hall, 2550 Hull Rd. on the UF campus.

Traditionally, consumers prefer red poinsettias, said Jim Barrett, a UF/IFAS professor emeritus of environmental horticulture who still plays a large role in UF/IFAS poinsettia trials. But as a result of breeding, the holiday mainstay is now available in burgundy, pink, peach, white, yellow and marbled colors.

This year, a new, popular poinsettia is the 'Love You Pink,' Barrett said. "It's not a traditional Christmas red," Barrett said.



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Trail, which runs through the park.

If you are a collector, craftsman or hobbyist of historic re-creation or preservation and would like to exhibit, contact the park for more details.

For additional information, contact the park at (352) 473-4701 or visit www.FloridaStateParks.org/mikeroess/.

'Tis the season for flu vaccinations

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Florida Department of Health in Clay County will wrap up National Influenza Vaccination Week on Dec. 10.

The department, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, remind everyone that even though the holiday season has arrived, there is still time to get a flu vaccination. It is recommended that everyone six months of age and older receive the vaccine each year to protect against illness.

"Give the gift of health this season – take time to ensure that you and your loved ones have received their flu vaccinations. Vaccination is the best protection against influenza and preventable illness," said Heather Huffman, health officer and Health Department Administrator for Clay County.

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices and local pharmacies. Once vaccinated, you can enjoy this holiday season knowing that you have taken the single best step to protect yourself and loved ones against the flu.

National Influenza Vaccination Week is a national observance established in 2005 by the CDC to highlight the importance of continuing influenza vaccination during the holiday season and beyond.

For more information about National Influenza Vaccination Week, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

Rizer rejoins Council on Aging

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – What was old is new again in Green Cove Springs.

Al Rizer has returned to serve as executive director of the Clay County Council on Aging after spending the past three years as the administrator at Haven Hospice's Custead Care Center on Blanding Boulevard near Orange Park.

Rizer served as Council executive di-



Al Rizer

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“But it’s so popular, you’ll find it in re-tail outlets this year.”

Breeders worldwide send their latest poinsettia varieties to UF/IFAS, where scientists test how well they’ll grow in Florida’s sub-tropical environment, Barrett said. Nurseries use information from UF/IFAS experts to make sure they can grow the latest and best varieties for their customers.

“I loosely describe what we do as being like a movie critic,” he said of the 138 varieties that will be on display. “We don’t create the product. We evaluate it and tell you what’s good and bad about it.”

For people who will buy poinsettias at this year’s sale, they’ll take them home and use them for holiday decorations. But they’ll want to make sure the plants get plenty of light, so you’ll want to keep them in bright light. They can be replanted on the homeowner’s landscape, Barrett said. Poinsettias are “short day” plants that bloom when days are short and nights are long – like we see this time of year.

They grow well in areas where prolonged freezes are not normal. Indeed, they grow best in temperatures that range from 65 degrees at night and 75 to 80 during the day, according to UF/IFAS Extension documents. In other words, they don’t do well north of North Central Florida, Barrett said.

Here are a few other poinsettia facts. Poinsettias are not poisonous, contrary to a popular misconception. The plant is native to Mexico and the Aztecs used them in their fall celebrations. The plant’s name comes from Joel Poinsett, who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825. At that time, he was ambassador to Mexico.

Want to try your hand at acting?

MIDDLEBURG – Do you like to have fun and make people laugh? Then try your hand at acting with one of Clay County’s community theatres.

Middleburg Community Theatre is holding auditions next month for the female version of “The Odd Couple.” Auditions will be Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. in the Family Life Center Auditorium of Middleburg United Methodist Church, 3925 Main St.

According to director Arthur Dolder, the

goal of the community theatre is simple “to bring members of the community together for a night of food, fun, and laughter!”

“We are the premiere theatre performance organization in North East Florida. Established in 2013, we’ve drawn hundreds of spectators to our annual weekend events. With showings on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, our previous performances include, “Case of the Malted Falcon,” “Dealt a Deadly Hand,” “Murder at the Tonylou Awards,” “Eat Drink and Be Murdered” and “Trouble at the Tropical-bana.”

For more information, call (904) 282-5589 or online at www.mumceeplayers.com. The play will be performed May 19-20, 2017.

Roundtable discusses
aftermath of hurricane season
in Florida

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. – Recent data reports show that Floridians filed more than 112,000 insurance claims valued at \$729 million in losses as a result of Hurricane Matthew and another 18,000 insurance claims totaling \$95 million were filed as a result of Hurricane Hermine.

That’s the report given Dec. 2 in St. Augustine as Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier hosted an insurance roundtable discussion with representatives from more than 25 insurance companies operating in Florida.

As these insurance claims are processed, paid and closed, Atwater and Altmaier have followed the insurance industry’s claims-paying practices to ensure Floridians are treated fairly and their claims are handled appropriately, according to a news release.

The roundtable was held to mark the conclusion of the 2016 Atlantic Hurricane Season and also included officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to have a public conversation about the successes and challenges related to the first two storms Florida has faced in more than 10 years.

“We will not accept anything less than the best and most efficient effort from every single insurance company operating in the state of Florida,” Atwater said. “Commissioner Altmaier and I are pleased with

what we’ve seen thus far, but we will continue to meet with residents until Floridians’ concerns have been addressed.”

Consumers who have questions about their insurance coverage or claims are

encouraged to call the Department of Financial Services, Division of Consumer Services’ Insurance Helpline at 1-877-MY-FL-CFO or go online at myfloridacfo.com/division/consumers/.



School superintendent sets community meetings

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Since releasing a 20-page plan that covers his first 100 days in office, Clay County School Superintendent Addison Davis has also set out to meet with parents and stakeholders to discuss the plan.

Davis and district staff will host a series of public meetings to share the plan directly with residents, and engage in discussions so he can better understand the needs of the community and identify next steps for the district.

The four meetings are scheduled for the following nights:

- Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., Oakleaf High, 4035 Plantation Oaks Blvd., Oakleaf Plantation
- Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High, 900 Orchid Ave.
- Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m., Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Parkway
- Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m., Middleburg High, 3750 County Rd. 220

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF
RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room on the Fourth Floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, to consider the adoption of a Resolution amending THE CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017. The name of the taxing authority is Clay County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida.

The following lists the funds to be amended:

Revenues:				
102	102	399002	CASH CARRY FORWARD	162,913.00
Appropriations:				
102	4101	549900	EXPENSES OTHER THAN SALARIES - C/O	19,344.00
102	4101	564000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - C/O	111,996.00
102	4106	549900	EXPENSES OTHER THAN SALARIES - C/O	11,311.00
102	4101A	549900	EXPENSES OTHER THAN SALARIES - C/O	20,262.00
Revenues:				
104	140	399002	CASH CARRY FORWARD	131,340.00
Appropriations:				
104	4109	549900	EXPENSES OTHER THAN SALARIES -C/O	19,344.00
140	4109	564000	CAPITAL OUTLAY - C/O	111,996.00

The source of funds is unexpended fund balances from FY 2015-2016 which, as per Chapter 129.06(4) of the Florida Statutes, shall revert to the fund from which the appropriation was made. The funds are being appropriated in FY 2016-2017 to increase cash carry forward and adjust operational appropriations to meet revised expenditure estimates through fiscal year-end.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to this Resolution. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting of the Board at which the public hearing is held or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. A copy of the proposed Resolution may be inspected by members of the public in the office of the Clay County Budget Director, Fourth Floor of said Administration Building, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904)269-6376, no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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Merry Christmas Clay County

Thousands enjoyed the Green Cove Springs Christmas on Walnut Festival and the annual Middleburg Christmas Parade held on Dec. 3



December

Community Calendar 2016

TEEN COURT: Meets Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Clay County Historical Courthouse, 915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs. Great opportunity for teens to earn volunteer and community service hours. Visit website for dress code requirements, www.clayclerk.com, or call Debbie Mueller at (904) 278-3602 for more info.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: Meets Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs. Open to the public.



REINDEER RUN 5K: The Inaugural Reindeer Run 5K run/walk, scheduled for Dec. 10 at 8 a.m., is open to all runners and walkers and wheelchairs are baby strollers are permitted. Race proceeds will go to pay for a new playground at McRae Elementary. \$25 through Dec. 9. Race day registration is \$30. Refunds are not available. Contact the school, (904) 336-2125 or Smitty Huffman, (904) 338-7958 or Edward.Huffman@myoneclay.net.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: Dec. 10 from noon-5 p.m., Clay County Democratic Executive Committee, 868 Blanding Blvd., Suite 124, honoring volunteers who worked on 2016 campaign. All DEC members, volunteers and County Democrats are invited to stop by for some cheer of the season and good conversation.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT FOR KIDS: Clay county youth have a chance to become citizen scientists in January through a unique program offered by the Duval Audubon Society. CBC4Kids – which stands for Christmas Bird Count for Kids – will be held Jan 7, 2017 from 9 a.m. until noon at Camp Chowenwaw north of Green Cove Springs off U.S. Highway 17. RSVPs are required and can be made



COFFEE TALK: The Clay County Democratic Executive Committee hosts Coffee Talk, a new weekly event, on Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.-noon, 868 Blanding Blvd., Suite 124, as a place where like-minded progressives can have stimulating conversation.

online at <http://cbc4kids.eventbrite.com> or call Debi at (904) 612-3780.



A ROGUE'S NIGHT OUT: A gathering of artists and other artisanal crafters, family-friendly fun kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on December 10 at The Rogue Gallery at 2186 Park Ave., Suite 102. Featured artists include, Kyle Willis, Ingrid of Yuzly, Steven Taylor of Angular Velocity Designs, Bobby Klaiber Woodburning, Carmen of Carmen Cay Art, Sheila Ford of Jamberry, Jordan Summers of Summers Pop Art and Isaac Fox of Cremisi.

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT: An evening of organ music will be presented by organist Olin Jones, Dec. 11 at 7 pm. Free and open to the public. Penney Me-

morial Church, 4465 Poling Blvd., Penney Farms.

REORGANIZATION MEETING: Dec. 12 at 4 p.m., Clay County Democratic Executive Committee, 868 Blanding Blvd., Suite 124. Will elect officers for the next two years: Chair, Co-Chair, Sec-Treas, State Committeeman and State Committee-woman. Following the meeting, a regular DEC meeting will be held to elect new DEC members to conclude the Reorganization.



BINGO NIGHT: to benefit the disability programs at Challenge Enterprises, Dec. 13, with 5:30 p.m. registration, 6-7 p.m. buffet and bingo at 7. Talons Restaurant, 2217 Eagle Harbor Pkwy, Fleming Island. \$25.

REAL SOLUTIONS WEIGHT MANAGEMENT: 8-week program offered by



UF/IFAS Extension Clay County meets weekly for an hour in a casual group setting. Register by Dec. 15 and get \$20 off the \$120 fee. Classes are held every week Jan. 5 to Feb. 24, 2017 from 10-11 a.m. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/ClayEvents> or call (904) 284-6355 for more info.



A TASTE OF GREEN COVE: Dec. 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., presented by the VIA at the Woman's Club, 17 Palmetto Ave., featuring local restaurants and vocalist Craig Seaton presenting Christmas music. \$20, benefits Clay High Scholarship Fund. (904) 284-3403.

MASTER GARDENER: Clay County Master Gardener, Cotton Morlock, presents pruning tips to get ready for spring along with selecting and caring for your garden tools Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m., Fleming Island Library, 1895 Town Center Blvd. Workshop sponsored by Garden Club of Fleming Island. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

Adults

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increases risk of malnutrition, and if hand-grip can help us identify those individuals, we can intervene sooner,” Dahl said. “At this point in time, there is no quick, validated nutritional risk screening tool for use at congregate meal sites.”

Springstroh surveyed 136 people, ages 60 and older, who eat at one of 10 congregate meal sites in North Central Florida. She measured their grip strength, which is an indicator of muscle strength. Participants also answered questions about their overall diet, whether they have difficulty swallowing and other queries pertinent to older people.

She found that 68 percent of participants showed nutritional risk. Dahl said she was most surprised at the prevalence of participants’ nutritional risk. But she wasn’t surprised that the nutritional risk

is mostly due to lower consumption of certain food groups, especially fruits, vegetables and meat, which tend to be more expensive. Congregate meals serve those who are socio-economically challenged, so that might be a factor in their food choices, Dahl said.

Participants in congregate nutrition services program are thought to be at higher nutritional risk than the general older American adult population due to their lower functional, socioeconomic and health status, according to a federal study published in 2015.

Dahl points out that handgrip strength measurements may need to be further studied to be useful in assessing nutritional risk of community-dwelling adults. That may allow grip strength measurements to be included in nutrition risk screening. If so, this may be a great addition to traditional screening, as it takes a quick assessment and can give very valuable information towards treatment, Springstroh said.

Tickets

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Symphony Orchestra, which noted that since they are in the middle of the season, that would affect season subscriptions.

The money from this surcharge hike will go to infrastructural improvements, and is a necessary revenue stream especially in light of long-term debt-financed stadium improvements by the last two mayoral administrations.

City CFO Mike Weinstein referred to a “comfort level” among stakeholders that the funds would be allocated as earmarked, with funds siloed for the venues in a “joint effort between the tenant and the city.”

As it stands, the bill has to be heard again by the committee in January, though it is possible that could be overridden for a hearing by the full council next week at the last meeting of the year.

The second relevant bill regarding

sports and entertainment that cleared Finance is a contractually-required installation of temporary club seats for this month’s TaxSlayer Bowl, which will cost \$415,000.

Though the stadium likely won’t fill up, the club seats are the premium inventory, and desired by the participating conferences for revenue enhancement and prestige.

The city is obligated to fulfill the contractual rider for club seats installation through 2019, and future negotiations will avoid such a guarantee.

Councilman Aaron Bowman bemoaned the likelihood of “a lot of club seats” that the city paid to install, but won’t be filled by the lackluster Georgia Tech/Kentucky matchup on the morning of New Year’s Eve.

Meanwhile Councilman Greg Anderson, who sits on the TaxSlayer Bowl selection committee, predicts a “great turnout” for this matchup.

Time will tell on that. But the seats will be installed nonetheless.



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Watch Cole’s story at wolfsonchildrens.org/ER.



Emergency Centers

Locations in Fleming Island & Jacksonville

Fixing a patchy lawn

By Wayne Hobbs

UF/IFAS Environmental Horticulture Agent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS—After a long and hot summer, turf grass in Northeast Florida has been through a lot of stress. It has baked in the sun, been through weeks without rain, and at times cut too short, irrigated too much or too little, and been covered with pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.



Wayne Hobbs

However, as fall begins the grass begins to go dormant, the insects hopefully do so as well, and the turf can get a break but some diseases can begin to thrive. Probably the most common of these fall diseases is brown patch (*Rhizoctonia solani*), also known as large patch, which can cause large areas of the turf to yellow, then turn brown, and finally die. This disease can infect all warm-season turfgrasses including St. Augustine grass, Bermudagrass, Zoysiagrass, Centipedegrass and Bahiagrass.

Brown patch becomes active in lawns when temperatures drop below 80 degrees Fahrenheit and become dormant at temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Infec-

tion often occurs during periods of high humidity or excessive moisture for 48 hours or more and is spurred on by excessive thatch and the use of high rates of nitrogen fertilizer, normally more than 1.1 pounds per 1,000 square feet.

The symptoms of this ailment start as 6-12 inch off-color patches that turn yellow, then reddish brown, then brown to straw colored. The outer ring of the patch will be dark and wilted and this is the location where the pathogen is actively damaging new turf as the ring expands. Looking closely, you will also see black rot at the point where the grass stem meets the leaf blade.

If brown patch is present in your lawn, there are some things you can do to prevent it from reoccurring the following year. Avoiding excess soluble nitrogen fertilizers from November-April can help. Use slow release nitrogen fertilizers with an equal amount of slow release potassium. In fact, avoid fertilizing from October to February because turfgrass is dormant and will not need the nutrition during this time.

