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School board's half-cent sales tax denied

BCC questions timing, transparency of school board's \$300 million request

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of County Commissioners denied approval

the school board's half-cent sales tax resolution, saying it was concerned about the timing of the request and a lack of transparency on how the \$300 million proposal would be spent.

The Clay County School District wanted the half-cent request on the ballot during a special election. The district said it needed more than \$300 million for maintenance

and repairs. The district also faced a deadline created by newly-signed House Bill 5 that eliminates special elections for tax increases after Dec. 31. If the district isn't approved for a special election in the next six months, it will have to wait until the general election in 2020.

"I move to send this resolution back to the school board to refine this and put a

date for the November 2020 general election and then later, send it back to us for consideration," BCC member Gavin Rollins said.

The BCC agreed, voting 5-0, but not before expressing concerns with the school board's request. When the school board

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High-flying Ridgeview High BMX-er gets his expert tag. For more, see sports page 17.

Keystone Heights, Amvets organize Brock's return

Army veteran returns home Sunday following 2,650-mile walk to Idaho

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Ken Brock left Amvets Post 86 on Feb. 1 on a cross-country walk to promote post-traumatic stress disorder programs at Wounded Warrior Project.

With his walk completed, the U.S. Army veteran will return to where it all started - Amvets Post 86 - on Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m.

Brock is scheduled to arrive at the Jacksonville train station Sunday at 6:39 a.m. Brock originally was going to stop at Palatka but he changed his destination because Jacksonville allowed



Ken Brock waves to residents during the Independence Day parade at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Brock walked for five months from Keystone Heights to join in the festivities.

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Orange Park a step closer to getting motorhomes, boats, trailers out of front yards

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – Trailers, motorhomes and boats may soon will be banned from being parked in front of a house, following a recent joint meeting between Orange Park Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Board.

“Just to have it out there, the current land development regulations are that trailers, travel trailers, pick up coaches, motorhomes, camping trailers, boats, boat trailers and racing recreational cars are allowed in residential zones, but they must comply with the yard setback requirements of the town in whatever district you live in,” Town Manager Sarah Campbell said.

Each district mandates setbacks where vehicles and trailers can be parked, although those rules could be affected by the planning and zoning board, chairman Pete Johnston said. The town council discussed a number of changes at its July 2 meeting.

Council Member Ron Raymond said he

wanted a regulation that would protect neighborhoods in a more-attractive way.

“Most of [the examples of parked vehicles shown during the meeting] are legal, but all of them are abhorrent as far as I’m concerned,” Raymond said.

Raymond wants regulations that keeps Orange Park neighborhoods attractive. He said cars be parked in garages and on driveways, but additional vehicles like motorhomes, boats and trailers be parked out of sight. Council member Alan Watt suggested banning vehicles from being parked in backyards where he says in some cases, they’re still visible. While Raymond and Watt agreed on most points, Raymond said he didn’t care if motorhomes, boats and trailers are parked in backyards.

Johnston doesn’t want the town to regulate the number of vehicles, boats and trailers a person can own, but that he wants to see the town create clearer regulations that can be easily enforced.

Orange Park Police Department Chief



Gary Goble, who is responsible for overseeing code enforcement, agreed with Johnston.

“I’m concerned with being able to prove whether or not it is or isn’t legal,” Goble said. “I don’t care what we decide to do. [I just care] that we can enforce it and prove it.”

Despite differing opinions, the council took town attorney Sam Garrison’s suggestion to ban motorhomes, boats and trailers from being parked at the front of a house.

“A blanket-ban in the front of the house will solve the majority of problems and give [code enforcement] some clarity and consistency,” Garrison said.

The regulation also prohibits vehicles, trailers or boats from being parked on the grass at the front of a home.

A formal vote wasn’t needed, but the council agreed to start with a 90-day grace period. Residents then will have an opportunity to get into compliance before facing code enforcement violations. The council said it soon plans to vote on the proposed ordinance.

Last January, the planning and zoning board began developing an ordinance to where commercial trailers can be parked. That ordinance originally was brought to the town council on May 21. The second reading is scheduled for July 16.

U.S. 17 resurfacing project starts Friday on Fleming Island

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Work will begin on Friday, July 12, on a roadway resurfacing project along U.S. 17 from Black Creek Trail to Water Oak Lane on Fleming Island. Hubbard Construction Company is the contractor for this nearly \$3.4 million project.

In addition to milling and resurfacing the roadway, project improvements include minor drainage repair, construction of a new right turn lane at Pat’s Nursery, replacing the pour seal on the north end of the Black Creek Bridge, signal improvements at Fleming Plantation Boulevard, widening to accommodate a bicycle lane at several turn lanes, driveway stabilization and other incidental construction.

Most project work will occur during daytime hours Monday through Friday. No lane closures will be permitted between 5:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, and no lane closures will be permitted within 600 feet of the signal at Fleming Plantation Boulevard between 5:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. seven days a week. The current posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour will

be maintained throughout construction.

Traffic will be maintained in accordance with FDOT standard plans throughout the project.

When lane closures are needed, drivers will be alerted in advance via portable, changing message signs. Lane closure notices are available online at www.nflroads.com/trafficreport.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones. Call (904) 831-FDOT with any questions about this or other projects within FDOT District 2.

First Coast Expressway to start collecting tolls

Motorists will have to pay to use section connecting Blanding Boulevard to Interstate 10

MIDDLEBURG – Toll collection will begin Saturday, July 13 on the first phase of the



First Coast Expressway, which connects Blanding Boulevard to Interstate 10 in Duval County.

The tolled portion of the roadway begins south of New World Avenue and currently ends at Blanding Boulevard until construction of the next segment of roadway is completed. No tolls will be collected on the First Coast Expressway between U.S. 90 and New World Avenue.

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will not be accepted on the roadway. The gantries contain electronic equipment that will either detect the vehicle’s active, properly mounted SunPass or interoperable transponder or will record an image of the vehicle’s license plate to send a TOLL-BY-PLATE invoice by mail.

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Green takes prominent role in state's top court clerks, comptrollers organization

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Tara S. Green's meteoric rise as a prominent public officer took another step last week when she was voted to the board of directors for the Florida Court Clerks and Comptrollers.

The Clay County Clerk of the Court also was selected as president-elect for the 2020-2021 term.

"If you want to be part of the solution, you have to be ready to serve," Green said. "I want to be involved to the strategic decisions made by all of the clerks."

Green said her position will help Clay County from being excluded from important legal decisions.

"It's amazing what happens behind the scenes," she said. "We won't be surprised and get something forced on us in Clay County by surprise."

Polk County Clerk of Courts and County Comptroller Stacy M. Butterfield was elected as president for the leadership group. Angelina "Angel" Colonnese of Manatee County, Carolyn Timmann of Martin County and Barry Baker of Suwannee County all joined Green on the board of directors.



"It's a good mix," Green said. "One [Baker] comes from a small, financially-strapped county, so we have a balance that will serve everyone."

The new term started July 1.

Their efforts are intended to improve



From left; Martin County Clerk Carolyn Timmann (Treasurer), Clay County Clerk Tara S. Green (President-Elect), Polk County Clerk Stacey Butterfield (President), Manatee County Clerk Angelina "Angel" Colonnese, Esq. (Vice-President), and Suwannee County Clerk Barry Baker (Secretary).

critical services that affect public safety, commerce and access to justice in not only their individual counties, but also in counties statewide, the group said.

Green first was elected in 2012 and re-elected in 2016. She was selected as the 2015 Florida Clerk of the Year, the top honor among 67 state counties.

Green's main operation is headquar-

tered in the Clay County Courthouse in Green Cove Springs, but branch offices located in Orange Park, Middleburg and Keystone Heights are also manned for citizens' convenience.

On average, 40,000 cases, 370,000 docket entries and 13,000 summoned jurors are processed annually, according to the county's website.

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Cummings, Bradley take different paths to personal finances

By **A.G. Gancarski**
FloridaPolitics.com

Financial disclosures for Clay County members of the Legislature reveal that the House and Senate budget chairs have taken different approaches to personal finance in recent years.

Rep. Travis Cummings, the Clay County Republican who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, has seen his net worth increase more than 400 percent while serving in the House.

At the end of last year, Cummings was worth approximately \$3.618 million, far ahead of the \$814,964 he was worth at the end of 2012.



Travis Cummings

Assets of \$4.38 million include \$1.475 million invested with Merrill Lynch, \$1.036 million in investments via NFP (common units and a 401k), and a \$1.375 million manse in Fleming Island (with more \$700,000 in mortgage liability).

Income is substantial, via the Cummings Consulting Group.

Between salary/wages and business income, Cummings made \$588,000 in 2018, dwarfing his House salary of less than \$30,000.

That \$588,000 number is more than double what Cummings made from the consulting group in 2012.

Cummings' HD 19, which includes parts of Clay County, is nearly majority Republican. Of slightly more than 101,000 voters, nearly 48,000 are Democrats.

Cummings' last competitive election was in 2016, when he beat Libertarian Ken Willey, with more than 80% of the vote.

Termed out in 2020, the Fleming Island Republican is expected to run for Sen. Rob Bradley's seat. He, too, is termed out.

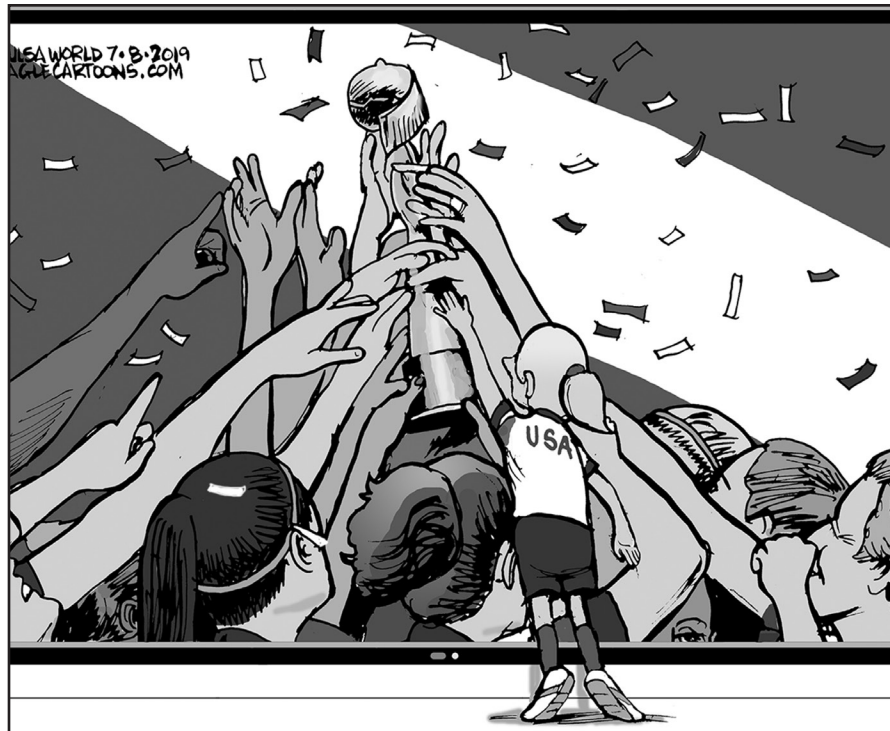
As opposed to Cummings, Bradley has maintained his financial position in recent years, but his disclosure remains remarkably consistent.

The Senator had \$1.477 million as of the end of 2018. To compare, he had \$1.42 million at the end of 2017. And \$1.358 million at the end of 2013.

The Senator has almost \$1.8 million in assets, including over \$400,000 stakes in the since-renamed law firm Kopelousos, Bradley and Garrison and Hibernia Prop-

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OPINIONS



BCC was prudent to push school board, sheriff's office for more details

The Board of County Commissioners acted properly when it unanimously agreed Tuesday night not to approve the Clay County School District's request to decide a half-cent discretionary sales tax referendum with a special election.

It also acted properly last month when it refused to consider the sheriff's office request to raise its annual budget by \$10.2 million.

And they did both for the right reasons.

Nobody is arguing whether the schools or sheriff's office need more money, and we're certainly not saying they had bad intentions. But both forgot the first step is to gain public trust and support. That can't be done in a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation or a couple pages of supporting documents.

By skipping the painstaking process of educating the public, both lost valuable time and, perhaps, some early support. Both now have to regroup and win the public's support with a deliberate approach that not only answers questions but buttresses their needs with facts.

Once the public's on board, the BCC will likely follow.

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Nobody wants to pay more taxes. At the same time, nobody wants our schools to be in disarray or our streets left unprotected. But if there's a need, spell it out. When you build a home, you negotiate the smallest details. Imagine being told your kitchen cabinets will cost \$5,000 and you aren't given the opportunity to shop and compare.

Running county government should be no different.

The school board clearly faces challenges. That's why it hopes to raise more than \$300 million during the next 10 years with the tax. R.M. Patterson Elementary is at capacity. Orange Park Elementary is about to start its 92nd year. There currently are more than 900 portable classrooms in use. (Only Miami-Dade and Orange counties have more.) The track at Orange Park High is

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Word of the Week is a feature that aims to help readers boost their vocabulary in a meaningful way that has practical application. Each week, our editorial staff presents a word, its definition and its use in a sentence.

