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## Sweet Home Clay County



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Johnny and Lisa Van Zant were impressed with the Sweet Homegrown Traditions exhibit at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

### Exhibit celebrates Van Zants' musical legacy

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – Johnny Van Zant was at home – literally – signing autographs and posing for pictures last week.

The private opening of Sweet Homegrown Traditions at the Thrasher-Horne Center was a rare opportunity for the Lynyrd Skynyrd front man to reflect on his family's life of music. Far away from the blinding stage lights and ear-shattering, heart-pounding riffs of "Free Bird," Van Zant was surrounded by friends and family who came together to honor a family whose roots run deep in Clay County.

"I fit here," Van Zant said. "I feel at home. This is why I love Clay County."

The exhibit, which highlights the Van Zant family legacy in the county, is at the Thrasher-Horne box office. There are several rooms of displays and photos that tells an amazing story of three boys – Ronnie, Donnie and Johnny – who carved a path away from Jacksonville's Westside with their unapologetic and wildly-popular blue-collar music.

The display is a treasure map of a journey that's continued for more than 50 years after Ronnie finally surrounded himself with friends from his Little League team and his Shantytown neighborhood to create Lynyrd Skynyrd. The music had attitude and was unlike anything else being played.

Donnie went his own way, mixing

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## Jim Tucker documentary wins Emmy Award

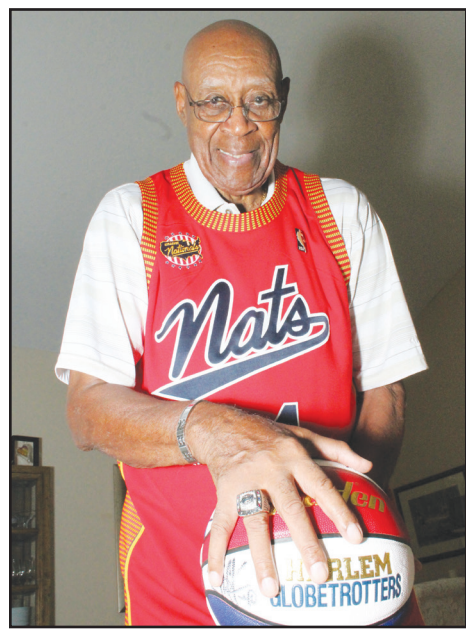
NBA great's career with Syracuse Nationals chronicled

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Eagle Harbor resident Jim Tucker may not know he has become a bit more famous these days after a short documentary film made about his NBA basketball career was recently awarded an Emmy Award from the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Chapter.

"The film team was extremely nice with Jim, and he loved telling them his stories," said Tucker's wife of 35 years, Jan. "When I told Jim, he smiled."

The Onondaga Historical Association in Syracuse produced the film with OHA director Gregg Tripoli using the film to tell the story of Tucker's NBA pioneer days with the 1955 Syracuse Nationals. Tucker and teammate Earl Lloyd were the first African-Americans to win an NBA



Jim Tucker's story about the 1955 Syracuse Nationals won an Emmy Award.

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## Special Olympics benefits from amazing fall festival

By Nick Blank  
Staff Writer

LAKE ASBURY – The seventh edition of the five-acre Amazing Grace Crop Maze is designed after the Special Olympics logo.

Kelly Mosley owns the farm with her husband Justin. She said the idea for the Special Olympics design was chosen be-

cause some of the farm's team members participated in the event as athletes or partners.

A portion of ticket proceeds at the Amazing Grace Family Farms Fall Festival will go to the Special Olympics.

"The Special Olympics has done a lot for so many young people in our commu-

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## Clay addresses veteran suicides

# BCC may join NE Florida group to fight crisis

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

CLAY COUNTY – The Board of County Commissioners are looking to team up with Duval, Baker, Nassau and St. Johns counties in an effort to curb veteran suicide rates in northeast Florida and get veterans the services they need.

Commissioner Gavin Rollins said he believes this consortium will be especially helpful in light of a field that's either focused on an individual or doesn't target specific communities at the federal level.

That focused targeting is what Rollins said the veterans in Clay County need right now.

"The goal of this is to do two things. One, to take data of what is happening in terms of suicide rates in our community and then track the progress after some of these programs are implemented," he said.

Rollins said the alliance would consist of a number of programs including crisis hotlines, peer-to-peer mentoring, accountability groups and more to engage veterans publicly and privately however they see fit. The goal, according to Rollins, is to use the data to apply for Veterans Administration

grants to curb veteran suicides.

"If we can use a pilot program like this and show it works, then there's potential that it could spread across the nation," Rollins said.