It is also best to never stress the lawn by mowing it too short, with St. Augustine grass the height should be 3-4 inches and never cut more than 1/3 of the leaf blade each time you mow. Also, lawn mowers can spread the disease so mow diseased areas



last and wash the clippings off of the mower when done.

Irrigation or watering should also be limited to one day a week following daylight savings time and make sure the follow the St. Johns River Water Management District watering guidelines all year. If you feel that your lawn stays wet a day or two following irrigation, you will want to water for less time and do not water if there is a rain event.

The best strategy is to only water when the grass is showing signs of wilt and water in the early morning. You may also find this disease in areas that have shade, especially in the morning, which can lead to turfgrass staying wet longer than in sunny areas. Another strategy to consider is to use preventative fungicides. This is done by monitoring the timing and location where

the disease normally occurs each year and then apply a fungicide by the instructions given on the label before conditions become right for the growth of brown patch. Commonly recommended fungicides are propiconazole, thiophanate methyl, myclobutanil or azoxystrobin.

If patches are large and the turfgrass does not recover, re-seeding, plugging or re-sodding may be needed. Following the establishment period, cultural practices as described in this article should be followed to limit the chance of the disease returning. If you have any more questions about turfgrass, any other landscape topics, or need plant or pest materials identified, contact the University of Florida/IFAS Extension Office online at <http://www.clay.ifas.ufl.edu>, follow us on Facebook, or call by phone at (904) 284-6355.

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Miss Florida talks Everglades restoration with students

By **Jesse Hollett**
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — Clay Virtual Academy students received a lesson on the Florida Everglades Tuesday morning from the state’s newly crowned Miss Florida.

Courtney Sexton, the Kingsley Lake native elevated to stardom in July when she won the state’s most prominent beauty pageant, gave students all the knowledge they would need to save the Everglades.

Human interaction through pollution, redirection of water flow and de-habitation has resulted in the destruction of half of the Everglades.

Invasive species, such as the Burmese Python, have also contributed to loss of wildlife. There are currently more than 60 threatened or endangered species currently living in the Everglades.

Congress authorized the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan in 2000 as a plan to “restore, preserve, and protect the south Florida ecosystem while providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection.”

“The Everglades needs us because of threats,” Sexton said to the children. “Things that are hurting the environment, we could talk for hours on end about it.”

Winners of the Miss Florida pageant

settle into their role knowing they will eventually volunteer much of their next year educating children on one cause or another. For the last six years, the Miss Florida Organization has collaborated with The Everglades Foundation to raise awareness about the problems facing the Everglades to classrooms all over the state.

It appears to work as well — the students are more engaged once “someone with a crown” walks into the room.

“I think this was pretty engaging for them, there was a lot of interaction,” said Gayle Weaver, distance learning specialist with Clay Virtual Academy. “You could see hands going up, they wanted to answer they wanted to have that engagement.”

For students, this was a chance to not only learn about the newly-crowned Miss Florida, but to learn about the most pressing issues facing a precious Florida landmark. For Weaver, however, the lesson was a bit of a reunion. Weaver taught Sexton 6th grade math in Bradford County.

Sexton’s goal is speak to 20 classes and she’s booked more than 20 schools already.

“I’ve learned as I do one presentation, a teacher or a parent shares about what the kids learned and how much fun they had and then another school books me. It’s a great cause and I think that’s why it’s easy to book the teachers and the parents and the school.”



Sexton will also assist Congressional representatives and senators in lobbying for further expansion of Everglades restoration. It’s personal to her now, as well. She attended a 12-day bus tour with the Everglades Foundation to familiarize herself with the terrain and the problems affecting the region.



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Police Briefs

Lewd molestation charge for teen

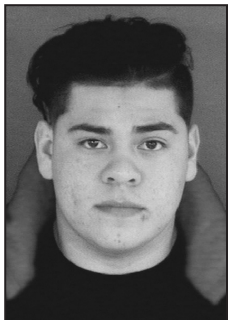
ORANGE PARK – An 18-year-old Orange Park man faces a charge of lewd and lascivious molestation of a girl under age 16 following an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Police arrested Luis Carlos Guevara, 18, on Dec. 5 after obtaining an arrest warrant from Fourth Circuit Court Judge John Skinner.

According to the warrant, Guevara is accused of inappropriately touching the girl various times between June 1 and Aug. 1 this year while they were both enrolled at a private cosmetology academy in Clay County.

The victim told police that she became friend with Guevara in March when she would go to the school to visit her father. However, she also said that Guevara inappropriately fondled her while they were in the breakroom at the college. She said he put his hand down her undergarments and touched her without consent.

Since his arrest and booking, Guevara has been released from the Clay County Jail on \$25,003 bond.



Luis Guevara

Weekend crash involving OP driver

JACKSONVILLE – The Florida Highway Patrol reports that a one-vehicle accident left an Orange Park man in critical condition on Dec. 4 a7 7 p.m.

Police said Adam Troughton, 20, of Orange Park, was driving a 1996 Ford Explorer on Interstate 295 near mile marker 41 when one of the SUV's tires came off and caused him to lose control.

The SUV rolled over and came to rest upside down on top of a guardrail.

He was transported to UF Health hospital in Jacksonville where he was last listed in critical condition.

A passenger in the SUV, Andrea Paz Morales, 19, of Jacksonville, received minor injuries.

FHP said charges are pending.

OPHS student arrested for fake bomb threat

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park High student has been given 10 days out of school suspension and recommended for expulsion after making a false bomb threat.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Damian Mario Rice, 18, told fellow classmates at the school on Dec. 2 and two days later, a concerned parent who had heard about the threat called the sheriff's office to report the incident.

At 10:35 p.m. Dec. 4, police showed up at Rice's parents' house to interview him

about the allegations after they read him his rights.

Police redacted what Rice told police when they asked him if he said anything at school recently "that would cause people to worry or be scared."

Rice is charged with the false report of a bomb or explosive and has been released from the Clay County Jail since being booked last weekend.



Damian Rice

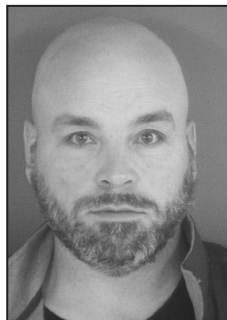
Adult charged with fondling juvenile girl

MIDDLEBURG – Authorities have charged a 45-year-old Clay County man with one count of lewd and lascivious molestation on a victim under age 12 following an investigation.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested Shad David Mantooth on Dec. 2 at 4:31 p.m.

According to the police report, Mantooth allegedly rubbed the victim's breasts and genitalia over her clothing without her consent.

At press time, Mantooth remained in the Clay County Jail where he is being held without bond.



Shad Mantooth

Pregnant woman attacked

MIDDLEBURG – A Jacksonville woman faces a charge of battery on a pregnant woman following an investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Police arrested Blair Elizabeth Gordon, 22, on Dec. 2 after obtaining an arrest warrant from a county judge.

According to the warrant, Gordon boards her horse with the victim on her property in the 5300 block of Muscovy Road in Middleburg.

On Nov. 9, Gordon allegedly got into an argument with another horse boarder at the victim's property, which led the victim to try and intercede in the argument, police said.

Police said Gordon "became hostile and charged at the victim who was sitting in a golf cart with her toddler in her lap," states the warrant.

Police said that Gordon grabbed the victim on the right side of her neck and scratched the upper right side of her back. Minutes later, Gordon allegedly grabbed a



Blair Gordon

cell phone and threw it at the victim, striking her in the head.

"A short time later, [Gordon] again attacked the victim, striking her with a closed fist in her stomach" knowing she is pregnant.

Gordon has since been released from the Clay County Jail on \$5,003 bond.

Appeal court throws out 2015 battery conviction

TALLAHASSEE – The 1st District Court of Appeal agrees with a Middleburg woman to a point that the court has thrown out her 2015 sentence for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

In its Dec. 1 opinion, the court said Joyce Ann Angelo, 35, the trial court here in Clay County erred by prohibiting Angelo from testifying about prior acts of violence committed on her by the victim.

It all began January 1, 2015 at 11:05 p.m. when the Clay County Sheriff's Office responded to the parking lot of Prevatt's Wings and Things in the 2600 block of Blanding Boulevard. Police said witnesses told them that night that Angelo used a box cutter to strike Marlon Owens – "her child's father – in the right side of his neck. Owens and a friend "were driving around looking for scrap food for his hogs" when he noticed Angelo stumbling in the parking lot.

According to police, when Owens approached Angelo, she said "let's fight" and, within minutes, slashed his neck with the box cutter.

The 1st District Court of Appeal ruled that "once the defendant presents evidence that the victim committed an overt act at or near the time of the incident that reasonably indicated the need for self-defense, the defendant may present evidence of prior specific acts of violence by the victim to prove the reasonableness of the defendant's apprehension at the time of the incident."

According to the opinion, both the defense and prosecution dispute whether the error was "harmless" yet the state argues that it met the burden to show the error was harmless because Angelo was still able to preset her theory of defense and her version of the stabbing was contradicted by eyewitnesses.

"However, while there were two eyewitnesses who testified to the events around the time of the incident, neither witness testified that he or she saw how the conflict began or was watching when the victim was cut. Thus, the State cannot prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the error did not contribute to the verdict," states the opinion.



Joyce Angelo

The 1st District Court of Appeal reversed Angelo's 45-month sentence and subsequent two years of probation that she was handed on August 19, 2015.

Friendly visit ends in elder battery charge

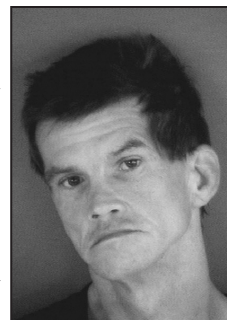
MIDDLEBURG – What began as a holiday visit for an Ohio man ended last week in a battery charge for a Middleburg man.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrested David Allen Steidl, 44, on Nov. 30 at 5:24 p.m. after talking with witnesses who saw the blow take place.

According to the police report, Steidl allegedly grabbed a rolling pin from a table top and struck sixty-seven-year-old Carl Stissel in the forehead. Stissel was here from Ohio visiting Steidl's mother at her home in the 1800 block of Mackenzie Court.

While Stissel told police he felt light-headed like he was going to pass out, he refused medical treatment. Police said he did, however, have a laceration and swelling.

Steidl was charged with one count of aggravated battery on a person age 65 or older. At press time, he remained in the Clay County Jail where his bond is \$50,003.



David Steidl

Tip leads to meth arrest

CLAY HILL – Acting on a tip, the Clay County Sheriff's Office last week arrested a Clay Hill man on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine and related drug charges.

According to the police report, Kellen Wallace Dupree, 34, was arrested on Nov. 30 at 11:17 p.m. after officers went to his home in the 800 block of Gregory Drive to ask him some questions.

Armed with data from the National Pre-Cursor Log Exchange – a national database states use to log and track purchases of pseudoephedrine, a common cold medicine used to make methamphetamine – officers confirmed Dupree had purchased pills from a Jacksonville Walmart store the same day.

When police went to the Dupree home, they first talked to his wife from behind a closed cattle gate. However, within minutes, Kevin Dupree walked out from the



Kellen Dupree

Arrests & Bookings

Tuesday, December 6
Barlow, Steven, 20, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Cline, Lacy, 28, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, VOP - Cocaine Possession
Etienne, Lawana, 29, Jacksonville, CCSO, Trespassing
Garvey, Steven, 33, St. George, Ga., OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Langley, Christopher, 40, Orange Park, CCSO, Two Counts of VOP - Sale, Manufacture, Deliver Cocaine
Littles, Jordan, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Lutzen, David, 37, Orange Park, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
May, Tara, 31, Jacksonville, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Cocaine Possession
McCoy, Rachael, 30, San Mateo, Fla., CCSO, Contempt of Court
Pendleton, Cynthia, 29, Yulee, Fla., OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession, Non-Support
Smith, Jonnishea, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Taylor, Thomas, 23, Jacksonville, CCSO, Burglary, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Torres, Joseph, 39, Jacksonville, CCSO, Non-Support

Monday, December 5
Bencher, Michael, 35, Jacksonville, OPPD, Loitering, Disorderly Intoxication
Bowers, Brian, 36, Edgewater, Fla., CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Brown, Shayla, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Calloway, Marteas, 46, Lawtey, Fla., CCSO, Aggravated Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Battery
Guernon, Andrew, 31, St. Augustine, Fla., CCSO, VOP - Possession of Less Than 20 g. Cannabis
Guevara, Luis, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Lewd or Lascivious Molestation
Hale, Richard, 35, Orange Park, OPPD, DWLSR
Maldonado, Jessica, 23, Maxville, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
Montgomery, Adam, 30, Middleburg, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Reeves, Barbara, 48, Middleburg, CCSO, Dealing Stolen Property, Giving False ID to Secondhand Dealer

Sunday, December 4
Briggs, David, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Burns, Courtney, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Fike, Brittny, 26, Keystone Heights,

CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Kudlinski, Logan, 26, Orange Park, CCSO, DUI
Love, Jason, 25, Orange Park, OPPD, Simple Domestic Battery
Magee, Connor, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, DUI, Possession of a Controlled Substance
Raby, Christopher, 42, Jacksonville, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice
Rice, Damian, 18, Orange Park, CCSO, False Report of a Bomb or Explosive Weapon
Simmons, Robert, 50, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft
Smith, Rayshawn, 19, Orange Park, CCSO, Petit Theft, Alcohol Beverage Possession By Person Under 21
Wright, Devin, 32, Orange Park, OPPD, Simple Domestic, Cocaine Possession
Wright, Joseph, 30, Orange Park, OPPD, DWLSR

Saturday, December 3
Castillo, Orlando, 40, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery
Coleman, David, 66, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Simple Battery
Dickerson, Jonathan, 43, Jacksonville, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, DWLSR
Draper, DeAngello, 44, Fleming Island, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Geiger, Ryan, 24, Orange Park, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment
Lown, Tommy, 20, Middleburg, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Perez, Jonathan, 25, Orange Park, CCSO, Three Counts of Simple Battery
Richardson, Dillon, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, Drug Equipment Possession, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Shaffer, Oren, 41, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, DWLSR
Vinson, Franklin, 43, Orange Park, CCSO, DUI

Friday, December 2
Beck, James, 32, Jacksonville, OPPD, DWLSR
Browning, David, 50, Orange Park, CCSO, Trespassing
Caston, Cynthia, 56, Middleburg, CCSO, DUI
Giles, Chymeka, 24, Orange Park, CCSO, Aggravated Domestic Battery
Gordon, Blair, 22, Jacksonville, CCSO, Aggravated Battery on a Pregnant Female
Halladay, Shelly, 46, Green Cove Springs, GCSPD, Non-Support
Justice, Brandon, 22, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft
Justice, Devon, 23, Middleburg, CCSO, Petit Theft, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lance, Alexander, 38, Middleburg, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
Lehman, Christopher, 40, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Petit Theft
Mantooth, Shad, 45, Middleburg, CCSO, Molest Victim Less Than 12 By Offender 18 or Older
Rossano, Robbie, 22, Keystone Heights, CCSO, DUI
Wilton, Douglas, 34, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Failing to Report Vacating, Fail To Report Name or Residence Change to Local Law Enforcement