Lycopodium: a noun that means "a flammable yellow powder found in the spore cases of plants used to make fireworks and medicine."

"To generate fire and flames, a chemical red fire and powdered lycopodium are used to provide a red glow and flames."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2014

The 2014-15 year fiscal year, Clay County commissioners danced around the prospect of a slight increase in property taxes at their opening budget workshop.

The southern end of Chaffee Road connecting to State Road 23 is closed as a part of Florida Department of Transportation's First Coast Expressway Project.

Clay High junior swimmer, Dakota Mahaffey, became the fastest 16-year-old backstroker in the U.S. with his best 100-meter backstroke at the prestigious Bulldog Classic Swim Invitational at University of Georgia.

10 years ago, 2009

St. Vincent's Medical Center won in a legal battle over who should have the right to build a new Clay County Hospital.

Rivertown Discount Liquors opened in what was called Green Cove Package Store at 208. N Orange Ave.

St. Johns River Community College honored in what was the largest class for completing the teacher certification program.

20 years ago, 1999

After learning the county budget faces a \$4 million revenue shortage, the Board of County Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve immediate hiring and spending freeze.

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Opinions

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dangerously and embarrassingly dilapidated. The board said it also needs to build permanent classrooms, upgrade security and enhance classroom technology.

With 42 schools in the county and a need for as many as seven new schools in the next 10 years, the board said it desperately needs the money to keep pace – especially with statistics that show Clay soon will be the fastest-growing county in the state.

The school board put a rush-job on the referendum after Gov. Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 5 to eliminate special elections for tax increases on Dec. 31. If the school board can't put its request for a half-cent sales tax in front of the voters before then, it will have to wait until the general election in 2020.

Commissioners, however, wanted more details. They also didn't like how the school board tried get ahead of HB5.

"We all want better schools and that's why we have to do this right," BCC Chairman Mike Cella said. "That's why there is too much at stake this time to rush things through. Honest mistakes have been made and that delayed things, and the rush creates errors and inconsistencies so what I'd like to propose to the board is that we send this back to the school board and tell them to work on the resolution. Refine the pitch. Refine the ideas of where the money

is going to be spent.

"Give us a plan that everyone can believe in so that we can all get behind it."

Remember when your teacher required you to show your work on a math test? It still applies.

The same goes for the sheriff's office. It asked 17% increase compared to this year's budget, saying it needed 29 new deputies and another 32 full-time employees. But the request had very few details how the entire \$68 million request would be spent.

And according to sheriff's office spokesman Chris Padgett, Sheriff Darryl Daniels "doesn't have a lot of intent to negotiate at all."

Commissioners are concerned the sheriff's increase would have to be funded by raising the millage rate by a point. To get that, residents must be assured their money is being spent wisely, and that only comes when the agency provides details. Public accountability and transparency will be a necessary if the sheriff's office wants to close the deal.

As Clay County grows, so does its needs. And those needs cost money.

Nobody's denying the school board and sheriff's office face significant financial challenges, and nobody is saying they don't deserve the money.

But now it's up to both to thoroughly present their cases to the public. It's an important first step that was forgotten.

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Oakridge Ave. Following a discovery of a rabid raccoon is the area.

A pre-trial to dismiss the indictment against Clay County Commissioner Garry McIntyre was denied.

40 years ago, 1979

Rene Wilke was selected as Orange Parks "Artist of The Month".

William H. Schick, Chief of NASA'S LC-39 Operation integration and Special Projects Office, was a guest speaker at Green Cove Springs Rotary.

Clay County Cooperative Extension Office became official Energy Information Centers for the state.

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erty Management.
Of his roughly \$300,000 in debts, most of the money is borrowed against his home, valued at \$450,000.

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MediaOne announced an improved customer services plan.

The Goodman Company started their construction on Middleburg Crossing.

30 years ago, 1989

Clerk of the Court and County Comptroller John Keene presented the tentative budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year for Clay County and presently reflects an \$8 million dollar increase over the last year.

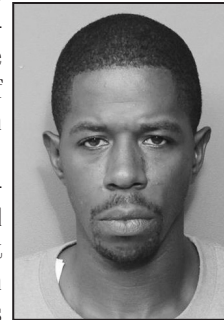
Clay County Health Department announced that the quarantine was in effect within a mile of Rowell Rd. and SR 15-A

U.S. Marshals catch man charged with killing former Clay High wrestler

Clay Today

NORFOLK, VA.— U.S. Marshals captured a man Monday who was wanted in connection with the April 1 murder of 26-year-old Dylan McCurdy.

John Emory Wilson was tackled and handcuffed as he left a grocery store in Norfolk, Va. He was arraigned on two counts of second-de-

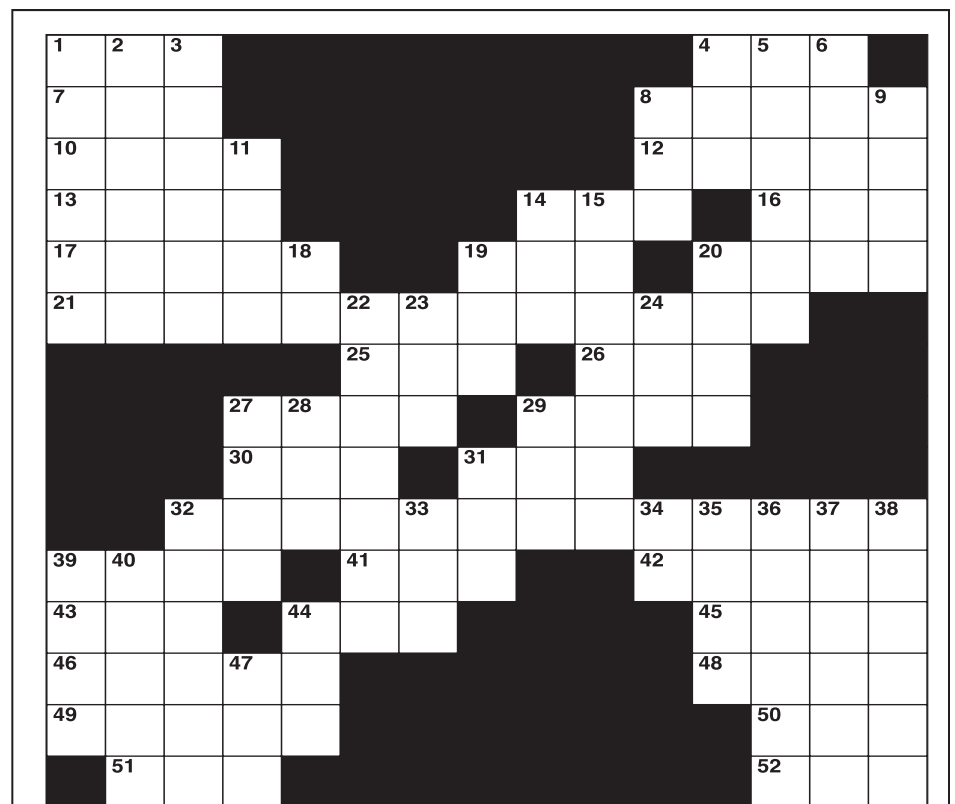


John Wilson

gree murder Tuesday. His next court date is Aug. 6, and he's expected to be extradited back to Jacksonville to face charge for killing McCurdy, a former Clay High wrestler, and 32-year-old Trevor Matthew.

McCurdy was doing construction work at Mayport three months ago when his body was found on the 1100 block of Featherwood Drive South. He died of a gunshot wound.

Wilson also was wanted for the July 30, 2018, murder of 32-year-old Trevor Matthew. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said evidence linked the two crimes.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors' group
4. One millionth of a gram
7. Contrary to
8. Oohed and __
10. Popular sandwiches
12. Construction site machine
13. Variety act
14. Fall back
16. An electrically charged atom
17. Mountain lakes
19. Japanese classical theater
20. Pesky insect
21. Natural wonders
25. Design file extension
26. Genus of grasses
27. Container for shipping
29. Theron film '___ Flux'
30. Get older
31. Chinese surname
32. Edith Bunker actress
39. Natives to Myanmar
41. Soda comes in it
42. Counting frames
43. Where some get their mail (abbr.)

44. Having ten
45. Assn. of oil-producing countries
46. A type of cigar
48. World's longest river
49. Single-celled animal
50. Decay
51. General's assistant (abbr.)
52. Pigpen

CLUES DOWN

1. ___ and Costello
2. Islamic teacher
3. Clothing
4. Disfigure
5. Irons
6. NW Italian seaport
8. Play a role
9. A reduction
11. Short poem set to music
14. Pain unit
15. Get in form
18. Junior's father
19. To the ___ degree
20. Wild or sweet cherry
22. Content

23. Earn a perfect score
24. Korean surname
27. Herb __, San Francisco columnist
28. Ottoman military commander
29. Satisfaction
31. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
32. Poke quickly
33. Pouch
34. City of Angels
35. Dark olive black
36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals
37. Wild cat
38. Fine detail
39. Prevents harm to creatures
40. A city in Louisiana
44. Everyone has their own
47. Basics

Denied

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voted 3-2 to advance the special election request to the BCC, school board members Ashley Gilhousen and Mary Bolla both said they were in favor of the half-cent sales tax to fix county schools, but not through a special election.

“My greatest concern is that we educate the public,” Bolla said at the last school board meeting. “That way we don’t have just the concerned citizens joining us in this half-cent sales tax but as many citizens as we can educate, and if it means going to this election in November 2020 and we have the opportunity for people to see that, yes, those needs will be met with the half-cent sales tax, [then waiting a] few months to make certain that we get as many citizens on board with us means a great deal.”

The BCC shared similar sentiments, expressing while school maintenance is extremely important, transparency is even

more important.

“I’ve taught in three Clay County schools,” Rollins said. “I am a Clay County teacher, so I care a lot about these schools and the children in them. But I also care deeply about transparency and the public understanding what it going on. I agree with Mary Bolla: as educators, we have a duty to educate the public and we shouldn’t thrust [this referendum] on them in a way that lacks transparency so I can’t say I’m in favor of this.”

Rollins said if the school board can show the half-cent sales tax is needed, the referendum should be on the general election ballot in November 2020.

BCC Chairman Mike Cella said he’s received more calls and emails about this potential sales tax than he has for anything else. According to Cella, most residents perceived the special election as a cynical way to get the funds, and the resolution was too broad.

“We all want better schools and that’s why we have to do this right,” Cella said. “That’s why there is too much at stake this time to rush things through. Honest mistakes have been made and that delayed things, and the rush creates errors and inconsistencies so what I’d like to propose to the board is that we send this back to the school board and tell them to work on the resolution. Refine the pitch. Refine the ideas of where the money is going to be spent.

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Gavin Rollins



Mike Cella

Signature’s free haircuts for veterans ‘lets them know someone is thinking about them’

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – Although Shirley Eady’s Signature’s Hair Design Academy is open seven days a week, she reserves Mondays for a special clientele – veterans.

Eady, along with other hairstylists, offer free haircuts to everyone who’s served in the military at her shop at 1115 Blanding Blvd., Suite 204.

“We’ve dedicated Mondays to our veterans,” she said.

Other days are spent doing hair and makeup for the Jacksonville Jaguars cheerleading squad, the ROAR, working with the Clay Chamber and local beauty pageants.

Signature’s Hair Design Academy is a full-service multi-cultural salon which caters to the needs of everyone. Eady has worked in the cosmetology industry for 26 years, and has served as a professor of barbering, cosmetology, skin and nails for 24 years. She also has worked with various academies, including Florida State Community College, Toni and Guy, Regency Beauty School, Orange Park Beauty Academy, Riverside Beauty Academy and Florida Career College. She also teaches one day a week at Community Barber School. Mondays, however, have become a labor of love. “I wanted to give back to the veterans,” she said. “While we’re sleeping at night, these men and women are risking their lives for us. Giving them something as simple as a haircut lets



Shirley Eady



them know someone is thinking about them.” Her upbeat hair styles and prices aren’t the only reason her salon is rapidly growing. She is dedicated to the mission of changing the lives of those who cross the threshold of the creatively-decorated salon by offering her customers the full package of a hair style, nails, eyebrows, eye lashes and facials. Signature’s even has a tea bar for customers while they relax under the dryer.

Eady said she is “driven to stay true to the mission of the salon: which is to strive to provide a heavenly experience by providing a relaxing environment in which each hair stylist and or technician can create beautiful and elegant designs of originality while maintaining a clean, professional atmosphere where the entire person can be nurtured.”

Eady provides hair styling and makeup for women going through transitional housing, as well as collecting donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Her next project is to collect school supplies.

“We’re going to collect pens, pencils, paper, notebooks – everything a child needs for school,” she said.

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Community Briefs

County preparing to give back unclaimed money

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Clerk's Office may have money that belongs to you.