Thursday, December 1
Asberry, James, 30, Jacksonville, CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License
Bussey, Luther, 26, Orange Park, CCSO, Passing a Counterfeit Bill, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Coates, Clay, 30, Middleburg, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Coulter, Sherry, 46, Orange Park, CCSO, Simple Battery
Finney, Paula, 49, Jacksonville, Judge, Contempt of Court - Child Support
Flannery, Sean, 46, Sanford, Fla., CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999
Foley, Verna, 34, Starke, Fla., CCSO, Public Aid Fraud \$200 or More
Knox, Courtney, 26, Orange Park, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice
Lamar, Andrea, 29, Jacksonville, OPPD, Criminal Mischief
Lunsford, Joe, 48, Jacksonville, CCSO, Trespassing, Resisting an Officer
Magee, Connor, 18, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Maisch, Edward, 29, Orange Park, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court
McFadden, Lewis, 22, Jacksonville, OPPD, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
McKee, Anthony, 19, Jacksonville, CCSO, Grand Theft- Retail Theft
Pinero-Jara, Jorge, 33, Middleburg, Simple Domestic Battery
Raggins, Tracy, 44, Orange Park, CCSO, Habitual Traffic Offender, Giving False Name or ID
Regeon, Joseph, 32, Middleburg, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis
Simmons, Gerald, 20, Mobile, Ala., CCSO, Trespassing
Singer, Joshua, 33, Fleming Island, CCSO, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment Possession
Sorrells, Michael, 31, Middleburg, CCSO, Trespassing
Wood, Barry, 41, Middleburg, CCSO, VOP - Criminal Mischief
Woodley, Waduta, 32, Orange Park, OPPD, DWLSR, Unlicensed Firearm
Wright, Dontavious, 27, Orange Park, CCSO, Failure to Appear for Court

Wednesday, November 30
Aulthouse, Ronald, 45, Middleburg,

CCSO, VOP - Possession of a Controlled Substance
Dupree, Kellen, 34, Jacksonville, CCSO, Resisting an Officer, Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Trafficking Methamphetamine
Ford, Wanda, 21, Jacksonville, CCSO, DWLSR, No Vehicle Registration
Freed, Joan, 43, Orange Park, CCSO, FTA - Battery
Gookins, Kurt, 36, Jacksonville, CCSO, No Vehicle Registration, Possession of Not More Than 20 g. Cannabis, Drug Equipment, DWLSR
Jackson, Jamie, 28, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Mixon, Michael, 32, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, DWLSR
Shearer, Kynan, 26, Middleburg, CCSO, Vandalism More Than \$200 Simple Domestic Battery
Stacy, Charles, 30, Green Cove Springs, CCSO, Fugitive From Justice
Steidl, David, 44, Middleburg, CCSO, Battery On Person 65 Or Older
Steuer, Amethyst, 28, Middleburg, CCSO, Simple Domestic Battery, Criminal Mischief
Terrell, Larry, 55, Orange Park, CCSO, Driving Without a Valid License
Watson, Eddie, 33, Palatka, Fla., CCSO, Possession of a Controlled Substance
Wilkinson, Matthew, 26, Jacksonville, CCSO, Uttering A Forged Instrument
Wilson, Paul, 40, Jacksonville, CCSO, Violate Probation - Community Control
Yowell, Paula, 44, Lawtey, Fla., CCSO, Grand Theft \$300-4,999

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side of the home to talk to the officers who described him as having “a strong chemical smell emitting from his person.” Police also said Dupree was nervous and “sweating profusely” and said he did not want to come across the fence to talk with police.

One of the drug detectives reached over the fence and attempted to grab Dupree’s arm while saying, “sir, you are under arrest.” It was then that Dupree ran back into the house and slammed the door on the detectives who followed and eventually apprehended him.

Dupree faces one count each of manufacturing methamphetamine, trafficking methamphetamine and resisting an officer. The state standard for trafficking in meth is 14 grams, however, the part of the police report pointing out the amount of drugs seized from Dupree’s home and backyard shed are heavily redacted.

At press time, he remained in the Clay County Jail with bond set at \$205,008.

CRIME WATCH

This is a weekly collection of crime reports from the Clay County Sheriff's Office Community Relations Unit meant to inform, educate and generate community feedback. To receive these alerts via email, go online to **www.claysheriff.com**, click on the Sharing Tree logo and follow the instructions.

CCSO Contact Numbers

Main: 264-6512
Emergency: 911
Community Relations: 213-6114

Thefts

12/06 a cellphone was stolen from an unattended backpack at Clay High on State Road 16 West in Green Cove Springs.

12/05 a rental truck was stolen from the Home Depot parking lot on Wells Road near Orange Park.

12/05 an air conditioning unit was stolen from a home under construction on Cosmos Avenue in Middleburg.

12/05 a wallet left unattended in a shopping cart was stolen at the Walmart on Blanding Boulevard near Orange Park.

12/04 a Samsung Edge left unattended on the dock, was stolen at the Sunset Park fishing dock on Bay Harbor Drive on Fleming Island.

12/03 a camera was stolen from property on County Road 220 in Middleburg.

12/02 items were stolen from a wallet in a room at Isle Health and Rehabilitation on Fleming Plantation Boulevard on Fleming Island.

12/01 unattended tool boxes and hand tools were stolen from a home on Cody Drive near Orange Park.

12/01 a wallet was stolen from an unattended backpack at Clay High on State Road 16W in Green Cove Springs.

11/30 a boat was stolen from the yard of a home on Hall and Boree Road.

Burglary to Structures

12/05 air conditioning units were stolen

from a home currently under construction on Arden Forest Place on Fleming Island.

12/05 appliances and other building supplies were stolen from multiple home construction sites along Raptor Road on Fleming Island.

12/05 a rear sliding screen door was damaged at a home on Lantern Light Trail north of Middleburg.

12/05 electronics items were stolen from a home on Hollars Place north of Middleburg.

12/01 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Other items were also stolen from the garage at a home on Shadow Creek Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 electronics items were stolen from a shed at a home on Parkside Avenue near Orange Park.

12/01 two cook tops were stolen from home under construction on Club Lake Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

11/30 a vehicle was stolen from the fenced yard of a business on State Road 21 in Keystone Heights.

11/30 there was damage to a garage door and an ATV, trailer and assorted power equipment were stolen from a home on Long Branch Cemetery Road in Maxville.

Burglary to Autos

12/06 a wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Iris Street in

Middleburg.

12/06 a wallet was stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on County Road 214 in Keystone Heights. It is unknown when or the location of the vehicle when the wallet was stolen.

12/05 personal items were stolen from a vehicle at the St. Johns Point Apartments on Old Orange Park Road in Orange Park.

12/04 a purse was stolen from a vehicle in front of a condominium on Juniper Avenue near Orange Park.

12/04 personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on Debarry Avenue in Orange Park. The vehicle was left unlocked and when returned to was locked.

12/03 a wallet and purse were stolen from a vehicle at a home on Lori Loop Road in Keystone Heights.

12/03 personal items were stolen from an unlocked vehicle at a home on Craven Road in Green Cove Springs.

12/01 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from five unlocked ransacked vehicles at homes along Plantation Parkway in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 miscellaneous personal and electronics items were stolen from a ransacked vehicle at a home on Spanish Bay Court in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked ransacked vehicle at a home on Autumn Pines Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked ransacked vehicle at a home on Eagle Crossing Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked ransacked vehicle at a home on Shadow Creek Drive on Fleming Island.

12/01 miscellaneous electronics items were stolen from two vehicles at a home on Baylor Avenue in Keystone Heights. It is unknown when the items were stolen.

12/01 miscellaneous personal items were stolen from an unlocked ransacked vehicle at a home on Plantation Oaks Boulevard in in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 an unlocked vehicle was ransacked at a home on Spanish Bay Court in Oakleaf Plantation. Nothing was reported missing.

Criminal Mischief

12/05 a window on the softball shed was damaged at Clay High on State Road 16 in Green Cove Springs.

12/02 a window was damaged by a brick paver at a home on Westridge Drive in Oakleaf Plantation.

12/01 a vehicles' tires were damaged at a home on Sheraton Lakes Circle north of Middleburg.

Sheriff's office urges homeowners to be 'fire smart'

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Between 2010-2014, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 210 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year.

These fires caused an average of six deaths, 16 injuries, and \$16.2 million in direct property damage annually, according to data collected by the National Fire Protection Association.

On average, one of every 34 reported home fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 142 total reported home fires.

Some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in one-third – 35 percent – of home Christmas tree fires.

Twenty-three percent of Christmas tree fires were intentional.

Two of every five home Christmas tree fires started in the living room, family room, or den.

Data also shows that nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can in-



crease your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be Fire smart.

Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands

with frayed or pinched wires. Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.

Consider using battery-operated candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires – and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. With the days growing darker and winter setting in, a few candles scattered round the room can lend a warm glow to an evening. But with candle fires resulting in around 350 casualties each year, we would like you to take extra care with candles this winter - nearly 40 percent of all fires started by candles result in a death or injury.

Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.

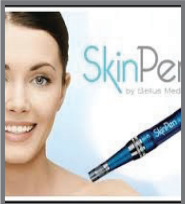


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Botox parties have gotten old so FIPS is mixing it up! Each month we will host 2 GNOs especially designed just for you and your friends. You can design and plan your own party or we can do the work for you! Guests arrive 1 hour before the party starts to learn about new treatments and receive deeply discounted prices on Botox/Xeomin, fillers, HydraFacial, and free surgical consults for anyone who is curious about plastic surgery. Call our office for more details. Below are some GNO ideas:

- Painting with a Twist (Min 20 guests) <http://paintingwithatwist.com/fleming-island/>
- Spa Splurge Party <https://www.spasplurgecollection.com/>
- The Big "0" Birthday (30th, 40th, 50th birthdays)
- Bachelorette and pre-wedding Parties
- Younique MakeUp <https://www.youniqueproducts.com/noeltwillman/business/party>



Thanks to all of our amazing and loyal patients, we outgrew our previous location. We are thrilled to announce that we have moved into our new office located at: **1715 Eagle Harbor Parkway, Suite B Fleming Island, FL 32003** Please join us at our Grand Re-Opening Party, Monday, December 12th from 5 PM-9 PM. Be sure to download the FIPS Mobile App and watch your emails for additional information.

Nora
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"I've missed you."
I've missed you too.
"Nora?"
Yes?
"Did you know it was me?"
Yes. I knew. I've always known.
"Do you want to open your eyes now?"
Nope.
"Just a peek?"
No.
"Ok. I'll be right here when you do. I'm not going anywhere. I'm going to stay with you."

Silence. Breathing. Pins dropping. Dis- tant hiss from the off-the-air snowy TV. It took a little longer this time to be nine years old again. But when she was back there, back in that empty grey room; there was something different. Different was good. It had been painfully identical every time she'd gone back. It never changed. Never. But this time it was finally different. The familiar dread was replaced by a fresh peace. And it felt nice; really nice.

"Want to open your eyes yet?"
Nope. Wait a minute.

Within what the Bible stories used to call the twinkling of an eye, she felt this warmth well up within her. It started way deep down inside. It was 30 years since something came from that place. It was re- ally warm. Physically warm. It felt good. It felt more than good; it felt right.

Was that an orchestra whose string section just swelled a crescendo her way? Did years of waiting just begin to fall away with the effort of molasses escaping from a hot ladle?
"Nora?"
Yes, Santa?
"I'm here. Open your eyes sweetie."
You're not going to disappear and turn around and leave the room?
"No. Not this time. Actually, I never did back in your room either. You just couldn't see me anymore. Remember who you saw instead?"

My dad?
"Yes. That was him."
You mean he wasn't just dressed up like you?

"No, dear one. It was me. I am as real as it gets. People have made up stories about me for centuries. They've tried to fit me into their rational explanations. I'm not that. I can't fit there."
Santa, I want you to know something.
"What my child?"
I've always believed in you. Even when I was all grown up; I still believed. I didn't want to sometimes, but those feelings and the memories were just too real.

"Nora..."
Yes, Santa?
"...I believe in you too. I always have."
Just then, two loving arms—which were no longer little or bony—finally made their way around a very comfy waist.

Survey shows homeowners want incentives to conserve more water

By Brad Buck
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE – Homeowners with ir- rigation systems would use less water if they were offered more incentives, accord- ing to a new University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences report.

Most will even pay more for better wa- ter quality.

Respondents to a UF/IFAS online sur- vey of 3,000 such homeowners in Florida, Texas and California said reducing the price of water-efficient equipment would be the most effective strategy. That was followed by more practical information on household water conservation, easier iden- tification of water-efficient appliances and better landscape irrigation ordinances.

Additionally, respondents liked the idea of a real-time water use mobile app and more information on the environmental im- pacts of water conservation.

"We know that informed homeowners are aware and concerned about the envi- ronmental consequences of excessive irri- gation water use," said Hayk Khachatryan, an assistant professor of food and resource economics and the lead investigator in the survey. "However, awareness and concern are necessary, but not sufficient, condi- tions for resource and water conservation.

Efforts in promoting the adoption of water- saving irrigation systems and practices will be more successful when environmen- tal conservation measures are combined with economic incentives such as utility or manufacturer rebates on smart irrigation equipment."

To get better-quality water, 64 percent of survey participants said they're willing to pay higher monthly water bills. Of those, 26 percent said they'd pay less than 5 per- cent of their current bill; 30 percent would pay 5 percent to 15 percent more and 8 percent were willing to pay more than 15 percent.

UF/IFAS researchers used the survey to analyze U.S. household water use and irrigation practices. They surveyed home- owners in Florida, Texas and California based on water scarcity issues identified in a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency report from 2008.

Government or utility company incen- tives to purchase these items were fairly scarce. About 18 percent of respondents said they received an incentive to install low-volume /dual flush toilets. Only 17 percent said they received rainwater col- lection tanks, and only 16 percent received flow-restrictor taps/low-water shower heads

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Class 5A football

Jenkins' highlight reel not enough as Blue Devils fall

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – For Clay High football, senior Jaylan Jenkins has been the go-to guy in more than one way and Friday night's "highlight-reel" performance will not be soon forgotten despite the 52-42 loss to Ponte Vedra that occurred Dec. 2 in the Class 5A state semi-final game at Clay High School.

"It was ironic that we went undefeated at home during the regular season and couldn't find a way on Friday night to ever take the lead," said Clay coach Joshua Hoekstra. "This loss will stay with me for a very long time and drive me to find a way to improve and get better every day."

Clay High's entire football senior class; Jenkins, Colin Wilson, Marcus Jones, Angel Valdes, Marquez Delafield, Derek Smith, Rico Schnitzler, Evan Martin, Tobias Griffin, Darius Smith, Matt Adams, Nathan Fitzgerald, William Cornwell, Devon Vatick, Jarrod Leeds, Maxwell Moore, George Wilder and Antwan Coleman, finishes an amazing four-year span of high school football with three Final Four berths, three region titles, three district titles and four straight region playoff berths;



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO
Clay High wideout Jaylan Jenkins sprints past Ponte Vedra High bench en route to 60 yard play to Sharks 15. Jenkins and Blue Devils lost 52-42 in Class 5A state semifinal on Dec. 2.

one region semifinal loss.

"Jaylan made a lot of plays when we needed him to," said Hoekstra.

Jenkins, as a kick returner, rolled to a 73 yard scoring run in the fourth quarter to pull the Blue Devils' to a 38-35 deficit to the Sharks with 5:23 left in the game.

Jenkins, again as a kickoff returner, smoothly finished off a 44 yard return to midfield in the third period to set up one of three touchdowns from senior running back Colin Wilson and a 24-21 game score.

Jenkins, as a member of the Clay backfield, took a sweep play 60 yards to the Ponte Vedra 15 yard line in the first quarter to ignite a Blue Devil sideline that thought a 14-7 deficit may become a tie. Unfortunately, with Jenkins taking a swing pass for seven yards to the Shark seven, Wilson was stopped short of the end zone.

In the first quarter, Jenkins goes Wildcat twice for 23 yards, then catches a pass that has a roughing the passer flag tagged on to the Shark 15 yard line. Wilson would later score off the effort from four yards out to tie the game at 7-7.

All that being said, Clay High's playoff run did not end on a sour note of a blowout

SEE DEVILS, 37

Detwiler gets Titan title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE CITY – Facing off with a probable top region opponent in his semifinal match; a triple overtime extravaganza, Fleming Island High junior wrestler Paul Detwiler survived that match then stormed to a Clash of the Titans title Saturday afternoon at University High School in Orange City as area wrestlers got to flex some muscle against other teams in week one of the 2016-17 season.