Like all Clerk of Court offices across the state, local Clerks review unclaimed and uncashed checks annually and send out a public notice once the funds have remained unclaimed for more than a year. The Clay County Clerk's Office has nearly \$6,000 in unclaimed checks from 2019.

Look at the list posted at clayclerk.com on Friday or in next week's Clay Today's legal ads section.

The checks listed were mailed but never cashed, and the reasons vary. The intended recipient possibly moved away without leaving a forwarding address, or put the check away and forgot about it. The list of

more than 140 checks includes uncashed jury service checks, witness checks, overpayments, refunds, and cash bonds from as low as \$4.88 to more than \$500.

Whether you are an individual, business or an organization, make sure to view the unclaimed checks list. "We work to make sure our customers receive the funds that are rightly theirs," said Clerk of Court Tara S. Green. "Whether the amount is large or small, it's important that we help citizens finalize their court-related process by notifying the recipients in this way."

Unclaimed money after the deadline will be forfeited and deposited into the Clerk's Fine and Forfeiture Fund.

Call 904-269-6317 for more information on how to receive the funds for which your name is listed.

GCS severs deal with Hooper Corp. to improve electric service

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – City leaders voted 3-0 to end its contract with Hooper Corporation for electric distribution capital improvement projects.

Staffing was an issue with Hooper, according to the city staff report. Hooper, awarded the contract in 2016, was supposed to embed six employees. Instead, the city noted that figure was "... continually short." The notice of termination is 90 days for convenience. Hooper Corporation will be able to bid on future projects.

City Manager Steve Kennedy and Public Works Director Mike Null said staff sought to hire eight skilled laborers, internally bolstering existing utility staff. Null said a competitive wage and benefits would assist in attracting workers, as the city had paid workers below average in the past.

"We didn't have anyone beating down our door," he said.

Kennedy said it made sense for the city to work on the projects itself since most expenses were for labor and equipment.

"The salaries and the packages we can put before you will make it a little easier for us to grab some people," Kennedy said.

Council Member Pam Lewis said Hooper earned her respect and gratitude, but the staff recommendations were made in the best interests of the city.

"I think that's how we have to look at things and I'm inclined to agree with this [notice of termination]," Lewis said.

No stranger to power outages, the city received a \$10.7 million loan last year for several capital improvements to its power system.

"It was very clear [in the staff report,] the request we're putting before you tonight is in no way to disparage Hooper. They have added value to the operation of

the system and made contributions," Kennedy said. "Circumstances change, and I think the basis going in [Hooper Corporation's] direction prior to my arrival was the best for the circumstances at the time."

Hooper Corporation Project Manager Gary Shortridge thanked city officials.

"We were proud to be part of this organization," he said. "You folks have got a challenge ahead of you."

With Council Member Mitch Timberlake and Mayor Steven Kelley absent, council members unanimously approved the notice of termination.

In other business, the city approved rezoning for two developments 3-0 on first reading.

The council was first shown a site plan for a pair of duplexes on Houston Street. The change would rezone the property from Single-Multi Family Residential to Planned Urban Development. The .57-acre lot, drainage and the aesthetic effect on the neighborhood prompted worries from residents.

"I don't think it would fit for the simple reason that the whole area is [zoned] R-2 for single-family units," resident Chester Austin said.

Council members said they understood residents' concerns and more discussion on the final zoning hearing would benefit all parties, with two council members back at the dais.

"We'll get another bite at the apple," council member Van Royal said.

The other proposed development was a 17-unit apartment complex on Oak Street. The city's Planning and Zoning Board and city staff recommended approval for both projects. Both developments are led by applicant and architect Janis Fleet and property owner Wiggins Investment Co. of North Florida.

GCS sailor tells Navy's story aboard nation's newest floating airport at sea

By Alvin Plexico
Navy Office of Community Outreach

NORFOLK, Va. – Petty Officer 3rd Class Brett Walker is a mass communication specialist aboard the carrier homeported in Norfolk. A Green Cove Springs native and 2017 Clay High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the service's newest aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford.

As a Navy mass communication specialist, Walker is responsible for telling the Navy story through photos, video and journalism.

Walker credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned growing up in Green Cove Springs.

"My hometown is really big on family, so I understand the importance of making my family a priority, especially my wife, Anna," said Walker.

Commissioned in 2017, Ford, or "Warship 78" as she is known by the crew, is 1,106 feet long; longer than three football fields. The ship, a true floating city, weighs more than 100,000 tons and has a flight deck that is 256 feet wide.

Powerful catapults slingshot the aircraft off the bow of the ship. The planes land aboard the carrier by snagging a steel cable with an arresting hook that protrudes from the rear of the aircraft.

Ford is the first of a class of aircraft carriers that offer significant performance improvements over the previous Nimitz-class aircraft carriers. The ship is equipped with the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System to launch aircraft, rather than steam catapults currently used aboard other aircraft carriers, eliminating the requirement to generate and store steam for catapults, which frees up space. EMALS and other new systems and operating concepts will allow the Ford to accomplish 25% more aircraft launches per day than its predecessor while requiring 25% fewer crewmembers, resulting in an estimated savings of \$4 billion in operating costs during a 50-year life span.

The ship is named after the 38th President of the United States, and U.S. Navy veteran, Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Ford enlisted in the U.S. Naval reserve, serving from 1942 to 1946. While serving at Navy Preflight School in 1942 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, he taught seaman-



PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST SEAMAN APPRENTICE ANGEL JASKULOSKI

Walker, 2017 Clay High graduate, serves as communications specialist on USS Gerald R. Ford

Walker is playing an important part in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Walker is most proud of serving at Fleet Week in New York early this year.

"Being able to tell the Navy story and seeing all those people appreciate the military made me very proud to be a sailor," Walker said.

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Walker, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Walker is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"Both of my grandfathers served," said Walker. "One served in the Army and one served in the Navy."

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Obituaries

Rev. Samuel Harrison Jewell

Rev. Samuel Harrison Jewell, 70, was ushered into the presence of his Savior on June 24, 2019 at 2:14 am.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1948 in Matheny, West Virginia to the late Vermin Jesse and Margaret Sanders Jewell. He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Paul David Jewell. Pastor Sam loved teaching the Bible and sharing the love of his Savior with all those he met. He was known for his kindness, his selfless nature, and his sense of humor.

Over his lifetime, he pastored churches in South Carolina, North Carolina, New York, and Florida, touching the lives of thousands of people whose paths he crossed. Sam enjoyed playing his guitar, learning about American History, singing with his family, fishing with his grandkids, golfing with his son, cheering for Duke basketball and Gator football, and drinking Diet Coke.



Samuel Harrison Jewell

A Homegoing Celebration was held Thursday, June 27, 2019 at Harbor Baptist Church in Fleming Island, Fla.. Pastor Sam is survived by his adoring and faithful wife of almost 49 years, Patsy Madaris Jewell; his children, Kristin Cartwright (Tom) of Ocoee, Fla. Kara Matthews (Mark) of Plano, TX, and Philip Jewell (Cara) of Mobile, Ala.; his daughter-in-law, Marliisa Jewell Dublin (Timothy Paul); and his grandchildren, Kaiya Matthews, Juke Matthews, Cade Paul Matthews, Kolby Cartwright, Kaleb Cartwright, Acie Jewell, Brayleigh Matthews, and Isaac Jewell.

Memorials may be made to: Harbor Baptist Church Attention: Pastor Sam's Memorial Garden Fund 1120 Clay St. Fleming Island, Fla. 32003.

Craig A. Krasko

Craig A. Krasko, 66, passed away on June 19, 2019. He was born in Detroit, Michigan and resided in Middleburg, Fla. Krasko retired from the US Navy and is survived by his wife, Maxima Krasko; father, Raymond L. Krasko; son,

Edwardo Krasko; daughter, Jessica (Sabih) Effendi; sister, Candice Poole; 2 grandchildren: Julien and Ayden Effendi; nephew, Donnie Cleveland; niece, Deanna Montalbano; and a host of extended family and friends.

Family will receive friends on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. at Hardage Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg, Fla.

Funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, June 29, 2019 at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 1606 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, Fla. with Father Andy Blaszkowski officiating.

Burial will follow in Holly Hill Memorial Park. A reception will be held at 1 p.m. at the funeral home after graveside services. Please post words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com.

John Boyd Brugh

John Boyd Brugh, age 68, our loving brother, husband, dad, pop-pop, uncle, brother-in-law and friend went to be with his Lord on July 7, 2019. He was simply a great man. He had the biggest most generous heart and it brought him great joy to help others, never wanting anything in return. He loved all his



family deeply and always looked forward to times when the family would all get together. He had tremendous patience and a gift for encouraging others. We were blessed to have him in our lives and will miss him deeply.

He retired from the US Air Force after serving 21 years working as a K9 police officer. He also retired from the post office after 23 years working as a dock clerk.

He was a Master Mason, Member of the Order of Eastern Star and a Shriner. He grew up in The Otis Road Church of God.

John was born on April 18, 1951 in Rocklick, WV to parents Ethel Estelle (Higginbotham) and the late Gary Houston Brugh. He is survived by his wife, Hilda Brugh, of 22 years that he loved deeply, sons that he adored; John R. (Chrissy), Shawn (Gina), grandchildren that he cherished; Dustie and Ashlynn Brugh, Sarah Miller, Noah, Mackenzie, and Riley Brugh, Brothers he respected; Ronnie (Rheba), Larry (Teresa), Sisters he treasured; Lillie Irizarry (Moi), Barbara Nickens (Richard), Karen Brugh and his second mother Lucille Crews whom he always took care of.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. 32221 with Pastor Steve Thomas officiating with US Air Force Honors.

Interment will be in Jacksonville National Cemetery on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Leslie 'Craig' Hamilton, Jr.

Leslie "Craig" Hamilton, Jr., 86, of Penney Farms, FL, passed away July 5, 2019.

Broadus Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, Fla. (904) 284-4000



Johns Boyd Brugh

Desiree Marie King

Desiree Marie King, 34, of Jacksonville, passed away June 28, 2019.

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center 904-284-7720.



Leah Mae Flanigan

Leah Mae Flanigan, 88, of Green Cove Springs, Fla. passed away July 3, 2019

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James Roy 'Jim' Morgan, Jr.

AVCM James Roy "Jim" Morgan, Jr., USN (Ret.), 80 of Orange Park, Fla. passed away July 3, 2019.

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Donald Edward Wagner

Donald Edward Wagner, 55, of Sumner, Fla., passed away July 4, 2019

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Keystone approves 3% pay raise for city manager Kornegay

Favorable vote overlooks objection from mayor Lake

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – City council members voted 4-1 Monday to approve a 3% pay raise for City Manager Scott Kornegay, and they learned that nearly 58% of the residents approve of the work being done by the city, Mayor Karen Lake said.



Scott Kornegay

Lake was the lone vote against Kornegay's raise from \$71,500 to \$75,000. With benefits and travel, his salary package is almost \$96,000, which comes from taxpayers, Lake said. She scored Kornegay lower than other council members on his evaluation.



Karen Lake

Keystone Heights doesn't oversee water or sewer utilities, electric systems or a police department. Other cities with similar populations with a greater breadth of services, such as Polk City, Dunnellon or Crescent City, paid city managers between

\$78,000-\$80,000.

"I think it's important for the public to know the total investment in the position," Lake said.

Council members Stephen Hart, Larry Peoples and Tony Brown spoke in favor of Kornegay. Brown, a former mayor and council member with terms in the 1990s, referred to Kornegay as best city manager he had seen in past meetings.

Kornegay was praised by Keystone environmental advocacy group Save Our Lakes earlier in the meeting. Brown said Kornegay had proven his ability to work with other agencies.

"You heard from Save Our Lakes, we went through a time where our communications, I don't know how else to put it, sucked, between the council, Save Our Lakes and the St. Johns River Water Management District," Brown said. "To have someone on board who knew how to communicate and be a leader and take the bull by the horns, it was very impressive."

Hart called the raise wise and said he wanted council members to look at the issue objectively.

"We are competing in the marketplace for talent," he said.

Referring to letters to the editor in Keystone publications against Kornegay's potential raise, Peoples said he thought there was an agenda against Kornegay. This comment provoked a woman in the audience to lash out at Peoples.

Later in the meeting, Lake presented council members with a survey that garnered about 100 responses. The survey

was privately funded and distributed through volunteers. It was sent to 343 voters in 219 homes.

The survey asked voters if they approved of the city's performance, if they trusted the city and what their preferred projects were. Fifty-six of the 97 responses approved of the city's job. Resident comments called for a refurbished beach pavilion, and more music events and festivals.

Numerous responses called for better maintained parks. Lack of youth programs and the environment were the largest concerns, according to the survey.

Another question asked how the council should handle Kornegay's raise. There were 24 responses that called for a raise of varying levels, and 60 replied "Give no raise."

"[The survey] does keep us grounded, it reminds us who we work for and why we're up here," Lake said.

Brown said he liked the idea of a survey but chafed at Lake distributing the survey without council input. He said the city worked hard to provide events or a farmer's market in the past, though few participated.

"My suggestion, if you ever do something like this [survey] again, is to bring it before this board," Brown said. "I'll tell you right now, we're not a team."