"Paul showed some grit today at his

new weight," said Fleming Island coach P.J. Cobbett. "He muscled up to 152 from his 138 of last year and we wanted to see how he would do. He wrestled at 170 a week ago at Buchholz and did a nice job on a heavier kid. He's a hammer."

Fleming Island High, a top 10 Class 3A preseason pick, finished fifth in team

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Fleming Island High junior Paul Detwiler avenged three losses and won a Clash of the Titans title on Dec. 3.



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Oakleaf, Orange Park trios unbeaten in wrestling opener

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE — Oakleaf High has a new wrestling coach and some new faces, but state qualifier Ryan Rosano sees some new energy on the mat for the Knights.

Rosano, with teammates Kyle Tairovski-Romeu and Ethan Gustilo, all wrestled to unbeaten (5-0) records for the Knights in the season-opener North Florida Duals held Saturday at Bishop Snyder High School.

"I like that we have a good mix of returners and new guys on the team," said Rosano, who finished at 35-14 in his sophomore season last year with two wins at the Class 3A championships. "I've been working hard to go back to states and the other guys are seeing that it can be done with that hard work. We all want to go."

Oakleaf had wins over Bolles, Nease and Baker County with losses to Camden County and Bishop Kenny.

Rosano pinned all five of his opponents rather handily with Tairovski-Romeu handing out three pins and Gustilo getting three pins and a major decision.

Knights coach Wes Champs liked the effort of his new team and sees the upcoming season to be a test of wills.

"We are in Class 3A now with the likes of Fleming Island and Flagler so we will have to improve each week and wrestle smart in each match," said Champs, an assistant to Chris Norton last year. "We have a good corps of hard working guys."

Also at the North Florida Duals, Orange Park, with returners Frank Sawyer, Nartorian Lee, a state qualifier, and Tyler DeHart going unbeaten, handled the agenda handily with the Raiders, under coach Justin Daniels, finishing with a 2-3 record, had wins over Bolles and West Nassau. Lee and Dehart both won five matches. Daniels lost state qualifiers Marcus Reid, third at 120, and Saied Ejmali to transfer with both now at Ridgeview High School. One addition to the Raider lineup was behemoth footballer Shawn Bizzell at heavyweight. Bizzell is a first-time wrestler and a state



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High's Ryan Rosano settles into pinning combination on Bishop Kenny opponent at the North Florida Duals held at Bishop Snyder High on Dec. 3 in season opener for Knights.

placer at weightlifting.

Middleburg, with long-time assistant coach Richard Dusenberre taking over, finished at 3-2 for the day. Middleburg won over Baker County, First Coast and West-

side with losses to Camden County and Fletcher.

"I like our scrappiness," said Dusenberre, who replaced Richard Wetherill, who retired from Middleburg High last



Ridgeview High wrestler Marcus Reid, shown here at the Class 2A championships with Orange Park High, got his first big win as a Panther with a 120 pound title at the 24-team Border Wars tournament in Fort Walton Beach.

year after finishing with state 170 runnerup Jon Shoen, now graduated, state qualifier Dylan Rosetti, graduated, state qualifier Ammon Meeks at 220, graduated, and state qualifiers Briar Jackson, at 113, now at Fleming Island High School, and Kurt Jackson, at 195, now at Clay High School.

"We lost a lot of good guys to graduation and transfer, but we'll fight hard," said Dusenberre. "Brian Heflin is a top returner for us."

Camden County and Bishop Kenny finished the day with unbeaten team records.

At the Jensen Beach Battle of The Beaches Duals, Clay High finished second to host Jensen Beach in a duals tournament featured south Florida powers including Park Vista, Treasure Coast, Jupiter and Fort Pierce Central.

Clay got unbeaten records from state placers Kaleb Collins and Kurt Jackson (transfer from Middleburg), Justin Merring and Cody Taylor. Others who competed were Lou Gaglairdo at 133 with five pins; Chris Merring at 120, Dalton Wright at 160 and Max Beavor at 170. State placer Keath Sawdo finished 6-1 at 145.

At the Border Wars at Fort Walton Beach, Ridgeview High placed 14th in the power tournament won by Holy Cross with 292.5 points over 2A-power Tampa Jesuit's 247.0 points. 3A-power Flagler Palm Coast was third with 196 points. Ridgeview, with Marcus Reid, an Orange Park transfer as a champion, scored 70 points for 14th. Reid's Raider teammate, junior Saied Ejmali, would lose to eventual champion Avery Holder of Flagler in the 132 quarterfinals.

Holder, a 3A state placer last year, would beat Arnold state placer William Pickren in the championship match.

"The amount of talent at the Border War is incredible and our kids got a real hard look at what hard training can do," said Ridgeview coach Bryce Barker. "I think the meet was a good display of what it takes to be a state meet wrestler."

Reid, a state third place finisher in

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points despite not fielding a full team with Georgia champion Camden County dominating team scores with 296.50 points beating out Winter Springs' 215.50.

Fleming Island scored 144.50.

Upper weight stalwarts Jason Davis and Ryan Smenda; both third in Class 3A last year, were not on the mat and 220-pounder Brandyne Mackey did not compete.

"We wanted to use this meet to test some of our young kids and they showed up and did some nice work," said Cobbert. "Those guys will be ready for the Lyman tournament in two weeks. All the teams

there will be full tilt."

For Detwiler, the region opponent, Winter Springs' Dimitri Alicia, also a junior, who had three wins over Detwiler at 138 last year and finished as region runnerup with Detwiler third, came in as a heavy favorite, but also as tentative at his new weight, ironically, 152. Both finished as state qualifiers with their region finishes, but neither placed in the top six.

"First, I feel much stronger at 152 mainly because I'm not out running trying to cut weight for two days to 138," said Detwiler. "Dimitri and I talked over the summer about him coming in at 145, but he said it was too much to cut. He may be there later in the season. It wasn't in my head that I was going to wrestle him until

I got here."

In his final match, Detwiler beat Bryce Crew of Camden County with a 6-4 match, but the much-ballyhooed head-to-head was against Alicia in their semifinal.

Both danced around each other and attempted some inside moves, but both were able to repel efficiently. Tied after regulation time at 2-2, both scored in overtime but Detwiler was more active in the third overtime period with an escape and take-down as Alicia was forced to take risks to thwart Detwiler's scores.

"Paul stayed on him and made him work," said Cobbert. "He had to try some scoring moves and Paul is very good as a counter move wrestler. It's all good competition."

The Fleming Island lineup included runnerup finishes from Albie Snedaker at 113 to Camden's Tyler Crew and DeAndre Demus at 120 to Camden's Brandon Orum.

At 106, Briar Jackson took third, at 138 Vince Hauser took third and, at 285, Jose Concepcion took third.

In the 285 weight division, Concepcion, who will flip with Brandyne Mackey, who goes to 220 after wrestling at 285 last year, had a bracket with defending state champion TJ Boyd of Winter Springs, but lost to state qualifier Christian Gomez of Hagerty in the semifinals. Hagerty is a region 1-3A opponent for Fleming Island. Mackey lost a round two 2-1 decision to Boyd at last year's region meet. Concepcion was region runnerup at 220 last year.

Bryant on fire as Knights thrash FIHS, OPHS

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF – Oakleaf High senior shooting guard Jonathan Bryant blasted for games of 28 and 16 points, respectively, as the Knights thumped Fleming Island and Orange Park high schools in consecutive games Thursday and Friday nights on their home court.

“I think he wants to build on his second team all state selection last year and his Clay Today player of the year,” said Oakleaf coach Jason Price. “He has a little chip on his shoulder and still thinks he has something to prove. I think he wants to leave a lasting legacy at Oakleaf.”

Oakleaf had opened up the 2016 with two setbacks; one the transfer of 6-foot-6 forward Nassir Little to Orlando Christian Prep, and, two, two losses in tournament play over the Thanksgiving holiday. Oakleaf lost to Pensacola Washington and Bishop Kenny in the Andrew Jackson High Christmas tournament.

Having said that, don’t think Oakleaf coach Jason Price has lamented too long. With Little gone, freshman center Chantz

Williams, a 6-foot-5 product, and senior Dominique Mitchell, a 6-foot-2 muscle forward, emerged in both games and, in Oakleaf’s first two regular season games; wins over Fleming Island and Orange Park.

“Chantz Williams opened up with a school record nine blocked shots against Fleming Island and Dominique hit for 11 points and 11 rebounds,” said Price. “That three-man front with Bryant has played really well. I’ve been very happy with the rebounding and defense so far.”

With the two losses, Bryant has been the trigger man for Price as one of the top players in north Florida, if not Florida, with his now very muscular 6-foot-3 torso and his soft jumpers capable out to the three point stripe.

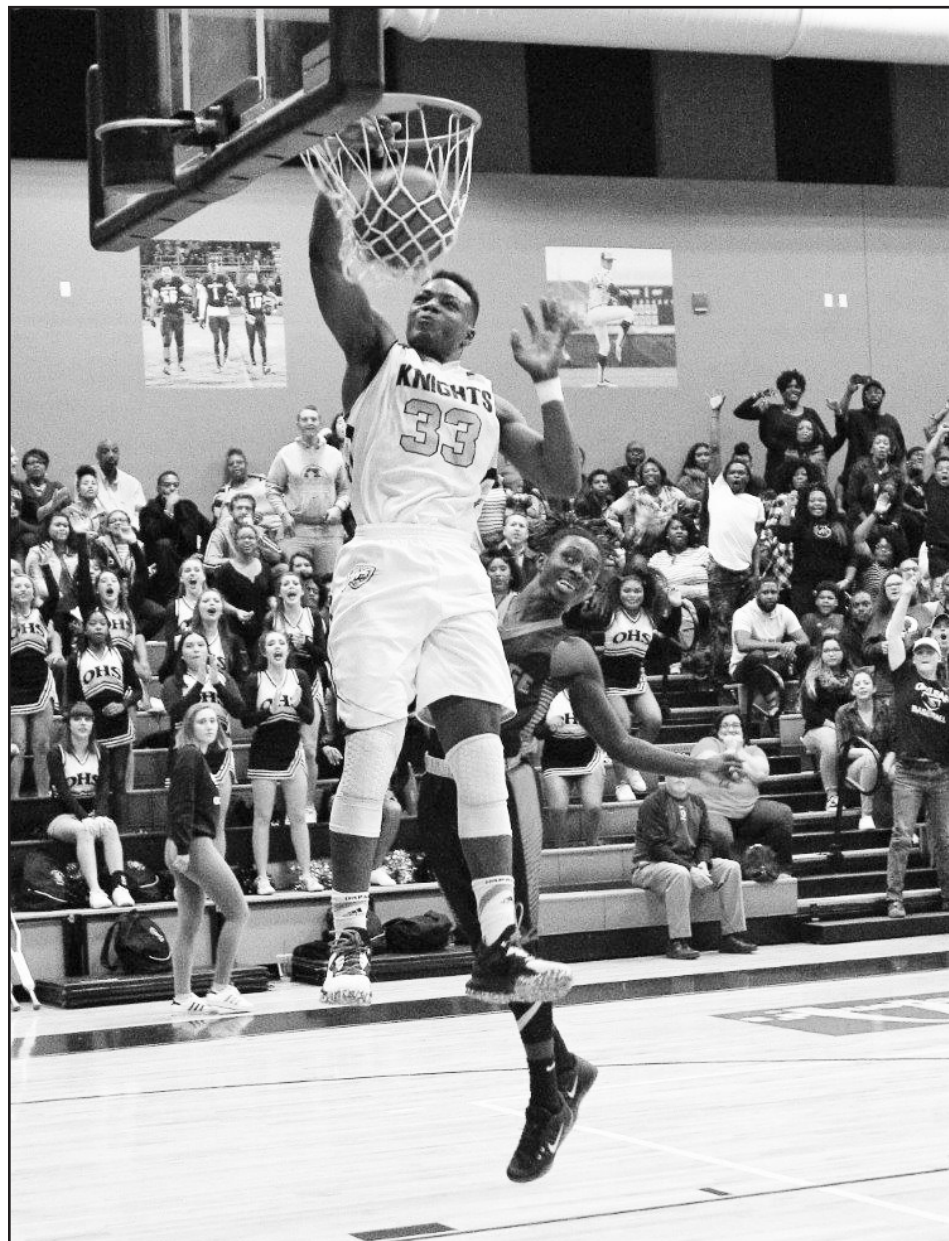
“He has taken ownership of the team,” said Price. “And yes, he is in terrific shape. He has prepared his body for this year.”

Against Fleming Island, December 1, Bryant led all scorers with his first double double of the year; a 28 point scoring effort with a 15 rebound tab at the glass. Oakleaf won 67-52 in the district 4-8A contest.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TERI BRIGGS

Fleming Island guard Brandon Olsen floats past Oakleaf defender Deonte Sherwood.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Oakleaf High senior Jonathan Bryant ends game with Orange Park with massive dunk.

Note: Gainesville Buchholz held Bryant to five points in 46-30 Knights’ loss on Tuesday. Oakleaf travels to Creekside on Fri., Dec. 9 in key district 4-8A contest.

District 4-8A

Oakleaf (3-3, 1-1)
Fleming Island (4-4, 1-1)
Buchholz (1-4, 1-1)
Bartram Trail (2-1, 0-0)
Creekside (5-0, 0-0)

Against Orange Park, December 2, Bryant came back with 16 points and eight rebounds to check in with a 52-43 non-district win over the spry Raiders’ attack. Oakleaf guard Deonte Sherwood also hit for 16 with two-three pointers. Jalen Oliver led the Raider scorers also with 16 points with two-three pointers.

In the Fleming Island game, with new coach Traavis Chandler putting the Golden Eagles on a fast and furious pace up and down the court trying to wear down the Oakleaf front line of Bryant, 6-foot-4 freshman Chantz Williams and 6-foot-2 senior forward Dominique Mitchell.

“I like what I see in our guys because they are not quitting,” said Chandler. “We’ll keep coaching them to keep the pressure on and the ball will bounce our way soon.”

Fleming Island’s new faces opened with a 17-14 first quarter lead with point

guard Eric Collins, the Golden Eagles lead scorer at 14.7 points per game, scoring the first bucket of the night after both teams bantered about for the first four minutes of play. Fleming Island answered a three pointer from Oakleaf guard Jacari Cicero with senior guard Brandon Olsen driving into the heart of the Knights’ defense for two layups.

Near the end of the first quarter, Fleming Island guard Daniel Sanborn hit a three pointer to nail the 17-14 lead as the buzzer sounded.

From that point on, Bryant took over with an energetic attack at the glass and a three-pointer giving Oakleaf a 26-21 lead before Mitchell sunk a soft left hand three pointer from deep in the corner as the half-time buzzer sounded to leave the game at 34-23.

Fleming Island would inch closer with a third quarter surge behind drives from guard Christian Young and a slew of offensive rebounds from 6-foot-6 Daniel Sanborn (12.3 points per game) at center to close the gap to 40-36, but Oakleaf re-

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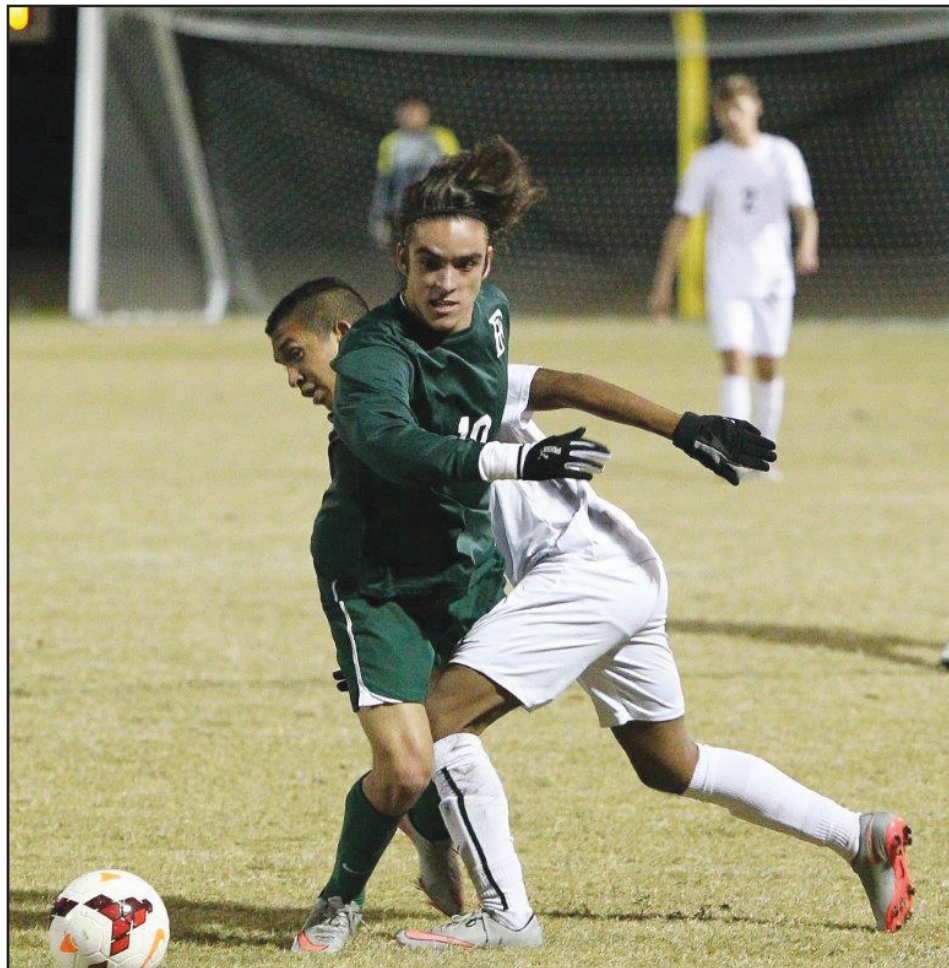
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Fleming Island's Trevor Broadbridge battles for ball with Oakleaf's Gio Abreu.

Checkmate: Golden Eagles beat Knights

By Ray DiMonda
 Correspondent

OAKLEAF — Oakleaf High boys soccer coach Carlos Celis says his “friendly” relationship with Fleming Island High coach Frank Pontore is a matter of respect for each other's programs. Fleming Island took a 1-0 overtime win over the Knights in last year's district final and, on Dec. 2, the Golden Eagles answered a 0-0 halftime score with two second half goals to win 2-0.

“I've known Frank [Pontore] the past 12-14 years and he knows we are getting better,” said Celis, prior to Fridays' district 4-4A showdown at Oakleaf High School. “Hopefully the chess match will play into our advantage.”

First, Fleming Island visited with an unbeaten record with wins over powers Mandarin, Nease, Stanton and Ocala Forest, but ties with Tallahassee Chiles and Creekside.

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Middleburg High goalie Dylan Taylor makes sliding save during match won 5-0 by Orange Park.

Middleburg hoops guy has Raider roots

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

MIDDLEBURG — Middleburg High lost long-time boys basketball coach Michael Harrison to the Orange Park High athletic director spot a few months ago, but a former Raider flipped his allegiances to become the Broncos newest head coach when new coach Travis Tipton was named.

“I actually played basketball at Orange Park High School a long time ago,” Tipton said. “I moved back here about seven years ago and wanted to get back into teaching and coaching, I walked in the door, I knew Coach Harrison from high school and he brought me on staff. So I was able to take over the program over this (past) summer.”

Tipton took time to chat before a district 3-7A contest Tuesday against Engle-

wood and, though Tipton’s Broncos, 0-5 thus far, were stymied by the Ram’s press defense that almost put up a brick wall at half court. Until the fourth quarter, Middleburg could never find the key to get around the aggressive Ram’s defense.

The 27-point defeat, 77-50, did sting, but as all good leaders do, Tipton found a silver lining.

“They did a little bit better job tonight,” said Tipton. “When it got sped up, it kind of hurt us. They made some strides today.”

The high-point takeaway has to be Middleburg never quitting, winning the fourth quarter 18-13. On offense, the Broncos could only connect on four- three point shots all night, and all in the second half.

Middleburg has cross town rival Clay High Blue Devils coming onto the court



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Former Orange Park High basketball ace Travis Tipton, now head basketball coach at Middleburg High School, consults with Jalen Oliver in recent Bronco district 3-7A loss to Englewood. Tipton is thus far 0-5 with Clay High visiting Fri., Dec. 10 for a non-district contest.

Friday night. Tipton said he is looking for a huge turnout as the Broncos stay in search of their initial victory.

“We’ve got growing pains right now and we’ve got guys hurt,” said Tipton. “It’s more

the growing pains as they learn to play together and learn a new system. They have to trust each other. Some guys haven’t played for us- this is their first year with us.”



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High forward Molly Ragle sets up for one of 21 free throws Tuesday night.

Free throws doom Fleming Island girls

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND — A statistic most basketball coaches have an eye on is free throw shooting.

It’s a “free” shot taken and, arguably, the simplest yet the most mentally taxing shot on the floor.

Fleming Island High School’s girls basketball team was removed from the un-

beaten ranks, now 5-1, via a 51-41 loss to district 4-8A foe Creekside High (8-2) via a horrific six free throws made in 21 free throws awarded Tuesday night at Fleming Island High School.

Most accurate shooter was Lizzie Labas who was perfect on two free throws late in the fourth quarter. Other than that, the rest of the team forgot their craft.

Fleming Island was outscored 16-6

in the first quarter and 17-5 in the third with Creekside nearly perfect on their free throws despite a 12-3 run by Fleming Island in the second period that got the score to 19-18 at the break. Creekside stays unbeaten in two district games while Fleming Island, Oakleaf and Bartram Trail are all locked at 1-1. Fleming Island travels to Oakleaf on Fri., Dec. 9 in a hinge game for both teams.



Orange Park’s Frank Sawyer, top, positions Camden County opponent for pin in second round action at North Florida Duals at Bishop Snyder High on Saturday. Sawyer finished unbeaten.



Middleburg High wrestler Dylan Hanna has his hands full as he gets set to pancake opponent at North Florida Duals held Saturday at Bishop Snyder High School.

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Class 2A for the Raiders last year, won his pool matches at 120 pounds with a pin over Ben Davidson of St. Pauls. Reid advanced with a 22 second pin in the semifinals and a 59 second pin in his opener. In the championship tournament held on Saturday, Reid took the 120 title with two pins and a 6-2

decision in the final against Louisiana state 120 champion Blake Mateu who came in with a 55-4 won/lost record from last year.

“He definitely brings a lot of state level wrestling knowledge to our young wrestling room,” said Ridgeview High coach Bryce Barker. “We graduated a couple of state meet guys; Trevor Belden and Daryn Tucker, so our team is very young.”

At 126, sophomore Tanner Belden, a

state qualifier last year, finished second with a 14-6 loss to Flagler state champion Michael DeAugustino. In his championship bracket, Belden ran into more trouble with Arnold High 1A 106 runnerup Ethan Pickren winner by pin in the consolation semifinal. Pickren would eventually finish third overall. DeAugustino would finish second.

“There was a ton of wrestlers (24 teams) at the Border War and each pool winner

from Friday’s day of action wrestled in an individual tournament on Saturday for an overall title,” said Ridgeview coach Bryce Barker. “It was a grind.”

Ridgeview has a dual meet at Creekside on December 7 with The Ridgeview Round Robin two-day tournament set for Dec. 16-17 featuring 15-16 teams including Clay, Camden County, Orange Park and Middleburg.

RidgewoodAction

Ridgeview High hosts triple header

Boys Hoops

Boys basketball beats Beacon of Hope
Eagles 62-33

Girls Hoops

Girls basketball lost 50-37 to Wolfson.

Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer beat Paxon High 2-1.



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Left: Ridgeview guard Portia Williams dribbles away from a Wolfson defender while coach Trent Gilford watches; Above: Ridgeview guard Josh Deleon splits two Beacon of Hope de-fenders; Bottom left: Ridgeview midfielder Anya Alecca dribbles past Paxon defender; Bottom center: Ridgeview forward Jake Libretto defends Beacon of Hope forward, Bottom right: Ridgeview guard Makenna Miller sets up Panther offense against Wolfson.



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Devils

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by an undefeated team, but finished with a flurry that looked alot like a 74-73 playoff win a few year ago that propelled Hoekstra into football folklore.

In 2016, a burly Ponte Vedra High senior quarterback, Nick Tronti, became the gnat in the face that never goes away as the Shark offense slyly took advantage of the Blue Devil pass rush with Tronti putting up 552 yards of offense and six touchdowns with an effective read option and also a green-lighted pass-to-run option out of the pocket.

"We tried everything on D to stop Tronti, we blitzed, we put a spy on him, we tried everything," said Hoekstra. "He had a performance that was similar to Bilal vs North Marion and John Wolford vs Clay in 2013."

Ponte Vedra opened the scoring in the first quarter with Tronti showing off his strategy of read-options with running back Hal Swan pounding in from 34 yards out.

Clay answered with Wilson scoring from four yards out off a 13 play drive.

After a pooch kickoff from Clay kicker Liz Fogarty that caused a 22-man scramble at the 35 yard line, Ponte Vedra took over with Tronti directing a 16-play scoring drive that included a fourth and five scramble with Clay defensive tackle Angelo Dorsaingvil in chase that finished with a first down at the Clay 17. Clay's defense stiffened a bit with William Cornwell forcing a hurried pass by Tronti that went incomplete and linebacker Rico Schnitzler nailing Swan in the backfield. Tronti again went to a read-option and defensive tackler Tobiah Griffin sniffed it out, but was a step behind Tronti as he finished in the end zone.

Ponte Vedra tried their own pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff and created the same mess as Fogarty's with Clay recovering at their own 25. Jenkins went down the Shark sideline for his 60-yarder that woke up the Blue Devil fan base, but Clay failed to score.

Taking over at their own six yard line, Ponte Vedra struck quickly with Swan breaking for 29 yards with cornerback Marquez Delafield making a touchdown-saving ankle tackle at the 39 yard line.

Again, Clay's defense stiffened with Griffin and linebacker Evan Martin thwarting Tronti efforts just off the line of scrimmage, but Tronti escaped from the Clay 31 to the 12 to set up a scoring pass a play later and a 21-7 lead with 4:09 in the half.

With 4:04 to the half, Clay seemed intent on issuing a final statement before the break and Jenkins went twice from the backfield at the 45 yard line with the second carry going 20 yards, but coupled with a face mask, put Clay at the Shark 15 yard line. Two plays later, wideout Ajay Belanger caught his patented slant pass touchdown from quarterback Caleb Eason to score the game 21-14 with 1:35 still in the half.

On the Fogarty kickoff, coverman Dakari Augustin crushed the Shark return-man at the 20 to put Tronti and his friends



Kickoff teams from both Clay and Ponte Vedra high spy floating kick from Blue Devils' kicker Liz Fogarty in second half scramble in Class 5A state semi-final won by Ponte Vedra.

80 yards from a half-ending score. Two quick out passes netted a first down at the 50 with Tronti methodically moving the Sharks offense, but linebacker Zach Alvarado upset the pass-party with a sack at the Clay 15 yard line stalling the momentum at a first down play. A third and eight situation put Tronti in pass mode, but cornerback Christian Swilley swatted an end zone pass to give Ponte Vedra coach Matt Toblin a choice of a fourth down field goal or an offensive play against a Clay defense rising to the occasion. Toblin chose field goal, but missed wide left to the eruption of the Blue Devil faithful who sensed a shift on the field as both teams left for the locker rooms sensing yet another finishing flurry by Clay football.

The cooling air in the Clay High football field felt a lot like something big was about to happen and Wilson sliced behind the right side of the Clay offensive line behind Jarrod Leeds and Devon Vatick to crush a 36 yard opening salvo to kick off the second half.

An incompletion to wideout Derek Smith was reversed with a defensive holding flag and Clay took over at the Shark 37.

A Wilson handoff and an 11 yard pass to Belanger put Clay at the Shark 23 where Wilson pounded three shots into the heart of the Shark defense to the 16. On a fourth and four, with the entire stadium thinking Wilson behind Leeds was coming, Eason rolled left to pass and spied a wide open Smith near the Shark five yard line. Eason, who has been razor-sharp for his playoff run behind center, blooped a short pass that fell to the turf five yards behind Smith. Drive ends. Stadium stunned.

Ponte Vedra's first play from the 16 went quickly and decisively to midfield with Tronti finding wideout Rafe Stenwall tied up with Clay cornerback Jordan Copeland at the 45 yard line. Tronti wanted another throw on the next down, but a strong pass rush forced Tronti to throw out of bounds.

Martin would catch Tronti on the next play, a quarterback draw, and Ponte Vedra would get hit with a delay flag to the 41 yard line. Clay would get pass defense from Swilley and another Martin tackle plus a hold flag to force Ponte Vedra to take a 15 yard field goal and a 24-14 lead at 5:35 of the third.

Jenkins' 44 yard kickoff return put Clay



Clay High outside linebacker Evan Martin is a step off of stopping Ponte Vedra quarterback Nick Tronti who sweeps right for a 75-yard touchdown run in Sharks 52-42 Class 5A state semifinal game win Dec. 2 at Clay High.

in prime position at midfield and Eason started to loosen up his throwing arm, but two drops came as hiccups on the drive before Belanger snatched a crossing pattern to the 17 yard line. Passes to Jenkins and Smith put Clay at the 11 where two Wilson rushes; one on fourth and inches, set up the Blue Devils with a Wilson touchdown bash with less than two minutes in the stanza.

With the score a tickly 24-21 and momentum shifting back and forth, Ponte Vedra, breathtakingly? scored off a 50 yard post pattern pass play to cause a collective deep breath on the Clay sideline.

Clay went right to work after the energy-sucking bomb from the Sharks and went to Eason wheeling and dealing with Wilson rushes and Belanger pass catches to move the Blue Devil offense down the field efficiently and quickly. A 13 yard pass to Jenkins put Clay at the Shark 26, two rushes by Wilson got seven yards and a Smith out pass catch put Clay on the nine yard line. Three shots into the Shark defensive line ended with Wilson pounding right side to paydirt to score the game 31-28 at 7:12 to go.

Ponte Vedra took advantage of a near-miss onsides kick with midfield starting position and scored five plays later off a Tronti run.

Ponte Vedra tried their own pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff, but Jenkins was not having hit land and bounce around as he grabbed the kick on the fly and zipped 73 yards to paydirt to put Clay again within three points at 38-35 with 5:23 to go and a miracle imminently expected.

"Our plan was to tie the game in the third and win it in the fourth" said Hoekstra. "We didn't make enough plays."

With the ball at the Shark 26 after the kickoff, Tronti broke right on a carry with Martin in high pursuit, but instead of taking the final step out of bounds, stomped his right foot to the turf and rocketed 75 yards to the end zone to put Ponte Vedra up 45-35 just 14 seconds after Jenkins long run.

A squib kickoff kick put Clay at their own 34 with a sense of urgency and Wilson pounded 16 yards to midfield before Eason found Jenkins for 20 more to the 30. From there, Eason found Belanger in the end zone and another three-point deficit at 45-42 with 4:43 STILL on the clock.