Following many of the recent meetings, residents spoke in favor of Kornegay's performance and stressed unity from the council. About 50 people attended, including County Commissioner Gavin Rollins, who addressed the council during public comment.

"I would ask you to put the city, the community, above minor differences and frustrations," Rollins said. "Let's have a team effort. Let's keep that momentum moving forward."

Obituaries

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Rudolf Walter Hellmold

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Chad Aaron McLeod

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'Toxic Puzzle' pieces together research to understand algae blooms

Free movie, panel discussion at Thrasher-Horne addresses cyanobacteria in local waterways

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — A special showing of "Toxic Puzzle," a film about blue-green algae and its effects on health, will be shown Thursday at the Thrasher-Horne Center on the Orange Park campus of St. Johns River State.

Studies of the blue-green algae or cyanobacteria are still in the preliminary stages of how it affects human life, and "Toxic Puzzle" shows a link to neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia.

"So, the film is called 'Toxic Puzzle' and it's a scientific documentary about cyanobacteria and why it matters to Clay County is [the] algae are the same culprit of algae blooms plaguing the St. Johns," St. John's River Keeper's Kelly Thompson said. "What this film is doing is trying to show how scientists are working to understand the science behind the bacteria and how it affects humans, especially in regards to neurodegenerative diseases."

Thompson said the connection between cyanobacteria, Alzheimer's and dementia was made during University of Miami's research on local bottlenose dolphins that



swim in water with a high content of algae blooms. There were cases where dolphins were developing neurodegenerative diseases more significantly than previously thought. Scientists now are questioning why

The biggest culprit is likely to be cyanobacteria, Thompson said.

"This toxin research is still preliminary, though, and a lot of research needs to be done to see just how significant this potential correlation and link is," she said.

Thompson said moviegoers should expect a provocative movie-going experience.

"The movie is a serious look at what the

algae could be doing to our brains and it's quite provocative because of that," Thompson said.

Following the movie showing, a panel consisting of Lisa Rinaman, a St. Johns River Keeper and other scientists will answer questions from the audience.

"We don't just want to show the film and have everyone go home scared of the water around them," Thompson said. "We want this film to raise questions and we [the panel of experts] want to see those questions answered."

Thompson said the algae has been in Clay County water for years, but only recently has scientists learned of its effects. Because the algae thrive in warm water, it often appears in the middle of the summer. The first cyanobacteria bloom was reported on April 10, which is months earlier than usual.

"That raises our concerns because that's so much earlier than we anticipate," Thompson said. "We had a mild winter and there's been a lot of rain and heat since then so that, among other elements, are what we attribute to the [blooms] starting so early."

If you're interested in seeing "Toxic Puzzle," you can register at the St. Johns River Keeper website. The movie starts at 7 p.m. and is free.

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Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard the carrier. Approximately 2,600 men and women currently make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly -- this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear reactors. Another 2,500 men and women will form the air wing responsible for flying and maintaining the aircraft aboard the ship.

"Sailors are the lifeblood of any warship and the men and women of the USS Gerald R. Ford are the absolute best that our Navy has to offer," said Capt. John J. Cummings, commanding officer of USS Gerald R. Ford. "Because of the work they do, Warship 78 sailors will take our ship over the horizon and answer our nation's call in ways that have never been done before. Our sailors are strong, resilient, and truly embody our ship's motto of 'Integrity

at the Helm.'"

Ford, like each of the Navy's aircraft carriers, is designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship will carry more than 70 attack jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from, and land aboard the carrier at sea.

All of this makes Ford a self-contained mobile airport and strike platform, and often the first response to a global crisis because of a carrier's ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon capital assets, Walker and other Ford sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy means putting your country before yourself," Walker said. "I signed a contract saying that I would put my country first, so I have to always honor that by being professional at all times. I represent my country at all times -- on duty and off duty."

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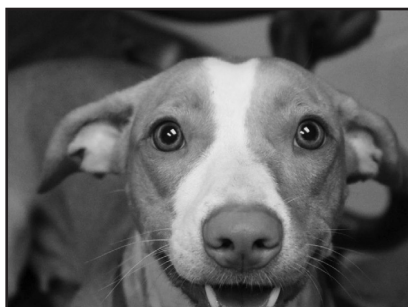
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Brock

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supply cart home.

"Palatka is a non-manned station; Jacksonville has people who can unload my cart," Brock said.

Once home, Brock will get a police escort at 2 p.m. from State Roads 21 and 100 to the Post at 6685 Brooklyn Bay Rd. Supporters are encouraged to welcome Brock home along SR 21 at 2:30 p.m., according to Post web site administrator Tim Russell.

Brock will be formally welcomed by Keystone Heights Mayor Karen Lake and other dignitaries.

He had a similar sendoff by Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, officials during last week's Fourth of July parade.

"It was amazing to walk in the parade," Brock said. "It took me five months to walk to Idaho. Once I got there, I still had some more walking to do. But that last mile was the best."

With residents standing five-deep along Sherman Avenue, Brock was featured in the parade doing what he does best – walking with his cart and service dog, Pam.

His return trip hit a temporary roadblock when Amtrak said Pam wasn't allowed on the train. The company later made an exception following an investigative story from a Spokane, Wash., television station.

Brock walked more than 2,650 miles. He faced several obstacles – two weekends of deadly tornadoes, deadly floods, thunderstorms, a collision with a tractor-trailer and snow.

His scheduled appearance on "Fox and Friends" was pushed back until his return to Florida so the network can do the interview from a studio.

Once he returns to Keystone Heights, Brock said he wants to buy a car. After that, he wants to find a project that will fill the void created by his five-month journey that was as much about self-discovery as bringing attention to WWP.

"I'm not going to fall back into that trap [of not staying busy]," Brock said. "I have to figure out what I'm going to do with my life. I will stay busy. I know that much."

Brock said he's interested in a car in Largo.

"I'm tired of asking by buddies for rides," he said. "I'll need a ride to Largo, of course, but after that, I'll have even more freedom."



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Middleburg drug house raid leads to 10 arrests

Investigation included several traffic stops, information from fed-up neighbors

MIDDLEBURG — An investigation that started with a traffic stop in June eventually led to a sweeping raid last week that resulted in the arrests of 10 people.

Members of the Clay County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division and Street Crimes Unit ascended on a mobile home at 1996 Gentlebreeze Road on July 2, where more than 84 grams of methamphetamine, six grams of heroin and drug paraphernalia were seized.

The following were booked in the county jail:

- Robert Erston McCullar III, 44, of Interlachen. He was charged with possession of a firearm or ammo by a convicted felon, armed trafficking of more than 14 grams of methamphetamine and possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and habitual traffic offender.

- Misty Lee Downs, 46, of Middleburg. She was charged with maintaining a house with drugs.

July 3.

- Jeffrey Allen Parsons, 33, of Middleburg. He was living at the house, and deputies found 2.42 grams of methamphetamine and of ammo in his locked bedroom. According to CCS, Parsons had 11 previous felony convictions. Staying at the house.

- Cecil Eugene Saunders, 28, of Jacksonville. He was charged with resisting, obstructing or opposing a police officer after he tried to distract deputies during the drug raid by kicking several dogs in the front yard. Saunders was told to stop kicking the dogs during the raid, which prompted deputies to tackle him for not complying.

- Rebecca Lynn Fisher, 27, of Middleburg. She was charged with possession of heroin.

- Heather Kay Vance, 27, of Middleburg. She was charged with possession of

methamphetamine, heroin and controlled substances without a prescription.

- Austin Cox, 21, of Middleburg. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine and retail petit theft.

- Destany Linda-Sue Austin, 19, of Middleburg. She was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

- Tiffany York, 28, of Middleburg. She was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Edward James Castro, 49, of Middleburg. He was charged with possession of methamphetamine, less than 20 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and for being a habitual traffic offender.

According to arrest and warrant documents, deputies were alerted by residents the house was being used for drug deals, and CCSO was able to bolster its case when Vance was stopped on June 11 at County Road 220 and College Drive for not having a license tag. Drug dog K9 Titan conducted a "sniff" test of car and alerted deputies of possible drugs. A search led to the recovery of 1.97 grams of methamphetamine, 1.93 grams of fentanyl and several unprescribed pills.

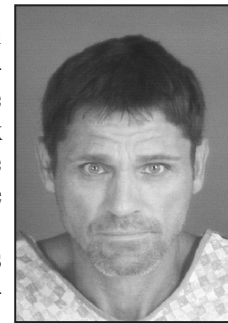
Vance apparently had a connection to the home at Gentlebreeze Road.

Deputies then conducted at least two separate traffic stops on July 2 after seeing both cars make stops at Gentlebreeze Road.

Cox and Austin were stopped on County Road 218 at Bluejay Drive after a check of the license tag revealed the owner had an outstanding warrant for retail petit theft.

Deputies then found a bag with methamphetamine in the back seat.

McCullar was stopped after he was observed not driving in his lane on County Road 218. According to the arrest report, Castro made an "abrupt" right turn onto Hibiscus Avenue without using his blink-



Edward Castro

er that created an "disruption" of traffic. After that, he made a u-turn back to C.R. 218 where he and Fisher were stopped.

McCullar was "spontaneously" uttering, CCSO said, so K9 Bull was called to scene. K9 Bull alerted deputies to possible drugs inside the car, where they found 70.26 grams of crystalline substance in center console, along with another bag containing 14.64 grams (all meth), 1.22 grams of a brown powder substance (heroin), several empty plastic bags and a scale. Also found a loaded .38-caliber revolver.

Deputies found 1.22 grams of heroin in Fisher's purse.

McCullar also received warnings for failure to use proper turn signal, failure to maintain single lane and a criminal citation for being a habitual traffic offender (five other citations since March 30, 2017).

Another traffic stop with a link to the home on Gentlebreeze Road involved Castro. He was pulled over because his rear tag was obscured. Castro was pulled over on County Road 281 at Carter Spencer Road for the improper tag. K9 Cash signaled the likely presence of drugs in the pickup truck.

Deputies wound up finding 2.62 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia (three pipes and several cut straws) and 5.9 grams of marijuana. McCullar was in the county jail with a bond of \$117,514.

Buoyed by the traffic stops and other information, authorities were able to get a warrant for the drug raid. According to warrant, "Due to having several complaints from numerous citizens in reference to narcotic activity at 1996 Gentlebreeze Drive, performing two separate traffic stops on two separate vehicles leaving 1996 Gentlebreeze Drive and locating methamphetamine and heroin in both vehicles, having two separate sources who were interviewed separately and without knowledge of the other source ..."

POLICE BRIEFS

North Carolina women caught with pot plants loaded in trunk

MIDDLEBURG — Clay County Sheriff deputies found three-quarters of a pound of marijuana in a car they stopped two women for driving without their headlights at 9:01 p.m. recently on Blanding Boulevard.

Rocio Anayeli Bravo Cruz, 21, of Jonesville, N.C., and Brittany Nicole Hylton, 21, of Elkin, N.C. were arrested for possession of more than 20 grams of pot with intent to sell, manufacturer or deliver and illegally cultivating marijuana.

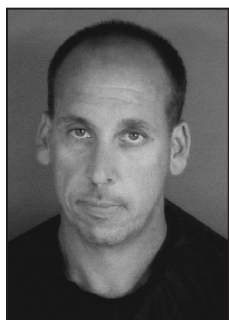
According to the arrest report, deputies smelled marijuana after they stopped Cruz in a parking lot at Baxley Road on July 2. They found seven potted marijuana plants in the trunk and a pot filled with 345 grams of pot.

Burned out tag light leads to meth trafficking arrest

MIDDLEBURG — A woman stopped with no tag light wound up in the Clay County Jail after sheriff deputies found drugs in her car.

Nicole Hope Boston, 28, of Middleburg, was charged with possession and trafficking 14 grams of methamphetamine or amphetamine, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, as well as possession of heroin, clonazepam, oxycodone and drug paraphernalia.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Boston became nervous after deputies noticed her car registration had expired in May. A drug-sniffing dog alerted the presence of drugs inside the car.



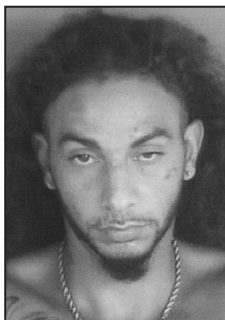
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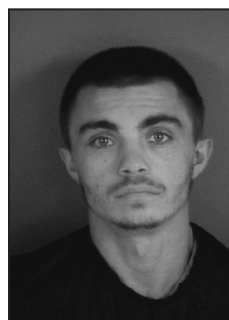
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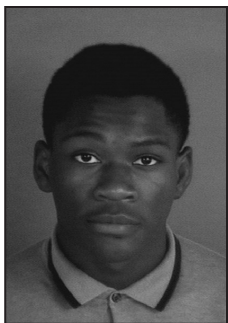
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She was being held with an \$80,013 bond.

Masked bandit caught when he returns to burglary scene

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An 18-year-old man from Penney Farms was arrested after Clay County Sheriff deputies said he broke into the same home more than once while wearing a mask as his victims slept.