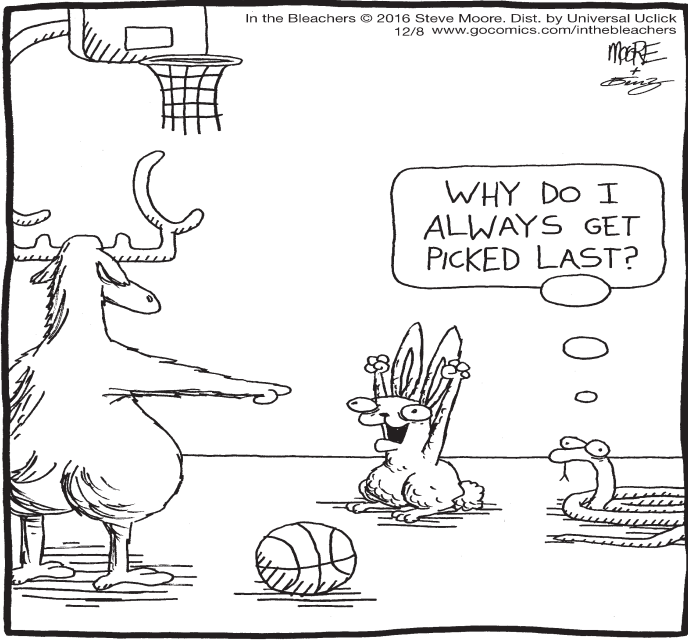
"To get so close each of the last two years will drive us to improve and to find ways to get better" said Hoekstra. "I was very impressed and proud of our kids to keep answering and the offense had over 550 yards and scored 42 points."

A near-perfect onsides kick from Fogarty with the expected big bounce near the hashmark nearly gave Copeland his shot at redemption with a recovery, but the scramble went to Ponte Vedra. Tronti took four plays before cashing in from 31 yards out with 2:46 left on the clock to put the Sharks up 52-42.

Starting at the Clay 44, Hoekstra and offensive coach Ryan Wolfe, forced to pass, got hit with an interception by Ponte Vedra safety Andrew O'Dare to end the game.

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District 4-6A
Wolfson (2-1, 1-0)
Ridgeview (2-2, 0-1) Wins over, Beacon of Hope (62-33), First Coast Christian (57-44); Losses to Fernandina Beach (69-45), Wolfson (52-30)
Next up: Interlachen Dec. 6, Baker County Dec. 8, at Keystone Heights Dec. 9
Baker County (1-0, 0-0)
Orange Park (2-1, 0-0) Wins over Fleming Island (74-68), Sandalwood (51-41); Loss to Oakleaf (52-43)
Next up: at Mandarin Dec. 5, at Ribault Dec. 8, Creekside Dec. 10

Stats
Ty McBride (Junior): 10 points per game; 18 pts. v. Fleming Island; 2 pts. v. Sandalwood; six rebounds, six assists.
Shannon Glanton (senior): 13.0 points per game; 16 pts. v Fleming Island; 10 pts. v Sandalwood; 32 rebounds, 4 blocked shots
Jalen Oliver, Blake Partin; both 9.5 points per game (Partin 4-3ptrs) Westside (4-1, 0-0)

District 4-8A
Oakleaf (2-2, 1-0) Wins over Fleming Island (67-52), Orange Park (52-43); Losses to Pensacola Washington (55-44), Bishop Kenny (52-45) both tournament losses.
Next up: Buchholz Dec. 6, at Creekside Dec. 9
Fleming Island (4-3, 1-1) Wins over Stanton (62-54), NFE (63-44), Episcopal (61-48), Buchholz (56-54); Losses to Orange Park (74-68), Oakleaf 67-52, First Coast (67-64)
Next up: Creekside Dec. 5, Bartram Trail Dec. 7

Stats
Eric Collins (senior): 14.7 points per game; games of 19, 13, 14, 10, 22; 3 3-ptrs, 29 assists, 10 steals, 24 rebounds.
Daniel Sanborn (senior) 12.3 points per game; games of 10, 6, 13, 12, 8, 16, 21; 49 rebounds.
Warren Miller (senior) 11.6 points per game; games of 8, 14, 10, 16, 18, 11, 4; 53 rebounds, 12 steals, 10 assists.
Buchholz (0-4, 0-1)
Bartram Trail (2-1, 0-0)
Creekside (4-0, 0-0)

District 3-7A
Middleburg (0-4, 0-0) Losses to Wolfson (57-52), Fernandina Beach (74-47), Bartram Trail (66-30), Baker County (60-25)
Next up: at Englewood Dec. 6, at White Dec. 8

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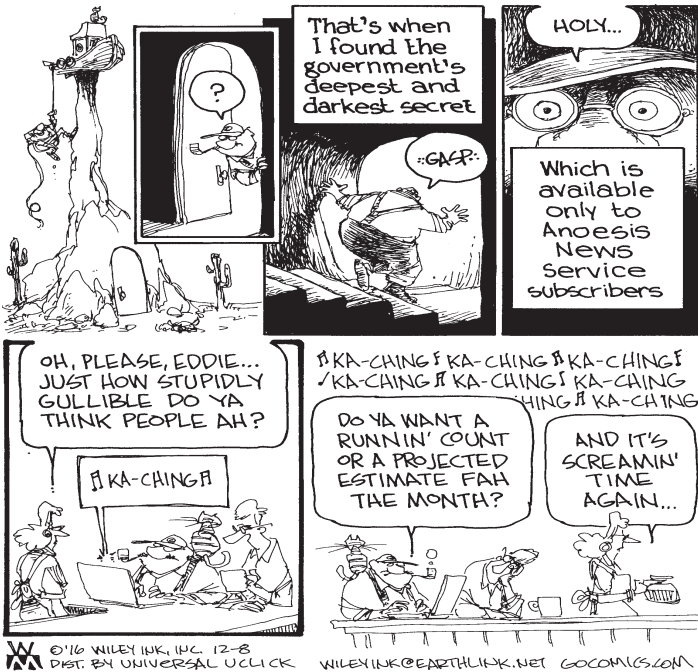
grouped and turned the jets on to keep the gap. The Knights surged to a 54-42 lead at the break with Chandler getting tagged with a technical with six seconds on the clock.

Despite more offensive rebounding success, Fleming Island was unable to convert to baskets with three and four shots with Bryant taking advantage of the melee under the basket for quick getaways to the opposite end of the court and a 60-52 score with 2:35 left on the clock.

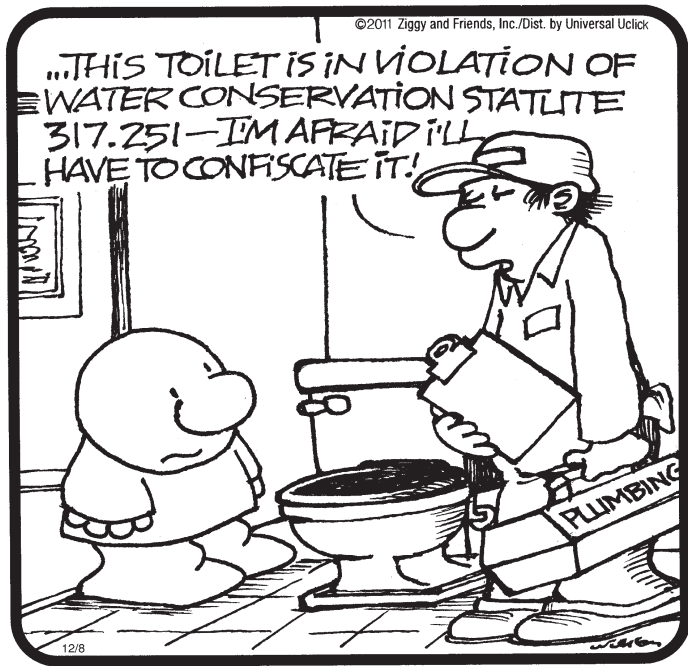
A slam dunk by Bryant upped the gap to 62-52 and Fleming Island kept pressing the offensive boards, but the ball would not fall as Oakleaf finished with a 67-52 win.

Fleming Island, now 4-3, traveled to First Coast High (3-2) and lost a thrilling 67-64 contest.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

Soccer
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Pontore saw Oakleaf’s game plan as more of a challenge than retaining his unbeaten record.

“They (Oakleaf) are hard, they’re physical, they’re fast, they’re skilled,” said Pontore. “That’s more challenging than the undefeated thing.”

Second, Oakleaf came in with a 5-3 overall record with a district loss to Creekside (1-0) and a season opening loss to Stanton Prep (5-3). Oakleaf has beaten Ponte Vedra and Ridgeview as their top wins of the early season.

District 4-4A

Fleming Island (9-0-2, 5-0-1)
Creekside (3-1-2, 1-0-1)
Bartram Trail (8-1-0, 3-1-0)

Boys Soccer

as of December 5

District 4-3A

Ridgeview (1-3-1, 0-1-1) Wins over St. Johns Country Day School (8-0); Losses to Nease (6-1), Ponte Vedra (3-1), Oakleaf (5-1); Tie to Orange Park (2-2).

Next up: at Matanzas Dec. 6, at Palatka Dec. 9

Orange Park (3-5-1, 1-1-1) Wins over Palatka (1-0), SJCDS (3-1), Middleburg (5-0); Losses to Creekside (7-0), Ponte Vedra (8-0), Oakleaf (8-0), Bishop Snyder (1-0), Bartram Trail (5-0); Tie with Ridgeview (2-2)
Next up: St. Augustine Dec. 5, Clay Dec. 6, at Menendez Dec. 8

Clay (0-4-0, 0-3-0) Loss to Menendez (6-1), Bartram Trail (6-0), Matanzas (8-0), Palatka (2-1)

Next up: Menendez Dec. 5, at Orange Park Dec. 6

Pedro Menendez (1-5-0, 1-2-0) Wins over Clay (6-1); Loss to Palatka (4-3), Matanzas (6-3), Spruce Creek (7-0), Ponte Vedra (3-2)

Next up: Orange Park Dec. 8

Matanzas (8-1-1, 2-0-0) Wins over St. Augustine 6-3, Menendez (6-3), Palatka (6-0), Deltona (7-1), Lake Highland Prep (3-0), Clay (8-0); loss to Seabreeze (2-); tie with Flagler (0-0)

Next up: Ridgeview Dec. 6, at Ponte Vedra Dec. 9

Ponte Vedra (8-1-0, 3-1-0) Wins over Parker (9-1), Lee (6-0), Bolles (3-2), Orange Park (8-0), Ridgeview (3-1), Bishop Kenny (6-3), Fletcher (2-1), Menendez (3-2); Losses to Oakleaf (3-0)

Next up: at Palatka Dec. 6, Atlantic Coast Dec. 7, Matanzas Dec. 9

Palatka (2-6-0, 2-2-0) Wins over Menendez (4-3), Clay (2-1); Losses to Interlachen (4-1), Orange Park (1-0), Matanzas (6-0), Umatilla (3-0), Nease (8-0), Crescent City (3-0)

Next up: at Umatilla Dec. 5, vs. Ponte Vedra Dec. 6

Oakleaf (5-3-0, 3-2-0)
Nease (5-2-0, 1-2-0)
St. Augustine (1-4-0, 1-3-0)
Middleburg (0-7-0, 0-5-0)

Into the second water break of the second half, with the score still stuck at 0-0, Fleming Island would score first near the 14 minutes to go mark with a header by Andrew Labelle off a corner kick that pre-empted some yellow card antics from both sides as the rivalry was ratcheted up by the score.

At 3:45, Fleming Island midfielder Reid Davis, the team’s leading scorer, would find himself on a breakaway that he successfully pinned past Oakleaf goalie for the second goal of the night.

A red card was issued to Labelle for taunting the Oakleaf sideline to force Fleming Island to finish the game with 10 players.

District 5-2A

Keystone Heights (6-2-1, 4-1-1) Wins over St. Francis (8-0), Fort White (6-1) Newberry (3-1), P.K. Yonge (6-0), Baker (8-0), Interlachen (2-0); Losses to Crescent City (1-0), Columbia (6-0); tie with Crescent City (2-2)

Next up: Santa Fe Dec. 6, Fort White Dec. 8, West Nassau Dec. 9

Stats

Goals: Christian Pulgarin (Sr.) 12 goals, nine assists; Caio Carvalho (Sr.) 10 goals, seven assists; Luke Dennis (Sr.) five goals, five assists
Goalie: Caleb Cushman (Fr.) 92 saves, four shutouts (6-2-1)

Santa Fe (6-4-2, 5-0-0)

Crescent City (5-3-2, 4-1-1)

Keystone Heights (6-2-1, 4-1-1)

P.K. Yonge (3-4-0, 2-3-0)

Interlachen (4-4-0, 2-3-0)

Newberry (1-5-0, 0-4-0)

Fort White (0-6-0, 0-5-0)

District 2-1A

St. Johns Country Day School (4-4-0, 3-1-0) Wins over Hamilton County (3-2), St. Francis (1-0), University Christian (3-2), Duval Charter (4-2); Losses to Ridgeview (8-0), Orange Park (3-1), Christs Church (1-0), Paxon (6-1)

Next up: at St. Joseph Dec. 8

St. Johns Country Day School (4-4-0, 3-1-0)

St. Francis Catholic (0-6-1, 0-3-1)

Hamilton County (0-5-3, 0-2-1)

Christs Church (3-1-0, 1-1-0)

Oak Hall (2-2-0, 2-1-0)

St. Josephs Academy (3-1-1, 2-0-0)

University Christian (1-1-0, 1-1-0)

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Englewood (3-2, 1-0)

White (0-4, 0-1)

St. Augustine (0-2, 0-1)

Nease (1-3, 0-0)

District 5-6A

Palatka (3-1, 1-0)

Ponte Vedra (1-1, 1-0)

Clay (2-1, 0-1) Wins over Keystone Heights (61-38), Beacon of Hope (67-29); Loss to Ponte Vedra (66-49)

Next up: at Menendez Dec. 6, Fletcher Dec. 9.

Menendez (0-2, 0-1)

Matanzas (2-2, 0-0)

District 4-5A

Keystone Heights (0-4, 0-1) Losses to Clay (61-38), Englewood (80-27), SJCDS (61-45), Interlachen (52-26)

Next up: at Bradford Dec. 6, Oak Hall Dec. 8, Ridgeview Dec. 9

Interlachen (5-2, 1-0)

Bradford (2-2, 0-0)

District 2-3A

Lake Mary Prep (4-1, 1-0)

Trinity Christian (5-0, 2-0)

St. Francis (2-3, 0-1)

Halifax Academy (2-2, 0-2)

St. Johns Country Day School (2-2 0-0) Wins over Christ’s Church (71-65), Keystone Heights (61-45); Losses to Stanton (67-57), Oak Hall (68-65)

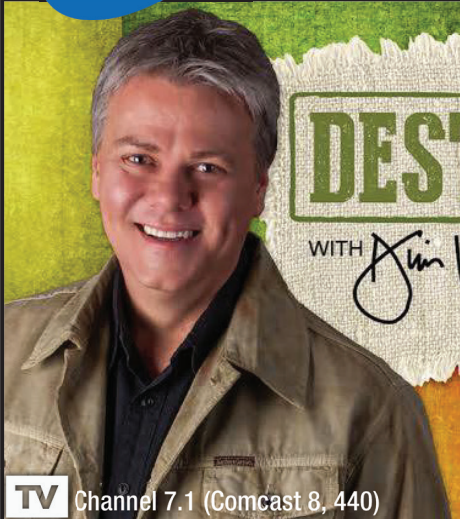
Next up: Trinity Christian Dec. 5, St. Francis Dec. 7

Warner Christian Academy (0-3, 0-0)

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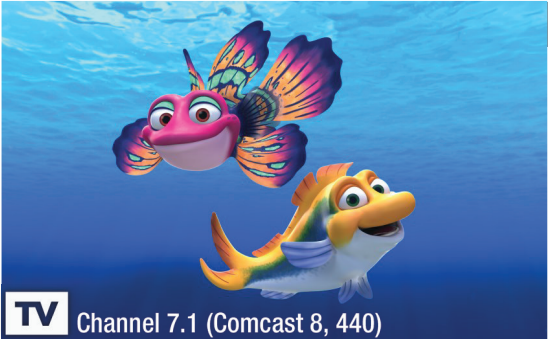
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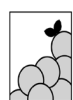
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NOTICE BY CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM AD VALOREM METHOD OF COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA

(To fund the costs of solid waste management and disposal activities provided by the County) By the adoption of its Ordinance No. 93-19, as codified under Article IV of Chapter 10, Clay County Code (the Code), the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), created and established the Clay County Solid Waste Disposal Municipal Service Benefit Unit (the MSBU), the boundaries of which currently encompass the entire unincorporated area of the County together with the incorporated area of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida and the incorporated area of the Town of Orange Park, Florida (the Currently Established Area). Annually the Board has levied certain non-ad valorem assessments (the Assessments) on residential property within the MSBU to fund those portions of the costs of the solid waste management and disposal activities provided by the County that are allocable to said property. The Board has heretofore used the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments (the Uniform Method) as set forth in Section 197.3632, F.S. (the Statute), for collecting the Assessments. In accordance with Sec. 10-92 of the Code, the City Council (the Council) of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida (the City), has adopted its Ordinance No. 2016-565 expressing the Council's consent for the inclusion of the entire City within the MSBU.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of the Statute, of the Board's intent to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments to be levied by the Board on certain residential properties located within the incorporated area of the City for the cost of providing solid waste management and disposal services thereto commencing with the fiscal year of the County beginning on October 1, 2017, and continuing each year thereafter until discontinued by the County. The Board will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. At said hearing the Board will consider the adoption of a Resolution declaring its intent and election to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments to be levied by the Board within the City commencing with the fiscal year of the County beginning on October 1, 2017, and continuing each year thereafter until discontinued by the County. The Resolution will state the need for the levy of the Assessments within the City, and the Board's intent and election to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments within the City, and shall include a legal description of the City. A copy of the proposed form of the Resolution is available for inspection in the Office of the County Attorney at the Clay County Administration Building, 2nd Floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday except legal holidays. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the adoption by the Board of the proposed Resolution, and to the use of the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments anticipated to be levied by the Board within the City.