Following an investigation and subsequent stake-out, Benjamin La'Zacchaeus Brown was charged on July 1 with burglary while wearing a mask and committing a felony while wearing a mask. He was caught by deputies who were waiting for him to return after the homeowners said he apparently returned a couple times to rob the same house. Deputies said the home also appeared to be broken into on June 21 and 28.



Benjamin Brown

According to CCSO, Brown briefly tried to resist and was tackled while being arrested.

Man jailed on 2017 warrant for not paying sales tax

FLEMING ISLAND – A routine traffic stop led to the arrest of a man who was wanted for not paying sales tax.

Charles J. Cales, 54, of Fleming Island, was picked up on an outstanding 2017 warrant from Jacksonville for failure to remit sales tax.

Woman caught for possessing, trafficking, distributing drugs in Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville woman was arrested Monday night after Clay County Sheriff Office deputies said they saw her recently selling drugs behind a grocery store on Wells Road.

Erika Suzanne Gordon, 46, was charged with selling methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, distributing cocaine, trafficking in narcotics, possession of fentanyl, Clonazepam, ecstasy, Buprenorphine Hydrochloride, heroin and less than 20 grams of marijuana.

The investigation started when CCSO set up a surveillance at the 1600 block of Wells Road on May 30. They noticed a man riding a bicycle apparently making a "hand-to-hand" transaction, according to the arrest report.

Based on the transaction, Gordon was stopped in the Orange Park Mall parking lot. Deputies searched the car and found the drugs after Gordon appeared to be concealing them in the passenger's seat.

Gordon's bond was set at \$285,016 Tuesday morning.

Arrests & Bookings

(Name, age, location of arrest, charges). Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Parole. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence.

Tuesday, July 9

David V. Clarke, 46, Middleburg, possession/use drug equipment
 Gregory W. McDaniel, 51, Keystone Heights, out of county warrant
 Felicity L. Condon, 18, Green Cove Springs, aggravated domestic assault, domestic battery by strangulation, domestic battery
 Dondraque O. Elmore, 21, Orange Park, DWLSR
 Ashely A. Morris, 36, Middleburg, tamper with/fabricate/alter/destroy/conceal physical evidence
 Lsartai D. Grant, 22, Orange Park, FTA-no valid driver's license
 Fred W. Rivera Vazquez, 55, Middleburg, possession/use drug equipment
 Kerri A. Riley, 46, Middleburg, possession/use drug equipment
 Derrick D. Garrett, 23, Orange Park, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence
 Charvez J. Thompson, 26, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance without prescription, DWLSR-habitual offender

Monday, July 8

Mitchell C. Shoemaker, 29, Orange Park, simple battery, vandalism
 Austin Z. Smartt, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA-criminal mischief
 John Wesley McWhorter, 42, Green Cove Springs, writ of bodily attachment, two counts FTA-DWLSR
 Michael A. Celso, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-carrying concealed weapon
 William J. Doss, 46, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic violence
 Erika S. Gordon, 46, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine to sell, possession/use drug equipment, cocaine distribution, possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession-marijuana less than 20g, trafficking in narcotics
 Nicole J. Looney, 31, Green Cove Springs, obtaining property by false personation
 Quirren M. Sanders, 21, Green Cove Springs, FTA
 Timothy T. Guinn, 53, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery
 Ronnie T. Hunter, 27, Orange Park, FTA-battery
 Lindsey R. Prout, 29, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance (bath salts) without prescription, possession/use drug equipment
 Robert J. Beegle, 30, Middleburg, DWLSR, no car registration

Sunday, July 7

Veronica J. Brown, 29, Orange Park, two counts FTA
 Riley J. Graf, 21, Green Cove Springs, DUI
 Erica D. Ruffin, 29, Orange Park, domestic assault, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer
 Nicole H. Boston, 28, Middleburg, possession-trafficking more than 14g amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-marijuana more than 14g, possession-heroin, possession-clonazepam, possession-oxycodone
 Hannah B. Little, 20, Orange Park, DWLSR
 Kira M. Crehore, 29, Orange Park, aggravated domestic battery
 Christopher B. Cash, 26, Orange Park, simple battery
 Gene L. Rogers, 27, Middleburg, possession-marijuana less than 20g
 Shayne E. Buchanan, 31, Middleburg, DWLSR-habitual offender
 Jorge L. Calihua Quiahua, 23, Orange Park, driving without

license

George W. Alger, 37, Middleburg, domestic battery
 Julie L. Hicks, 42, Middleburg, violation of release conditions
 Phillip C. Brown, 32, Middleburg, grand theft, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, trespassing
 Van B. Lewis, 66, Orange Park, DWLSR, no vehicle registration
 Diane Maynard, 53, Orange Park, out of county warrant
 Nikoosi D. Lisane, 31, Orange Park, possession-less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment

Saturday, July 6

William D. Dixon, 62, Green Cove Springs, trespassing
 Joshua L. Schwallenberg, 18, Orange Park, concealed weapon, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, trespassing
 Jessica L. Smith, 23, Middleburg, DUI
 Chelsea R. Busbee, 28, Middleburg, VOP-community control
 Jessica L. Waters, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine
 Wayne L. Walker, 51, Orange Park, DWLSR
 Michael R. Williams, 31, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery
 David P. Powell, 57, Orange Park, armed aggravated assault
 Cynteria K. Carter, 28, Orange Park, DWLSR
 Lorenzo A. Turner, 50, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose a police officer
 Kyle E. Murphey, 27, Middleburg, DWLSR-third offense
 Susan D. Baltzey, 56, Middleburg, FTA-retail theft

Friday, July 5

Deana R. Hager, 44, Middleburg, DWLSR
 Brett T. Watson, 19, Maxville, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer
 Timothy T. Guinn, 53, Fleming Island, simple assault, concealed weapon/electrical device, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment
 Thomas E. DeCrosta, 56, Orange Park, DWLSR-habitual offender
 Jordan D. McMillian, 25, Keystone Heights, FTA
 Ahmon L. Jefferson, 18, Keystone Heights, two counts armed trespassing
 Darrel L. Duncan, 55, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery
 Justus W. Westbrooks, 55, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery
 Jeremiah Harper, 27, Orange Park, trespassing
 Jennifer M. Garrett, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery
 Ellen V. Austin, 27, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery
 Cody A. Durning, 27, Middleburg, sexual battery of minor 12 or younger
 Desiree M. Boyer, 27, Green Cove Springs, Contempt-non-compliance with drug court program
 Christine A. Thorp, 26, Green Cove Springs, DUI with property damage
 Dustin N. Haas, 31, Middleburg, possession-ammo by convicted felon
 Sherry A. Callaway, 56, Green Cove Springs, battery of person 65 or older
 David R. Whipple, 50, Middleburg, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test
 Walter W. Brown, 28, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
 Kendall A. Lewis, 22, Orange Park, simple battery
 Theresa L. Feathers, 62, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Thursday, July 4

Jared J. Donnelly, 39, Middleburg, simple domestic battery
 Walter T. Wright, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft
 Adrianna T.M. Erb, 27, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Wednesday, July 3

Richard P. Wehrly, 31, Middleburg, simple domestic battery
 Gary V. Lamb, 21, Middleburg, FTA
 Kevin G. Webb, 60, Orange Park, trespassing
 Dustin Sparkman, 36, Green Cove Springs, dealing in stolen property
 Emily R. Cox, 27, Orange Park, retail petit theft
 John S. Barnes, 53, Keystone Heights, simple battery
 Bryan R. Edwards, 44, Orange Park, non-support
 Derek E. Shinkus, 34, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant
 Althea L. Musgrow, 51, Orange Park, DWLSR
 Robert L. Diekman, 68, Middleburg, DUI with BAL .15 or higher with minor passenger, DUI with property damage
 Misty L. Downs, 46, Middleburg, possession-structure/vehicle to sell drugs
 Heather K. Vance, 27, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-heroin, possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession/use drug equipment
 Tiffany M. York, 38, Middleburg, possession/use drug equipment
 Cecil E. Saunders, 28, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer
 Jeffrey A. Parsons, 33, Middleburg, possession-ammo by convicted felon, possession-methamphetamine
 Charles Cales, 54, Fleming Island, failure to pay sales tax
 James J. Frasier, 40, Middleburg, non-support

Tuesday, July 2

Algenar J. Foote, 41, Orange Park, county ordinance violation
 Benjamin L. Brown, 18, Green Cove Springs, three counts each burglary, second-degree felony wearing mask
 Lauren N. Owensby, 31, Middleburg, simple domestic battery
 Destany L. Austin, 19, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance without prescription
 William L. Parker, 29, Green Cove Springs, two counts child abuse, FTA, FTA-DWLSR
 Matthew N. Gissentanner, 30, Orange Park, petit theft
 Angel A. Quintana, 37, resisting police officer, simple battery
 David P. West, 49, Green Cove Springs, dealing in stolen property
 Francis D. Mathews, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
 Dustin Sparkman, 36, Orange Park, dealing in stolen property, giving false information to pawn broker, burglary
 Jonathan Montanez, 36, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment
 Tracy L. Meader, 52, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR, contempt of court
 Tania L. Carr, 22, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-grand theft
 Stephan W. Tran, 23, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g
 Katrena A. Hobbs, 37, Orange Park, DWLSR-third offense
 Robert E. McCullar, 44, Middleburg, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon, armed trafficking of amphetamine/methamphetamine, habitual traffic offender
 Raymond R.S. Walker, 36, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant
 Rebecca L. Fisher, 27, Middleburg, possession-heroin
 Austin D. Cox, 21, Middleburg, retail petit theft, possession-controlled substance without prescription
 Edward J. Castro, 49, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use drug equipment, possession-marijuana less than 20g
 Rocio A. Bravo Cruz, 21, Middleburg, possession-marijuana more than 20g
 Brittany N. Hylton, 21, Middleburg, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/manufacture/deliver

JULY 4TH

American Pride Fourth of July Moosehaven



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Recording star Tony Jackson, above, was the headlining act this year at the American Pride 4th of July celebration at Moosehaven. Despite steady rain that finally ended before the fireworks, more than 1,000 people spent the afternoon playing games. Even with the rain, the longest-lines were found at the water slides, below.



Ariahni Moment proved no Fourth of July would be complete without ice cream. Children enjoyed a full day of food, games and prizes at the annual event.



Rock climbs, left and below, also were popular. A girl tried to navigate her way toward the top of the rock, while a soggy boy, above, goes head-first down a water slide. The rain didn't stop until minutes before the fireworks finale.



Former Clay teacher sentenced to 11 years for child porn

Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan has sentenced former Clay and Orange Park high teacher Christopher Shawn Potter, 50, to 11 years in federal prison for distributing child pornography.

Potter was also ordered to serve a 20-year term of supervised release, and must pay \$3,000 in restitution to a victim of his offense. Potter had pleaded guilty on April 8.



Christopher Potter

Potter worked as a teacher at Clay High in Green Cove Springs from 2016 to 2017, and was a teacher at Orange Park High from 1997 to 2004. He was a recruiter for the U.S. Navy from 2010-2016 and a member of the reserves.

According to court documents, in February 2018, using the screen name "Mr. Fireball," Potter engaged in online conversations with an undercover officer who was posing as a 14-year-old girl. During these conversations, Potter discussed meeting the "child" for sex. Potter sent the "child" a video depicting a young child being sexually abused, and also sent a video of Potter performing a sexual act through Kik, an instant video messaging platform.

On September 20, 2018, Homeland Se-

curity Investigations agents and other law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Potter's residence and seized several electronic devices. During an interview, Potter admitted sending child pornography and said he fantasizes about sexual acts with young girls. Potter's smartphone contained 15 videos and six images depicting child pornography, as well as logs of online conversations on social media in which Potter discussed his sexual fantasies involving children.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, the Orange Park Police Department, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Palatka Police De-

partment. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown.

It's another case brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims.

For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

County dedicates parking spots for veterans at administration building

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Administration Building now has two parking spots designated for veterans.

The county dedicated the spots on Tuesday, July 9. Karen Thomas, Director of Administrative and Contractual Services, Clay County Board of Commissioners, was instrumental in getting the spots designated.

Gary Newman, Past President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059, Second-Vice President of the VVA Florida State Council and a member of the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame, attended the dedication. He played a critical role in getting both parking spots.

Clay County has a population of approximately 30,000 veterans in the community. The Clay County Board of County Commissioners said they've always been proud of the county's military heritage and will continue to look for ways to serve those who served our country.



Fleming Island man dies in Orange Park crash

ORANGE PARK – A 54-year-old Fleming Island man died Monday morning in a two-car accident that shut down traffic on U.S. 17 for nearly three hours.

Michael Cummings was killed when his Toyota veered southbound across the median at Loring Avenue. Cummings' minivan then sideswiped a pickup truck being driven by Herbert Robertson, 33, of Jacksonville. Robertson wasn't injured.

Cummings' family said he may have suffered a stroke or heart attack before the accident.

Cumming's vehicle came to rest in the center and southbound lanes facing northwest with blocked the roadway, Florida Highway Patrol said.

'Miles for Marcel' to honor man killed in single-car crash

JACKSONVILLE – An Orange Park man was killed early last Saturday, July 6, when he was thrown from his SUV after he ran off the shoulder of Interstate 295 at the University of North Florida exit.

Marcel Mendez, 30, died at the scene, Florida Highway Patrol said.

Mendez was a 2006 graduate of Ridgeview High.

Members of the Oakleaf Athletic Center on 370 Oakleaf Village Parkway in Orange Park will host a "Miles for Marcel" event on July 27 at noon.

Woman dead after running head-on into tractor

MELROSE – A 71-year-old Starke woman was killed last week after she ran head-on into a tractor on County Road 214 at Austin Road.

Jeanette Hars was driving westbound on CR 214 when she failed to negotiate a curve, the Florida Highway Patrol said. Her car veered into the eastbound lane and struck a tractor that was traveling on the shoulder.

The tractor's driver, Stephen Reyes, 68, of Keystone Heights was sent to UF Health in Gainesville. His injuries were listed as serious, FHP reported.

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Ancient City Game Fish Association Kingfish Challenge

Proescher snags \$10K fishing in St. Augustine

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

ST AUGUSTINE - Day one of two went well, despite a engine failure as Orange Park fisherman A.J. Proescher punched in for a big payday to win the Ancient City Game Fish Association Kingfish Challenge.

"Thankfully, it (suspected blown engine) was just a coil pack," said Proescher, 27, who captained his boat Kings Full to the tournament title on the weekend of June 29-30. "It was under warranty and (is) already fixed."

Proescher, who owns the Oakleaf Carpet Care business in Clay County, earned a \$10,000 paycheck for his efforts and is looking ahead to a possible bigger payday in a week (June 15-20) at the Greater

Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament.

"The winner gets a \$100,000 boat," said Proescher. "It's a 24-foot Contender."

For Proescher and his crew; Zach Miller, Lonnie Pitts and Chris Peters; all of Orange Park and all long-time fishing pals of nearly 10 years, the St. Augustine snag was a matter of nailing a big 52.74 pound Ribbon Fish on day one which wound up the second biggest fish of the weekend with a 53.38 pounder snagged on day two.

"The first one took about 20 minutes to land," said Proescher. "We had a 53-pounder in Jacksonville a few weeks ago."

Proescher, who pushed Kings Full to 60 miles south of Daytona Beach for his snares, survived the engine malfunction

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Orange Park fishermen; from second left, A.J. Proescher, Zach Miller, Lonnie Pitts and Chris Peters hold on to 52.74 pound Ribbon Fish that earned the quartet a \$10,000 first place check from the Ancient City Game Fish Association. Proescher won the event on June 30 out of St. Augustine. On the left is Gary Israel of Waylen Bay Marine with George Belloni, right, also of Waylen Bay Marine; a presenting sponsor of the event.

Jacksonville BMX

Magruder gets BMX Expert tag

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - Ridgeview High junior Aaron Magruder has been watching his older sister Anna, a senior, take on area harriers in cross country and track for the past two years while he has honed his own craft.

At the Jacksonville BMX track, which has been around since the 1970s and is currently the brainchild of track director and race night emcee Chad Grace, two-wheeled high-flyers as young as three years old and as old as 58 years old, attack with fervor the three 180 degree banked turns that encase a quartermile course



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Aaron Magruder got his BMX expert tag after just two years of riding.

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Football begins

Ridgeview High football running backs Rolando Gray, left, and Denali Lindo are among the county-wide football players starting their final summer preparations for the upcoming 2019 season. See story on new RHS coach on page 21.

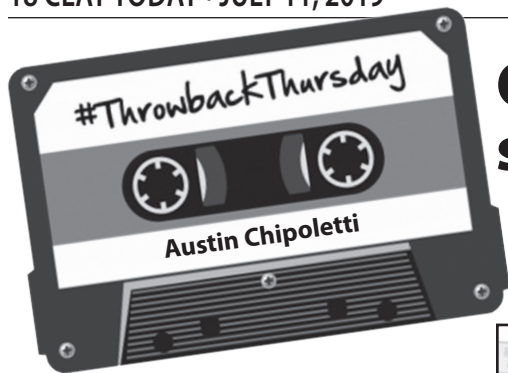


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Oakleaf High's Austin Chipoletti goes from slinging touchdowns to cowboying in Wyoming

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

AFTON, WY. – He was part of the package when Oakleaf High School decided on a new coach for their flailing football team that hadn't won but two games in its first three years of existence and it was his dad, Derek, now head coach at St. Johns Country Day School, who righted the ship.

"We got to the playoffs at Bradford and we talked about doing what was best for him at the time," said former (2012) Oakleaf High quarterback Austin Chipoletti, who had played for Bradford County High where his dad coached and his grandfather, Neal, was athletic director. "We're a family first. I'm still friends with guys from Bradford."

Chipoletti, now a cowboy on the Rocking J ranch in a small town called Afton in Wyoming, came to Oakleaf as a slinging, running quarterback that could do damage in the air with a corps of receivers that could break games instantly and



Austin Chipoletti, here as an Oakleaf High Knight, got the winning ball rolling under coach Derek Chipoletti in his 2012 senior year.

with a running back, Aaron Duckworth, that could break on a dime and go yard in a heartbeat, came with his dad to Oakleaf. The pair instantly put the Knights back in



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AUSTIN CHIPOLETTI

Austin Chipoletti is now a bonafide cowboy on the Rocking J ranch in smalltown Wyoming after successful football at Green Cove Springs Junior High and Oakleaf High School.



Austin Chipoletti was a freshman starter for Weber State University in Montana before transferring to University of Alabama-Birmingham where he finished his college degree and college football aspirations.

the county conversation as more than just a good homecoming game.

Note: On defense was a kid named Shaquille Quarterman, a freshman who played linebacker.

"I didn't know about Shaq, but we were told there was a big, freakish athlete coming up from the junior high," said Chipoletti. "People were telling us about him. He played both sides at junior high."

Quarterman is now an All-ACC senior linebacker for the University of Miami. Duckworth graduated from University of Idaho after a stellar college stint as a running back.

On the first Chipoletti schedule, in 2012, the young upstart and his dad devised schemes to get wins over playoff bound Clay and Fleming Island under Frank Hall who eventually finished just out of the playoffs with a 7-3 record.

"We missed the playoffs by a game, but we lost to Columbia and Ridgeview and that kept us out," said Chipoletti. "Against Columbia, we got to the one yard and the ref threw a flag because my helmet chinstraps unbuckled and the flag nullified my touchdown that should have won the game."

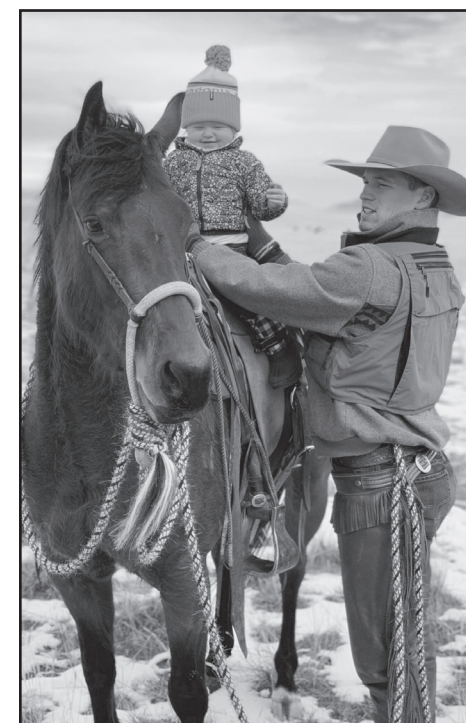
The Fleming Island game was THE big game.

"I knew going in I was going to have a big game," said Chipoletti. "We had some history. There was a little bad blood."

After grandfather Neal Chipoletti opened the Fleming Island High School football team as its first head coach with son Derek as his offensive coordinator, Fleming Island would hire Frank Hall when Neal Chipoletti was to end his tenure.

"My dad interviewed for the job and they still hired Frank Hall," said Austin Chipoletti. "That was enough motivation for me to have a big game."

Chipoletti, after finishing off a 6-4 season with his dad, had a brief college



With daughter Maizey, 2, learning the ropes of cowboy like dad, Austin Chipoletti is now looking to build his own ranch life.

stint at Weber State University in Montana where he had worked his way to action in 12 games as a true freshman, but still did not earn the starting slot despite 1650 yards passing, eight scores plus two touchdowns on the ground. The Wildcats did finish at 2-10.

"There was a coaching change," said Chipoletti. "I won the starting job in the spring for my sophomore year, but it wasn't home. I decided to leave and get somewhere closer."

Chipoletti transferred to the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Alabama-Birmingham was a better fit, but ultimately, the program folded and Chipoletti had to decide on a new life path.

Chipoletti finished at UAB with a busi-

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before returning to the waters and hooking a 46.54 pounder just 30 minutes later.

In the final results, Kings Full landed 99.28 pounds of fish while second place Head Hunter finished at 84.8 pounds. Head Hunter had fish of 38.90 and 45.90 for their two day bests; both coming on day one to make the top spot interesting.

Proescher has been fairly successful in his fishing endeavors with a \$9,000 win in 2018 at the Fernandina Beach Kingfish with a 48.3 pound kingfish and a win at the El Cheapo Sheepshead Tourney in 2013 with an 11.7 pound Sheepshead.

"It's an expensive hobby," said Proescher. "We pay the expenses, then sign up for the next tournament. The catch for sure is the excitement."

The Biggie

Fleming Island's Alec Burke got one of the biggest snags of the summer with this 200 pound tarpon caught off Mayport.



The Higdon clan of Green Cove Springs; from left Hughstin Higdon, Ty Sikes, Junior Higdon and Dakota Higdon show off their King Mackerel catches from Mayport in recent summer outing. Dakota Higdon was standout catcher for Clay High baseball team.



Above: Fleming Island's Alec Burke shows off 15 pound catfish caught in St. Johns River. Below: Former Ridgeview High wide receiver Tyler Bass got a 35 pound Redfish in Sebastian Inlet with Captain Glyn Austin of Coastal Charters.



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Ridgeview High's Aaron Magruder, left, shows off Expert certificate awarded him by Jacksonville BMX director Chad Grace at Friday Night races June 28.

BMX

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filled with bumps, jumps and catapulting ramps.

On Fri., June 28, Magruder, who was ranked seventh statewide as an intermediate rider in 2019, ascended to an Expert status rider while at that Jacksonville BMX track off Dunn Avenue. The award for achieving the Expert status was a solo ride on the track with his fellow BMXers and fans in the stands acknowledging the feat. Magruder was listed as top 15 year old in the track leaderboard with 1188 race points accrued with second place a distant 456 points.

"It feels good," said Magruder, sponsored by Crank Outracing and now ranked at 22nd in district racing statewide as an expert. "It's a lot of races and two levels to get to here. It takes about 25 races."

Magruder, on the Friday night, was racing amongst Expert riders from around the state and felt his effort was on par for being the newest guy on the starting block.

"You have to win 10 races to go from level one to level two then 25 to get to the third level which is what I just did tonight," said Magruder. "It's usually a race a week consistently to stay on the path."

As for training, Magruder cited leg presses, squats and arms as key to staying fit on the compressed bike.

"You don't ever actually sit on the seat of the bike on the race course," said Magruder. "Legs need to be strong to pedal, of course, but to also get good landings off the jumps. I work my triceps pretty good to stay on the bike."

Magruder sees national races and possible Olympics as part of his motivation, but, for now, just to improve his skill set.

"There is a national junior league for pros under 18 years; like the fastest 14-18 years olds in the country," said Magruder. "There's probably 15 riders in that league. After that, there is Double AA, A and then three different levels of pro racers; the



Oakleaf's Riley Jordan swings around second turn in Girls 11 Years division at Jacksonville BMX races.

elites."

Magruder also said there is a Vet Pros league for former BMX riders who used to ride as youngsters then came back to the sport.

"Those dudes are like 40-50 years old riders that used to be national champions when they were younger," said Magruder. "They help a lot by talking to us young guys about track technique and training."

For now, Magruder sees his manual riding; keeping the wheels on the track more than in the air, as his strength.

"It's like a wheelie as you approach a bump," said Magruder. "That's where the leg strength comes in."

Magruder cited U.S. Olympian Connor Fields as the idol of most BMXers.

"He's a two-time Olympian (first American gold in RIO 2016), a two-time world champion (2012, 2013) and travels all over the world," said Magruder. "There's maybe 40 top tier pros that can make good money."

Eagle Harbor v Pace: Championships set for July 27



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Pace Island Piranha freestyler Luke Frisbee, 12, had swift final leg of 200 freestyle relay to snag a win for Pace Island in dual meet against Eagle Harbor June 28.



Eva Pizzaro strokes the freestyle in the 100 free relay for Eagle Harbor.



Eagle Harbor veteran swimmer Kelsey Bright backstrokes in the 100 Individual medley.