NEITHER THIS NOTICE NOR THE RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO IS INTENDED TO MODIFY, ALTER, RESTRICT, LIMIT, DISCONTINUE OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE CONTINUED ANNUAL LEVY BY THE BOARD OF THE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED

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AREA, AND THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SAME USING THE UNIFORM METHOD. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting during which the public hearing is held or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 269-6376 no later than three days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Dated this 17th day of November, 2016
Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida

Loeg 38362 published Nov 17, 24 and Dec 1 and 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on December 27, 2016 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

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Scott's Affordable Towing Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

Legal 38511 publish Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and /or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at **Uncle Bob's Self Storage** located at: 1709 Blanding Blvd., Store #408, Middleburg, FL 32068, (904) 282-6341 and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11:15 a.m.

Evelyn C Miller - Hsld gds/Furn, Tools/Apllnces

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Daniel J Foster - Hsld gds/furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Off Furn/Mach/Equip

Helen Neal - Boxes

Legal 38466 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2016-CP-000408
Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF CLAUDIA D. TAYLOR
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Claudia D. Taylor, deceased, whose date of death was July 13, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A

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COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 first publication of this notice is December 8, 2016. Attorney for Personal Representative: Patricia K. Hawkins Attorney Florida Bar No. 35873 1000 Vicars Landing Way F101 Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082 Telephone: (704) 724-3470 Fax: (904) 247-1669 E-Mail: patma62@bellsouth.net Secondary E-Mail: carlene@romanellogoode.com

Personal Representatives:
Paul J. Cappiello
1301 Plantation Island Dr., S. Suite 302B
St. Augustine, Florida 32080
Legal 38515 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and / or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at **Uncle Bob's Self Storage** located at: 918 Blanding Blvd., Store #67, Orange Park, FL 32065, (904) 272-3705 and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

Castillo, Jose Hsld gds

Gray, Brandon Hsld gds

Legal 38492 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale of the contents of the following storage units located at Morgran Mini Stor-it, 369 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32073. The sale will be on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Unit #/Tenant or BusinessName

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E32 Ronald Meagher

E48 Joseph Craven

I16 Frank Andrea

L21 Frank Andrea

M28 Romeo Mayo

N10 AFAB INC.

N17 First Coast Recovery

1002 Chris Holie

A21 Cassanda Sanford

A27 Heather Roberts

D43 William Miles, Jr.

D54 Amanda Miller

D67 Patrick Wright

M105 First Coast Recovery

Sale being held to satisfy Landlord's lien. Seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. Cash only. Contents to be removed within 24 hours.

Legal 38504 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO: 2016-CP-0399
DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY A. DORSCH, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JERRY A. DORSCH, deceased, whose date of death was October 1, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court, for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred,

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contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THIS IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is December 1, 2016.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
ROBERT A. DAWKINS, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No.: 307122
Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball
818 North A1A, Suite 104
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
(904) 356-2600
rdawkins@fishertousey.com

Personal Representative:
SUSAN E. DORSCH
P.O. Box 404
Penney Farms, FL 32079

Legal 38470 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2016-CP-413
Division E

IN RE: ESTATE OF RALPH WILLIAM PATTERSON, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Ralph William Patterson, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 first publication of this notice is December 8, 2016.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Dale S. Wilson
E-Mail Address: wilsdale@bellsouth.net
Florida Bar No. 176945
Dale S. Wilson PA
PO Box 1808
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Telephone: (904) 284-5618

Personal Representatives:
Sandra A. Kuehn
217 Arthur Moore Drive
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 38501 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at **2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016**, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should

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contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.

Legal 38510 publish Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Public Notice Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular Meeting on **Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Copies of the proposed agenda will be available on line at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

Legal 38514 published Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 16-CP-409
Division E

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANNE ALEXANDER MCCARTHY
Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Patricia Anne Alexander McCarthy, deceased, whose date of death was May 15, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Attorney for Personal Representative:
Kristopher D. Robinson
Florida Bar No. 582018
1604 Stockton Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Personal Representative
John Alexander McCarthy
521 Golden Links Drive
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Legal 38502 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2016-CP-000388

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY A. CARPENTER, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of BETTY A. CARPENTER, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2016, File Number 2016 CP 000388, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of

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which is Clay County Courthouse 823 North Orange Ave. P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The date of first publication of this notice is: December 8, 2016.

Allan F. Bailey, Esquire,
FBN 0138241

Attorney for Personal Representative:

Law Office of Bailey & Bailey, P.A.
46 North Washington Boulevard,
Suite 18

Sarasota, Florida 34236
Telephone 941-364-9997

bailylaw@verizon.net

SUSAN C. HEIDERMAN
Personal Representative
433 Magaellan Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Legal 38506 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs

1992 TOYOTA JT4RN82P3N504913
G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids. The auction will be held on 12/26/2016 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Legal 38513 published Dec 8, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

VETERAN Home Improvement

Located at 5000-18 Hwy 17 S. #414 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 30th day of November, 2016.

Owner's name/corporation:
Joseph P. Brokus

Legal 38504 published Dec 1, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: **16-DR-1890**
Division:

Muleche Daka, Petitioner, and Maurice I. Brown Respondent.

TO: Maurice I. Brown
whose last address was:

12311 Kingston Lakes Dr. #1202 Jacksonville, FL 32246

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Muleche Daka whose address is: 1611 Pebble Beach Blvd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on or before January 16, 2017 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clay County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 before serve on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the

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petition.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: Nov. 30, 2016

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38500 published Dec 8, Dec 15, Dec 22 and Dec 29, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2016-CP-000324
Division F

IN RE: ESTATE OF LAUREE N. ABRAMOWITZ,
Deceased.
The administration of the estate of LAUREE N. ABRAMOWITZ, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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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 PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is December 8, 2016.
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Alison E. Hickman
Attorney for CARLA A. SCHLENKE
Florida Bar No. 085048
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CARLA A. SCHLENKE
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Legal 38503 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE BY CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM AD VALOREM METHOD OF COLLECTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA
(To fund the costs of solid waste collection activities provided by the County)
By the adoption of its Ordinance No. 2006-53, as codified under Article V of Chapter 10, Clay County Code (the

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Code), the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida (the County), created and established the Clay County Solid Waste Collection Municipal Service Benefit Unit (the MSBU), the boundaries of which currently encompass the entire unincorporated area of the County (the Unincorporated Area). Annually the Board has levied certain non-ad valorem assessments (the Assessments) on residential property within the MSBU to fund those portions of the costs of the solid waste collection activities provided by the County that are allocable to said property. The Board has heretofore used the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments (the Uniform Method) as set forth in Section 197.3632, F.S. (the Statute), for collecting the Assessments. In accordance with Sec. 10-140 of the Code, the City Council (the Council) of the City of Keystone Heights, Florida (the City), has adopted its Ordinance No. 2016-566 expressing the Council's consent for the inclusion of the entire City within the MSBU.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of the Statute, of the Board's intent to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments to be levied by the Board on certain residential properties located within the incorporated area of the City for the cost of providing solid waste collection services thereto commencing with the fiscal year of the County beginning on October 1, 2017, and continuing each year thereafter until discontinued by the County. The Board will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Board's Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. At said hearing the Board will consider the adoption of a Resolution declaring its intent and election to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments to be levied by the Board within the City commencing with the fiscal year of the County beginning on October 1, 2017, and continuing each year thereafter until discontinued by the County. The Resolution will state the need for the levy of the Assessments within the City, and the Board's intent and election to use the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments within the City, and shall include a legal description of the City. A copy of the proposed form of the Resolution is available for inspection in the Office of the County Attorney at the Clay County Administration Building, 2nd Floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday except legal holidays. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the adoption by the Board of the proposed Resolution, and to the use of the Uniform Method of collecting the Assessments anticipated to be levied by the Board within the City.
NEITHER THIS NOTICE NOR THE RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED PURSUANT THERETO IS INTENDED TO MODIFY, ALTER, RESTRICT, LIMIT, DISCONTINUE OR OTHERWISE AFFECT THE CONTINUED ANNUAL LEVY BY THE BOARD OF THE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SAME USING THE UNIFORM METHOD.
Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting during which the public hearing is held or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at (904) 269-6376 no later than three days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing

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telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).
Dated this 17th day of November, 2016
Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida

Legal 38363 published Nov 17, 24 and Dec 1 and 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE
To all persons claiming an interest in: 1988-70HP-MERCURY-OB301411 Nicholas Carlton will apply to SCDNR for title on watercraft/ outboard motor. If you have any claim to the watercraft/ outboard motor, contact SCDNR at (803) 734-3858.
Legal 38433 published Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/23/2016, 12:00 pm at 4360 County Road 218 Middleburg, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
1G4HP52K634136278 2003 BUICK 5N1AN08U85C604944 2005 Nissan
Legal 38520 published Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE
In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and /or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at Uncle Bob's Self Storage located at: 600 Blanding Blvd., Store #409, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 773-6331 and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold at public auction at the above stated address to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of on Monday, Dec 19, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.
Karen Ford - Hsld gds/furn
Nicholas J Cruel - Hsld gds/furn, off furn/mach/equip, boxes, sprtng gds
Legal 38491 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION
FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS - PROPERTY
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-001044
Division No.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2007-1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 Plaintiff,
Vs.
BRIAN T. PERRY, ET AL,
Defendants/
TO: BRIAN T. PERRY
WHOSE KNOWN ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN T. PERRY
WHOSE KNOWN ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
JENNIFER L. PERRY WHOSE KNOWN ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER L. PERRY WHOSE KNOWN ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
UNKNOWN TENANT #1 WHOSE KNOWN ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
UNKNOWN TENANT #2 WHOSE ADDRESS IS 577 HUNTERS GROVE CT., ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other person claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown named Defendant as may be infants,

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incompetents or otherwise not sui juris
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:
LOT 185, COUNTRY CLUB OF ORANGE PARK UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 29 THROUGH 40 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
more commonly known as 577 Hunters Grove Ct, Orange Park, FL 32073
This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2313 W. Violet St., Tampa, Florida 33603, on or before 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service of Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 22nd day of November, 2016.
In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, CLAY County, 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs FL 32043, TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service".

(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLAY County, Florida
By: Stacie Towns
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38417 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 972233

NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CASE NO.: 2016-DR-26-882
STEVEN PHELPS AND ALETIA PHELPS,
PLAINTIFFS,
V.
ROGER DELL USSERY, JR.,
DEFENDANT.
TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Final Hearing in the above captioned matter is scheduled for the 30th day of January 2017, at 2:30 p.m. before the Honorable Salley McIntyre, in Courtroom 2F of the Horry County Judicial Center, located at 1301 Second Avenue, Conway, South Carolina 29528.
Legal 38496 published Dec 1, Dec 8, and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2016-DR-1791
Division: E

STEVEN RICHARD MOUNTAIN and
DONNA REED MOUNTAIN, Petitioners,
and,
KENDRA JEANNE MYERS, Mother/Respondent
and
EDWARD RUSSELL BENT, JR. Father/Respondent.
To: KENDRA JEANNE MYERS
EDWARD RUSSELL BENT, JR.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Temporary Custody of a Minor has been filed in this court
You are required to file your written defenses or objections with the clerk of the above court and to serve a copy thereof on the undersigned, whose name and address are set forth below, within twenty (20) days after service of this notice upon you, exclusive of the day of receipt of service. If you fail to do so, a judgment or order for the relief demanded in the pleading or motion may be entered in due course, without further notice.
The date of first publication of this notice in November 17, 2016.
Dated Nov. 8, 2016.

(seal)
TARA GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38406 published Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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PUBLIC SALE
FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/22/2016, 10:00 am at 2905 B L A N D I N G B L V D M I D D L E B U R G , F L 32068-6349, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FIRST COAST TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
1B3ES46C61D248256 2001 DODGE 1FDKF37H3TEA96794 1996 FORD 1GNDX03E74D194844 2004 CHEVR 3C8FY68885T572846
2005 CHRYSLER
Legal 38332 published Nov 24, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facility listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at location indicated:
December 23rd, 2016 at the time and location listed below:
1:00 P.M. at the Extra Space Storage facility located at 5550 Timuquana Road Jacksonville, FL 32210 (904) 580-0983
Unit#0507 - Monti McCain - House hold goods, Unit#1122 - Sylvia Knight - House hold goods, Unit#0305 - Leandra Davis - House hold goods, Unit#4033 - Giovanni Lopez - Household goods, Unit#0503 - Kathleen Smith - House hold goods, Unit#0420 - Darrell Johnson - Home goods, Unit#0104 - Charmaine Hampton - Home goods, Unit#0523 - Thevenot Gourdet - Business goods, Unit#0308 - Amy Forester - House hold goods and furniture, Unit#0321 - Amy Forester - House hold goods and furniture, Unit#1064 - Amy Forester - House hold goods and furniture, Unit#3023 - April Montgomery - Queen bed twin bed desk toys 2 patio chairs, Unit#1047 - Donald DJ Rushlow - House hold goods, Unit#4110 - George Patterson - House hold goods.
Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 38516 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, January 9, 2017, at the Clay County Admin Bldg, Purchasing Dept, 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, for the following:
BID NO: 16/17-7,
C.R.218 Bridge Railing Repair
Bids will be opened at 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 in the Clay County Admin Bldg, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline.
A Mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Clay County Admin Bldg, 4th Floor Conference Room B, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on December 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Donna Fish, Purchasing Division, (904)278-3761 or by email: donna.fish@claycountygov.com
The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay.
FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" or a "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <http://www.clay-countygov.com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.clay-countygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER

Bid Notices

NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.
PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.
IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.
A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
Legal 38519 published Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2014-CA-001252

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
STANLEY T. IRWIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STANLEY T. IRWIN; SELMA DO SACRAMENTO-IRWIN A/K/A SELMA DO S CONCEICAO IRWIN A/K/A SELMA DO SACRAMENTO CONCE; NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; VILLAGES AT FIRESIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. A/K/A ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2;
Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgement, entered in Civil Case No. 2014-CA-001252 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff and STANLEY T. IRWIN, are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: <http://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning AT 10:00 A.M. on January 6, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: LOT 44, VILLAGE OF FIRESIDE, UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 28, PAGES 47 THROUGH 51, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this

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proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 330 East Bay Street, Suite 507-C, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; (904) 630-1897 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

(SEAL)

Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida
Taylor Solomon
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Legal 38486 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-291600

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

Case No.2015-CC-000521-C

**OLDE SUTTON OAKS OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC** a Florida
not-for-profit corporation.

Plaintiff,

vs.