Eagle Harbor freestyler Gianna Norton is a flurry of flying water in final leg of the 200 individual medley in dual meet action against Pace Island.

Knauss takes Panther job

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK — Newly hired Ridgeview High School football coach Mike Knauss is hoping his new troops will buy in real fast that his taking over the Panther reins will be good for Ridgeview football.

"I'm going to find out quickly what kind of team Ridgeview wants to be," said Knauss, 32, an assistant coach stint at 5A-Bishop Moore in Orlando with a 2015 state title over a Wakulla team that beat Clay in the state semifinal before becoming head coach in 2016 at 3A-Father Lopez in Daytona Beach with a first playoff berth in 34 years last year. "I try to build personal relationships. If they buy in with me and the coaches, I think we can do something here. I want them to come to me and be ready to go to war."

Knauss, 32, takes over after the sudden departure of three year coach Cameron Porch. Porch finished his final year with a 5-5 overall record and a near-miss at a playoff spot in the very tough 5A ranks in north Florida after an 0-10 first year and a 6-4 second year. Knauss also takes over the weightlifting team with a weightlift state champion last year and a first-time region weightlift title.

"I love the weightlift stuff," said Knauss. "I work out with the kids. It's kind of hard to slack when the head coach is working out next to you."

Knauss similarly, had three years at the helm of 3A-Father Lopez Academy in Daytona Beach with season finishes of 2-7, 6-4 and 9-3 with a playoff win and loss last year. Father Lopez had their first playoff appearance since 2013 under Knauss with a dramatic 23-21 win over Melbourne Central Catholic in the region quarterfinals and a 40-20 loss to The First Academy in the region semifinals. The playoff win was the first since 1984 in Class 2A for Father Lopez.

"We were up 17-0 against Melbourne before the half," said Knauss. "Long story short, in the second half, we fumbled, interception, they scored and all of a sudden it was 21-17. Then there was an hour and half lightning delay too that didn't help."

In the fourth quarter, with eight minutes still on the clock, Knauss orchestrated a final scoring drive with a fake punt for 15 yards keeping the drive alive, but two fumbles put Father Lopez at third and 30 at their own 30 for what should have been a game-ending drive.

"Our quarterback (a sophomore) fumbled and they got the ball," said Knauss. "They wound up missing a 40 yard field goal, but that game was a big win for Father Lopez."

Against First Academy, Knauss felt the team had put all their energy into the Melbourne win.

"The win drained us and I think the First Academy again was just too big for us," said Knauss. "Not that the team was nervous, but we had accomplished all we were going to for the year with the playoff win."

Knauss, married three years to Katie and with two young children, Mason, 2, and Zoey, 1 (July 23), brings a read-pass-option offensive mentality to the Panthers who, last year, had senior quarterback Tyler Huff directed an effective, fast-moving offense that had major wins over Nature Coast, Baker County and Pedro Menendez. The Panthers fell just short of the region playoffs with devastating district losses to Palatka, Clay and Orange Park.

Knauss hopes his 2019 Ridgeview team, with 22 starters graduated, left a standard of play that he can add momentum to in the fall.

"I've seen some good athletes here and think we have a nucleus for a good team," said Knauss.

One opportunistic addition to the roster for Knauss is former St. Johns Country Day



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

New Ridgeview High head football coach Mike Knauss brings some offensive energy to the Panthers after a stint as offensive coach for 2015 5A champion Bishop Moore.

School quarterback Max Monroe, a junior, who has visited a handful of college summer camps to hone in his skill set after going 3-6 for Spartan coach Derek Chipoletti. Monroe passed for 1216 yards, 15 touchdowns and just three interceptions last year for St. Johns. Monroe, at 6'-1" and 215 pounds, also had 30 tackles as a safety with three interceptions and a fumble recovery, plus all the kicking duties. Monroe is also a top soccer prospect in the area, leading St. Johns to a region final berth (lost in overtime) last year.

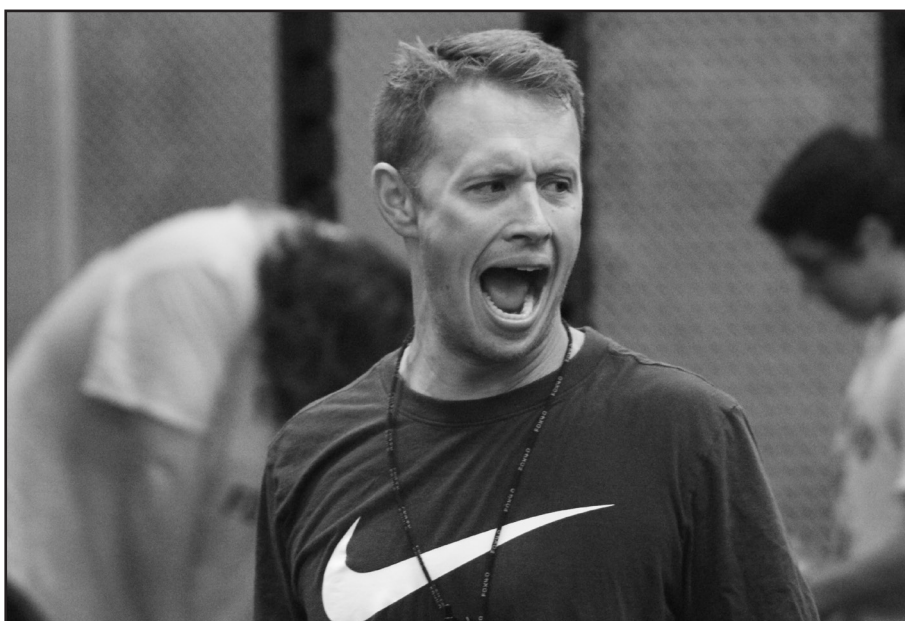
In his playing days, Knauss was a stand-out flanker for Atlanta's Greater Atlanta Christian Academy where he earned a "One of Top Players in Georgia" honor while being the team's leading receiver in his junior and senior year. At one time, he owned the lon-

gest interception return and longest punt return records for the Academy.

"I played football and baseball," said Knauss. "If I was a couple years younger, when guys like Wes Welker and Julian Edelman came around, then a short, fast wide receiver could be getting looks, but back then, guys were 6'-4" or better as college wide receivers."

After high school, at Samford University in Alabama, Knauss was small-sized wide receiver trying to make an NCAA Division I roster.

"The big names I played with were Efre Hill (undrafted free agent choice by Carolina Panthers 2005) and Courtland Finegan (drafted in 2006 by Tennessee Titans)," said Knauss. "I was a slot receiver. Eight shoulder surgeries ended my playing days."



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Fleming Island High football coach Ben Traywick barks during early morning weightlifting session for Golden Eagles football.



Raiders hoisting

Orange Park High all state defensive end Kendy Charles, foreground, and wide receiver Diego Soto get to lifting in Monday's return to the weight room for the Raiders' football team. Area teams will push through July in preparation for the 2019 season.

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The Oakleaf Knights 11-Unders show off second place trophy from state tournament that earned the team a region tournament berth and a invite to the World Series in August.

Baseball state tournaments

Oakleaf heads to regions; OPAA 10s fall in fifth

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – The Oakleaf Athletic Association 11 Unders baseball team lost a thrilling late inning finals match, but still advanced to the Babe Ruth Cal Ripken regional tournament as area age group baseball teams competed in the North Florida state tournaments.

Oakleaf, playing in Lake City in their double elimination tournament, opened with wins over Julington Creek and Wakulla before Pensacola won a 9-5 game in the third round. Oakleaf regrouped to beat Gainesville 7-6 in the semifinal before losing 5-4 to Pensacola to take second place.

Against Pensacola, Oakleaf fought back from an early 3-0 deficit to tie the game at 4-4 in the fourth inning with grounders from Giancarlo Calderon and Abrien Paseiro, but a passed ball with bases loaded in the sixth inning gave Pensacola the win.

Oakleaf will travel to Wilmington, NC for their regional tournament before heading to Jensen Beach in August to compete in the World Series.

For Orange Park's 10-unders, coached by David Hopkins, got to their semifinal game after losing their tournament opener 6-0 to Fort Carolina. The Crush recovered and won two games; 14-7 over Pensacola and 7-0 over Marietta to set up a chance to play in the final with a win over Levy Park on Sunday. With their initial loss, Orange Park had to beat Levy Park to advance, but Levy Park came back from a 6-0 deficit to win 10-7 to end the Crush season.

Against Levy Park, Orange Park opened the game with three runs coming from a two run single from Justus Sweat. Sweat got the two RBIs from a bases loaded situation from a single to Madden Avery, Connor McGurkin getting hit by a pitch and a well-placed bunt from Brian Allen.

A grounder to Cameron Nixon scored the third run to score the game 3-0.



OPAA Crush 10-Unders pitcher Brian Allen finished off the final innings in Crush 10-7 loss to Levy Park in semifinal action.

With Mason Bass on the mound, the Orange Park defense put the first three Levy Park batters back in the dugout quickly.

In the top of the third, Orange Park struck again for three runs with McGurkin singling and Sweat getting hit with a pitch getting one run set up with a wild pitch.

A double from A.D. Marty and an outfield error on a hit from Aidan Leonard scored two runs to put Orange Park up 6-0.

Levy Park chipped away at the Orange Park lead in the bottom of the third with three runs off four errors in the field.

With Bass still hurling for Orange Park despite a minor hand injury from a bare-hand stab at a hard grounder, Levy Park attacked the outfield with big hits coming from errors and setting up three more runs to tie the game at 6-6.

With Allen taking over on the mound for Orange Park, Levy Park again took advantage of errors plus hit three singles to take the lead at 10-6.

Chipoletti

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ness degree from UAB.

"Football was always a means to an end, but at that time, I was ready to move on," said Chipoletti. "UAB was good to honor the scholarship so I could finish my college education."

Enter ranching.

"I met a girl, Cheyenne Johnson, a student at Weber, and we started to go out," said Chipoletti. "She came from a big ranch family and I thought the small schools my dad coached at; Williston and Bradford, had given me some cowboy. I think they thought of me as a 'honyocker' a wannabe cowboy. Pretty funny."

Chipoletti, now 23, eventually married Cheyenne, now 28, and added daughter Maizey, now 2, to the family with a second daughter on the way.

"If you know me, I'm very competitive in everything I do and I was determined to make the cowboy thing work," said Chipoletti. "Cheyenne's family was filled with big time cowboys so I was around the best in the west kind of and wanted to be better myself."

Will Chipoletti ever return to Florida?

"After living here in Wyoming, in flyover country, I kind of like being in the middle of nowhere because the people here are hardworking, love their country and love their family," said Chipoletti. "I don't know if I could live in a city anymore."

Chipoletti is currently looking for land of his own in Wyoming to pursue his own ranch.

"It's tough work and very generational," said Chipoletti. "There are not that many people my age with ranches. Money is not why you ranch. I love the life."

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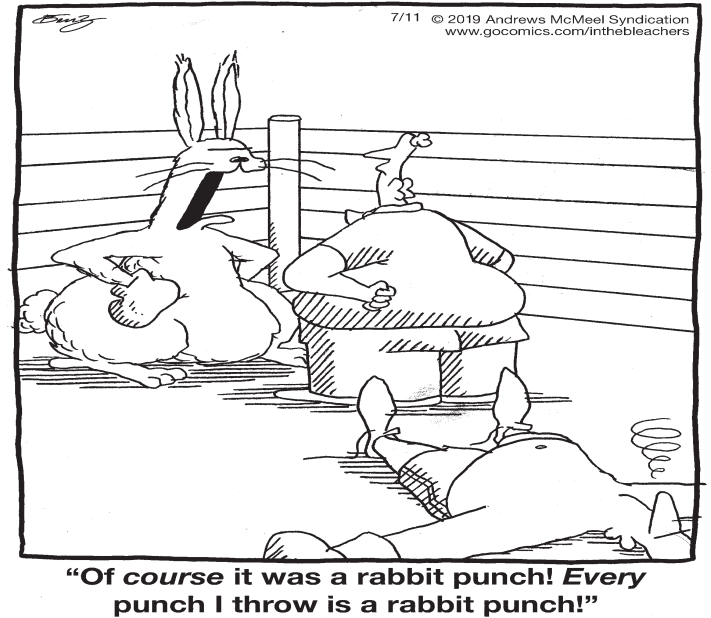
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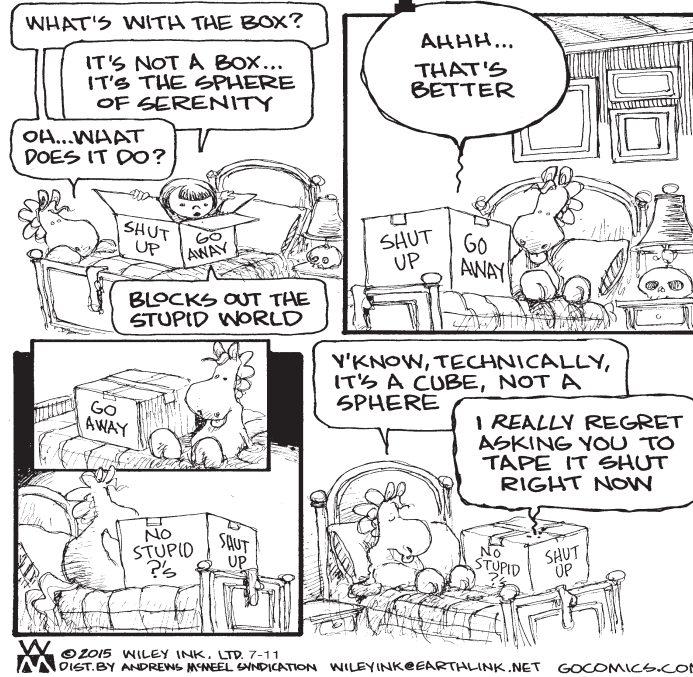
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGETS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending

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September 30, 2020 ("Fiscal Year 2019/2020"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least

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forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Oliver
District Manager
Legal 44362 published July 11 and July 18, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **TIGGEY, LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate No.: **3668/2016** Legal Description: **ELY 28' LOT 12 & WLY 45' LOT 13 BLK L SHAND PLAT O R 359 PG 309, 2914 PGS 201-203** Parcel ID No.: **380626-018208-006-00** Opening Bid: **\$4,030.24** Physical Address: **1107 CENTER ST. GREEN COVE SPRINGS** Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY** Name in which assessed: **VICTORIA T. MCDANIEL HEIRS C/O NOISUFNOC LLC, TRUSTEE** Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such

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certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 7th day of August, 2019 at 9:30 AM. Dated this 17th day of June, 2019.