**BOBBY J. ST. GEORGE and
MARLENE E. ST. GEORGE, husband
and wife and UNKNOWN TENANT,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 18, 2016 and entered in Case No. 2015-CC-000521-C, of the County Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein OLDE SUTTON OAKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. is Plaintiff, and Bobby J. St. George, is/are Defendant(s), The Clerk of the Clay County Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on December 21, 2016, by electronic sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com beginning at 10:00 AM, the following property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 40, OLDE SUTTON OAKS, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat book 32, Page 52, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida
Property Address: 2912 Golden Pond Boulevard, Orange Park, FL 32073-7624

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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

DATED: November 21, 2016

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of County Court
Clay County, Florida
by Robbin Tefft
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38472 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2016-CC-153

DIVISION: D

**OAKLEAF PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION** a Florida not for
profit corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.

**RASHEAN MATHIS; and
UNDETERMINED PARTIES,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 3, 2016, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on December 15th, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

Lot 27, WORTHINGTON OAKS AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 39, Page 52-60, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Address: 553 Acornridge Lane, Orange Park, FL 32065

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES (Clay County)

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, immediately upon receiving this notification if the time

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before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711. Witness my hand and seal of this court on 3rd day of November, 2016.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Melissa Wilder
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38375 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO: 2015-CA-001163

DIVISION: E

**HMC ASSETS, LLC SOLELY IN ITS
CAPACITY AS SEPARATE
TRUSTEE OF CAM XVIII TRUST,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

GAUTAM D SHAH, ET AL

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2015-CA-001163 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, in which HMC ASSETS, LLC SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF CAM XVIII TRUST, is the Plaintiff and Gautam D. Shah; Sima G. Shah; Unknown Tenant #1 N/K/A Gary Armand; Unknown Tenant #2 N/K/A Yanick Armand; Spencer's Plantation Owners Association, Inc. are defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on electronically at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 A.M. on 2nd day of March, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

**LOT 177, SPENCER'S PLANTATION
UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE
PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED
IN PLAT BOOK 47, PAGE 43-48, OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT,
HOWEVER, TO ALL EASEMENTS,
RESTRICTIONS, AND RIGHTS OF
WAY OF RECORD.**

**A/K/A 2730 Wood Stork Trail, Orange
Park, FL 32073-1667**

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 within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 22nd day of November, 2016, Clay County, Florida.

(SEAL)

TARA S GREEN
Clerk of the Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-mail - crtntrp@coj.net
Legal 38483 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

(Pursuant to F.S. Chapter 45)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000239

**U S BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION**

PLAINTIFF(S),

Vs.

**TASHA M MCCRAY; UK HE OF
TASHA M MCCRAY AKA TASHA
MCCRAY WILLIAMS; WILLIAM
SCOTT SAUNDERS; JACQUELINE
K SAUNDERS; AUTOVEST
FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC FKA
AUTOWEST LLC; STOCKTON
TURNER LLC A DISSOLVED
LIMITED LIABILITY; UNKNOWN
TENANT 1 IN POSSESSION OF
SUBJECT PROPERTY; UNKNOWN
TENANT 2 IN POSSESSION OF
SUBJECT PROPERTY
DEFENDANT(S).**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to an Order Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale Dated 11/22/16, in the above styled cause, I will sell to

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the highest and best bidder at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida, and as set forth in the Final Judgment entered by the Court on July 19, 2016, on the 22 day of December, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. the following described real and personal property:

**LOT 41, BLOCK 2 OF THE
MEADOWS UNIT THREE.
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 17, PAGE(S) 54-56, OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**ALSO KNOWN AS: 1920 FIREFLY
DRIVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL
32043**

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 within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 28th day of November, 2016.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Taylor Solomon
Deputy Clerk

Legal 38493 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2015-CA-001046

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

LESLIE E. GROHOSKI, ET AL.

Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 9, 2016, and entered in Case No. 2015-CA-001046, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff") is Plaintiff and LESLIE E. GROHOSKI, are defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the FRONT STEPS of the Clay County Courthouse; 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, at 10:00 a.m., online at www.clay.realforclos.e.com on the 17th day of January, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 34, OF SUMMERLEAF UNIT 5,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT
BOOK 27, PAGE(S) 55-57, OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2016.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Marla Albert
As Deputy Clerk

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 within 60 days after the sale.
Legal 38508 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper FN4134-14NS

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO. 10-2016-CA-000372

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR
YALE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST,
SERIES 2007-1**

Plaintiff,

V.

**PERRY J. WELTZBARKER A/K/A
PERRY JOEL WELTZBARKE A/K/A
JOEY WELTZBARKER; KARLA
JILL WELTZBARKER A/K/A JILL
WELTZBARKER; UNKNOWN
TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2;
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA; FLORIDA
PEST CONTROL & CHEMICAL CO.;
THOMPSON PUMP AND
MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
INC.**

Notice of Sale

Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 23, 2016, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on November 21, 2016, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE ON THE EAST LINE THEREOF, RUN SOUTH 00° 27' 20" EAST 1012.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON SAID EAST LINE SOUTH 00° 27' 20" EAST 125.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 32' 40" WEST 420.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00° 27' 20" WEST 125.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 32' 40" EAST 420.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

a/k/a 2939 THUNDER RD,
MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-7172

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com., at ten o'clock a.m. on December 30, 2016.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida this 22nd day of November, 2016.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AT (904) 630-2564 WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.

Legal 38475 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 888160244

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2010-CA-000547

**BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

**SAMANTHA WALTERS;
FRANKLIN PIERCE WALTERS, II;
et al.,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on November 14, 2016 in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000547, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and SAMANTHA WALTERS; FRANKLIN PIERCE WALTERS, II; CRANES LANDING OF FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at online Sale at www.clay.realforeclosure.com on January 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 94, CUTTERS POINT,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 35,
PAGE(S) 59, 60, 61, 62, 63 AND 64, OF
THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 18, 2016.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

Notice of Sale

CLERK OF THE COURT
Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED AT NO COST YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT CRTINTRP@COJ.NET OR (904) 630-2564 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME FORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

Legal 38459 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 1212-457

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000651

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,

vs.

BRYANT C. SONNIER, et al

Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of foreclosure dated November 14, 2016, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000651 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, is Plaintiff, and BRYANT C. SONNIER, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 a.m. www.clay.realforclose.com, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 13th day of January, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**Lot 26, Block 3, HERITAGE HILLS
UNIT FOUR, according to the plat
thereof as recorded in Plat Book 17,
Pages 67 through 72, of the Public
Records of Clay County, Florida.**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida, this 15th day of October, 2016.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Alissa Demay
As Deputy Clerk

If you are are person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 38460 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper ph# 74746

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2016-CA-000102

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR
TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE
BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR
MERRILL LYNCH FIRST
FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN
ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2007.3,
Plaintiff,
Vs**

**RONANTHONY D. HOLZENDORF
A / K / A R O N A T H O N Y
HOLZENDORF, ET AL.,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 18, 2016, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000102 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

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SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, is Plaintiff and RONANTHONY D. HOLZENDORF A / K / A R O N A T H O N Y HOLZENDORF, ET AL., are Defendants, the Office of Tara Green, Clay County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com , to begin at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 1st day of March, 2017 the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 100, CUTTERS POINT, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 35, Pages 59 through 64, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

Property Address: 2755 Crumplehorn Ln, Orange Park, FL 32073

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida, this 21st day of November, 2016.

(seal)

Tara S. Green
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Marla Albert
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 38479 published Nov 10 and Nov 17, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

(Pursuant to F.S. Chapter 45)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO. 2012-CA-001841

Wells Fargo Bank NA

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

**Glenn R Mee; Unknown Spouse;
Admirals Inlet Property Owners
Association Inc; B26 Investments
LLC; Unknown Tenants
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 15, 2016, in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder. The Judicial Sale will be conducted at www.clay.realforeclose.com on 15th day of December, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. the following described real and personal property:

**LOT 7 OF ADMIRALS INLET,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN
PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 47
THROUGH 52, OF THE PUBLIC
RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY,
FLORIDA.**

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 within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 21st day of November, 2016.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Taylor Solomon
By: Deputy Clerk

Legal 38476 published Dec. 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND
FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2015-CC-426

DIVISION: C

**OAKLEAF PLANTATION
PROPERTY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION** a Florida not for
profit corporation,
Plaintiff,

v.

**CHARLES E BLEVINS, III; and
UNDETERMINED PARTIES,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2016, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on January 10, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

**Lot 130, PIEDMONT AT OAKLEAF
PLANTATION, according to the plat**

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thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 1-11, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Address: 450 Northcliff Court, Orange Park, Florida 32065
ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Clay County)
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711.
Witness my hand and seal of this court on 22nd day of November, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Robbin Tefft
Deputy Clerk
Legal 38485 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000531
360 MORTGAGE GROUP, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs
LATOYA YOUNG; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LATOYA YOUNG; TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al. Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 25, 2016, and entered in 2016-CA-000531 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein 360 MORTGAG GROUP, LLC is the Plaintiff and LATOYA YOUNG; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LATOYA YOUNG; TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on March 14, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 258, OF TWO CREEKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 52, PAGES 62 THROUGH 104, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
Property Address: 4059 BLACKBIRD LANE MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
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 within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 22nd day of November, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
by Marla Albert
As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT
If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the schedule appearance is less than 7 days; by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtntrp@coj.net.
Legal 38478 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 16-026946

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000615
Division E
USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,
Vs.
JODY ANTON SWATHWOOD A/K/A JODY A. SWATHWOOD, TINA M. SWATHWOOD, USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK (USAA FSB),

Notice of Sale

CACH, LLC AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on, October 18, 2106, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, TARA S. GREEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida described as: **LOT 30, ORANGE PARK SOUTH UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGE 26, 27 AND 28 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
and commonly known as: **1826 CREEK BANK DR, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068;** including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the front steps of the Clay County Courthouse, on January 10, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.
Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 1st day of December, 2016.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk
Legal 38507 published Dec 8 and Dec 15, 2016, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 328141/1664141

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000737
DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC Plaintiff,
Vs.
MARINA A. O'TOOLE A/K/A MARINA AIDA O'TOOLE; RONALD O'TOOLE, JR.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARINA A. O'TOOLE A/K/A MARINA AIDA OTOOLE; ASBURY DOWNS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, UNKNOWN TENANT 2, UNKNOWN TENANT 3, UNKNOWN TENANT 4 the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on November 14, 2016 in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000737, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, DITECH FINANCIAL, LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff, and MARINA A. O'TOOLE A/K/A MARINA AIDA O'TOOLE; RONALD O'TOOLE, JR.; ASBURY DOWNS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclosure.com on February 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 71, ASBURY DOWNS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGES 27, 28, 29, 30, AND 31 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 15, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE COURT
Alissa Demay
Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost you, to the provision of certain assistance. please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time fore the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Legal 38456 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 1382-1523B

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2015-CA-001115
DIVISION: E
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC1 Plaintiff,
vs.
Joseph T. Guthrie; Unknown Spouse of Joseph T. Guthrie; Capital One Bank (USA), National Association f/k/a Capital One Bank; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, and under against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgement, entered in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-001115 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC1, Plaintiff and Joseph T. Guthrie are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: <http://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning AT 10:00 A.M. on February 13, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: **LOT 7, BLOCK 5, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 31, 32 AND 33 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 330 East Bay Street, Suite 507-C, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; (904) 630-1897 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
(SEAL)
Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida
Alissa Demay
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Legal 38457 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-289876

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO: 10-2016-CA-000159
DIVISION:
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE3, Plaintiff,
vs
AIDA REYES, et al, Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated November 16th, 2016, and entered in Case No. 10-2016-CA-000159 of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit

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in and for Clay County, Florida in which U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, national Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank national Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-HE3, is the Plaintiff and Aida Reyes, Marlon Reyes, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as a nominee for First NLC Financial Services, Inc., its successors and assigns, are defendants, the Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash www.clay.realforeclose.com, Clay County, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of December, 2016, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure: **LOT 24, BLOCK 7, MEADOWBROOK, UNIT 7 AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 4-5, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
A/K/A 222 MERCURY DR, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
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 within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Clay County, Florida this 21st day of November, 2016.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at (904) 630-2564, within two (2) working days of receipt of this notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. To file response please contact Clay County Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, Tel: (904) 269-6302x6566; Fax (904) 278-3653.
Legal 38473 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2016-CA-000477
DIVISION: E

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
Richard H. Warfel; Joanna T. Warfel; Scott Carter Elliott; Sherry G. Faircloth a/k/a Sherry Faircloth; United States of America Department of Treasury; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, and under against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to order rescheduling foreclosure sale or Final Judgement, entered in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-001477 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff and Richard H. Warfel are defendant(s). I, Clerk of Court, Tara S. Green, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash using the following method: <http://www.clay.realforeclose.com>, beginning AT 10:00 A.M. on January 17, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: **LOT 8, BLOCK 1 OF BIRDWOOD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE(S) 8-9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE

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SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 330 East Bay Street, Suite 507-C, Jacksonville, Florida 32202; (904) 630-1897 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
(SEAL)
Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Clay County, Florida
Alissa Demay
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
Legal 38463 published Dec 1 and Dec 8, 2016 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 16-299857

NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2011-CC-550
DIVISION: D
OAKLEAF PLANTATION PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. a Florida not for profit corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
ARCHANGEL SANON and UNKNOWN TENANT, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 21, 2016, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online sale at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on January 10, 2017, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:
Lot 21, STONEBRIER AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40, Page 33-45, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.
Address: 3133 Stonebrier Ridge Dr., Orange Park, FL 32065
ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Clay County)
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired or voice impaired, call 711.
Witness my hand and seal of this court on 22nd day of November, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Robbin Tefft
Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 2015-CA-001124
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE4, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE4, Plaintiff,
Vs.
TWELVE OAKS ASSOCIATION, INC. A/K/A TWELVE OAKS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC; et al., Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on September 15, 2016 in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-001124, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET BACK SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2004-HE4, ASSET BACKED PASS-T HROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-HE4 is the Plaintiff, and TWELVE OAKS ASSOCIATION, INC. A/K/A TWELVE OAKS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; JOHN KANANEN; PATRICIA KANANEN; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN

Notice of Sale

PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE. WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.
The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at online Sale at www.clay.realforeclosure.com on January 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT F-5 PF TWELVE OAKS CONDOMINIUM, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED APRIL 28, 1983, AND RECORDED MAY 2, 1983, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 722, PAGE 633, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on November 22, 2016.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE COURT
Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost you, to the provision of certain assistance. please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time fore the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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AMENDED CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2015-CA-001075

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,
vs.
DIANA R. WHITE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANA R. WHITE; BRUCE T. PAGEL; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRUCE T. PAGEL; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2. Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel December 19, 2016 Foreclosure Sale and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on November 30th, 2016, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 24, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at www.clay.realforeclose.com.
LOT 2, ERVIN TRIEST DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE(S) 13, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 6522 Triest Avenue, Keystone Heights, FL 32656
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 WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
Dated: December 1, 2016
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN, CLERK
CLAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
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