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
By: Jewel Baskin
Deputy Clerk

Legal 44302 published June 20, June 27, July 4, and July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

Please be advised that a public hearing is scheduled, on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue, at 6:00 P.M., to consider an appeal of the Town of Orange Park Planning and Zoning Board's approval of the following Site Plan Applications:

1. Application SP-3-2019; site plan review for a new building located at 950 Park Avenue.
2. Application SP-4-2019; site plan review for a new building located at 565 Kingsley Avenue.

Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings, said record to include all testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies of all records on file with the Town of Orange Park may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
Legal 44341 published June 27 and July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

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:

Great Faith Detailing Services

Located at 923 Leonard C. Taylor Parkway in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Clay County, Florida, this 5th day of July, 2019.

Owner/corp: Rebecca Ray
Legal 44432 published July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO: 10-2019-CA-000546
USAA FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALTON W. CARTER AND GENESE F. CARTER, et al.
Defendant(s)
TO: GENESE F. CARTER
whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN SECTION 17 AND 28 OF TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH RANGE 24 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27 AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 54' 27" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 27 A DISTANCE OF 345.54 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A 60 FOOT EASEMENT FOR UTILITIES AND GENERAL ROAD PURPOSES; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 48' 01" WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 2258.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 48' 01" WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 200.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 11' 59" WEST, 1180.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 48' 01" EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 11' 59" EAST, 1180.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 5th day of July, 2019.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Marla Albert
DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 44418 published July 11 and July 18, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 19-250528

MAGNOLIA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Magnolia West Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: August 13, 2019
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Magnolia West Amenity Center
3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 ("Fiscal Year 2019/2020"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

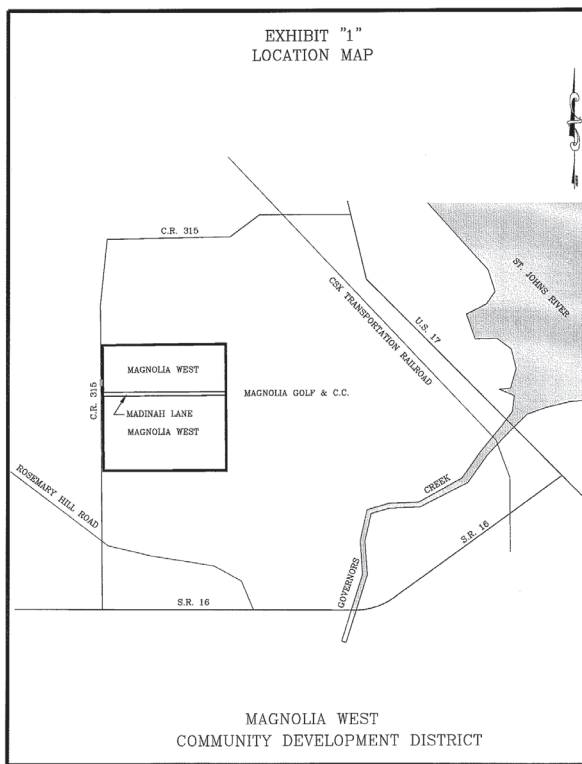
The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Land Use	Total # of Units / Acres	EAU Factor	Proposed Annual O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Single Family Unit	525	1.0	\$878.93

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Clay County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

For Fiscal Year 2019/2020, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2019. It is important to pay your assessment because failure

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to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 2806 North Fifth Street, Unit 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, Ph: (904) 436-6270 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Lesley Gallagher
District Manager

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR HICKMAN COUNTY CENTERVILLE, TENNESSEE No. 19JV-155
MARTIN TURBEVILLE
Petitioner/Grandfather, and
LORI TURBEVILLE
Petitioner/Grandmother
vs.
JENNIFER MARIE TURBEVILLE
Respondent/Mother.

In this cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the original bill, that the Respondent, Jennifer Marie Turbeville, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee so that the ordinary process of this Court cannot be served upon her. It is, therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent is hereby required to appear before the Clerk of the Juvenile Court of Hickman County, at her office in Centerville, Tennessee on or before the 20th day of August, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. and make defense to the Petition to Register Foreign Decree filed against her by Petitioners, Martin and Lori Turbeville, or otherwise respond to the allegations of the Petition, or the Petition will be taken for confessed, and the cause set for hearing ex parte as to the Petition to Register Foreign Decree.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Non-Resident Notice be published for four (4) consecutive weeks beginning on or about July 4, 2019, in Clay Today, a weekly newspaper filed in Clay County, Florida, the county of Respondent's last known address.

THIS 25th day of June, 2019.
Approved for Entry:
Grant C. Glassford (#12640)
5115 Maryland Way, Suite 301
Brentwood, TN 37027
Ph: 615-376-9800 Fax: 615-376-9555
grant@gglassford.com
Counsel for Petitioners Marty and Lori Turbeville

(seal)
Dana Nicholson
Deputy Clerk, Juvenile Court

Legal 44357 published July 4, July 11, July 18 and July 25, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Public Notice

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Fl. 32068 at dates and time listed below:

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JULY 26TH 2019 AT 10AM

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JULY 25TH 2019 AT 10AM

Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the Fl. Statue. Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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

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LOCK WORKS OF ORANGE PARK

Located at 764 CAMP FRANCIS JOHNSON ROAD in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Jacksonville, Florida, this 26th day of June, 2019. Owner's name or name of corporation: B&B LOCK WORKS LLC, a Florida limited liability company Legal 44403 published July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Notice

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:

The Headlight Guys

Located in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Clay County, Florida, this 2nd day of July, 2019. Owner/corp: Andre Sierra Legal 44408 published July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD AN ONLINE AUCTION FOR COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES, ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE BEGIN DATE: 8:00 AM, July 11, 2019 END DATE: 4:00 PM, August 8, 2019 LOCATION: www.govdeals.com THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER: 1. RE# 14-05-24-006372-001-00, 2569 PINELLAS LANE, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32043 AS REC O R 3314 PG 370. 2. RE# 20-08-23-002532-000-00, 7205 PIEDMONT STREET, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 5 BLK 11, HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 4143 PG 1358. 3. RE# 02-07-26-015751-001-01, 5162 SWEAT ROAD, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, PT SW1/4 AS REC O R 3767 PG 1650. 4. RE# 38-06-26-017926-000-00,

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MILL STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, PT LOT 3 BLK 31 N.S. GCS AS REC O R 4186 PG 258. 5. RE# 14-08-24-007069-000-00, 7206 QUAIL STREET, FLORAHOME, LOT 13 BLK 2 LAKESIDE TERRACE, AS REC O R 3780 PG 1236.

Legal 44407 published July 11 and July 18, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File # 2019-CP-174 A IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JEROME F. TESCHENDORF, Sr., Deceased. The administration of the estate of JEROME F. TESCHENDORF, SR., deceased, whose date of death was December 29, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorneys are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and

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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. 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 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 July 4, 2019. Attorney for Personal Representative HEATHER H. MCINNIS Fla. Bar No. 0039040 Law Office of Heather McInnis, PLLC. 111 SW Suwannee Ave /Post Office Box 1290 Branford, FL 32008 (386) 935-2171(Fax) 386-935-2577 Personal Representative DAVID D. TESCHENDORF 16465 53RD ROAD Wellborn, FL 32094 Legal 44372 published July 4 and July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Notice

H03 Johnathon Jackson I36 Adam Midyette I71 Angel Vowell K09 Michael Knight M07 Lorrie Strange M28 Romeo Mayo 909 Orange Park Glass - John Wells Sale being held to satisfy landlords' 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. Morgan Mini Stor-It 369 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32073 Phone: 904-272-2201 Fax: 904-272-0506 Email: morgnanop@aol.com Legal 44394 published July 4 and July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2019-CP-000310 IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET E. GAUZZA, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MARGARET E. GAUZZA, deceased, who died on June 15, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, File No. 2019-CP-000310, the address of which is the Clay County Court House, Probate Division, 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, and on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Dennis L. Blackburn Florida Bar No. 0254452 Blackburn & Company, L.C. 5150 Belfort Rd So. #500 Jacksonville, FL 32256 Telephone: (904) 296-7713 Email: dlb@blackburnco.com Personal Representative: Jolyn West Adams P.O. Box 5121 Jacksonville, FL 32247 Legal 44429 published July 11 and July 18, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED June 30, 2019

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 6104(d) of the Internal Revenue Code that the Annual Report of Clayton E. & Midred M. Revels Christian Exchange Foundation a private foundation, for its fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 is available at its principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the date of publication of this notice. The address of the Foundation is 1530 Fraser Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 and its principal manager is Trina Baker. Clayton E. & Mildred M Revels Christian Exchange Foundation Legal 44426 published July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today.

CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Cross Creek North Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 TIME: 3:00 p.m. LOCATION: Magnolia West Amenity Center 3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020 ("Fiscal Year 2019/2020"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

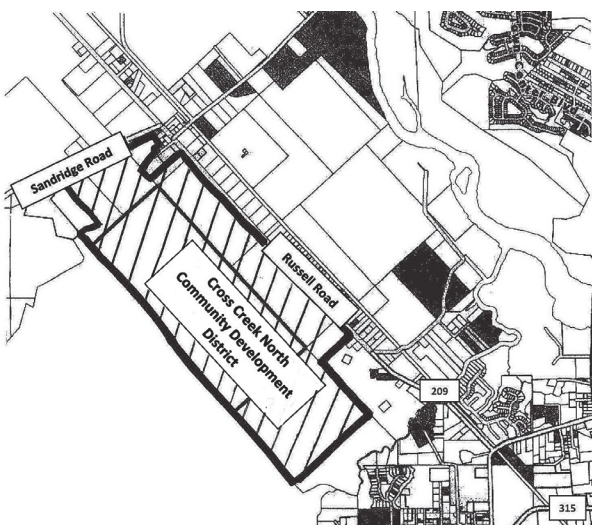
Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefited property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Table with 4 columns: Land Use, Total # of Units / Acres, EAU Factor [Admin/Field], Proposed Annual O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Clay County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

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For Fiscal Year 2019/2020, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2019. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

Additional Provisions

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Lesley Gallagher District Manager

Public Notice

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Fl. 32068 at dates and time listed below: 04 KIA KNDUP131046592817 05 DODGE ID7HA18D65S196458 14 HYUN 5NPEB4AC9EH908986 07 JEEP 1J8FF48W57D413634 ON AUGUST 8TH 2019 AT 10AM Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the Fl. Statute. Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Legal 44428 published July 11, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2019-DR-1145 DIVISION: E

IN RE: STUART LEE HUGHES, Petitioner, and MELISSA R. ESTES, Respondent.

TO: Melissa R. Estes 415 West Farley Avenue Laurens, SC 29360

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address is Brian K. Washington, Esquire, 1279 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 102, Orange Park, Florida 32073, on or before July 29, 2019, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a judgment will be entered for the relief demanded in the petition. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on June 12, 2019.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN As Clerk of the Court By Stacie Towns As Deputy Clerk

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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, July 18, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

- Unit.#/Tenant or BusinessName A03 Amelia Smith A64 Courtney Fuller A69 Lindsey Prout A77 Kenneth Parks B43 Shenelle Sillon B44 Brandon McLain B48 Tanya Bullard D35 Glen Dixon D42 Taxes-R US INC. - Harri Eloranta E07 Lindsey Prout E10 Michelle Parrish E12 Kimberly Young E48 Robert Carmichael F05 KaseyMae Carmichael



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