This consortium would include a veteran or representative of the community from each county, as well as a veteran liaison who would work with other veterans.

The financial cost has not been determined, but Duval County has already committed \$75,000. Rollins said the BCC shouldn't commit its money until it knows how and where it will be spent.

Brig. Gen. Michael P. Fleming helping the project get off the ground.

"This is a cross-county effort and we're very fortunate in northeast Florida in that we work very cohesively together but one of the challenges is how do we attack it collectively and over the long term," Fleming said. "There are a lot of people doing a lot of hard work on behalf of veterans for a lot of issues including this suicide prevention, but what this fire watch council will do is put it all together and help us move forward."

## County gives green light to reinstate licenses

Payment plans, no collection fees to help get drivers back on the road

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court's office will offer drivers a chance to close the gap between the burden of a suspended license and a reasonable ability to pay the fine with its Operation Green Light program on Oct. 12.

The one-day-only event will allow drivers who've had their suspended licenses for unpaid tickets a chance to have it reinstated by setting up a payment schedule. As an added incentive, many late and collection fees will be waived that day, according to county clerk Tara Green and county compliance supervisor Stephanie Wright.

"We are reaching out to people who are stuck in a vicious cycle," Wright said. "Those are the big ones. We want to get people back on the road. That way we can get them on a payment plan and back to work without any worries. We truly want to get it cleared up. We want to reach out to people who think they are too far in the hole (to pay)."

The statewide program was created by the state's clerks in 2015, and it quickly was implemented in Clay County. During the first year, 314 cases were paid in full in the county, while 26 suspended licenses were reinstated and another 154 were set up to be reinstated, Green said.

"In certain circumstances, the flex-

ibility of removing the debt, especially by the collectors, is a big relief," Green said. "Hopefully we'll have a lot of people walk out of here with a valid driver's license."

Collection fees can be as much as 25% of an outstanding judgment, Green said.

Drivers whose licenses have been suspended for non-payment of child support aren't eligible for the program. Also, Operation Green Light is only available at the clerk's Orange Park Branch at 1478 Park Ave. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12. Sixty of the state's 67 counties are participating, so Clay County may be able to help a driver work out a plan with another county.

Driving with a suspended license is a serious offense. There were 48 arrests in September by the Clay County Sheriff's Office for residents driving without a valid license. Florida law allows for a maximum penalty of a 60-day jail sentence and a \$500 fine for a first offense. A third offense can be charged as a felony with up to five years in prison.

According to FreeAdvice Legal, there are as many as 4.6 million people currently with a suspended license in Florida.

What makes suspended licenses so complex is the need by a driver to earn money by working. That often means driving – illegally – to a job.

"Our goal is to get it paid off and have everyone with a current license," Green said. "While our goal is to not suspend a license, we have a statutory responsibility to collect the fines. If they're willing to do their part by setting up a plan and sticking



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Drivers may be able to set up payment plans and have late fees removed during the one-day-only program offered by the County Clerk's office on Oct. 12.

to it, we will get them back on the road."

Seven clerks and a couple supervisors are scheduled to work on Saturday, and the office doesn't accept appointments.

For more information, visit the

clerk's Facebook post at <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaClerks/videos/2414353711974843/> or Twitter at <https://twitter.com/FloridaClerks/status/1178990440412057600>.

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## Blue-Green Algae Task Force: Climate change increases risk of blooms

By Jacob Ogleson  
On FloridaPolitics.com

Data on climate change and global warming, words reportedly barred from use during Rick Scott's tenure as governor, will inform recommendations from the Blue-Green Algae Task Force.

"Cyanobacteria over 3.5 billion years have adapted to just about everything," said Dr. Valerie Paul, a task force member. "But warmer winters allow them to persist into our season."

The observations should end up in a preamble to recommendations for Gov. Ron DeSantis and Florida lawmakers regarding response to algal blooms that devastated parts of Florida over several recent years.

Scientific leaders want the state to invest more into water research, enact environmental oversight on septic tanks and build a greater understanding of how the algae poison the air.

All those desires will be included in early recommendations of the task force appointed by DeSantis to tackle problems around blooms. The toxic sludge has especially hurt parts of the state around Lake Okeechobee and the poisonous bacteria exploded on the Caloosahatchee and St. Johns rivers.

The task force met Wednesday in Naples to approve language on an initial report. But officials made clear this won't be the last word from task force members, who soon will continue to drill down on more specific recommendations.

"These are high-level recommendations to help us move forward," stressed Florida Chief Science Officer Thomas Frazer.

That explanation came after criticism the task force was pressing ahead with recommendations despite a draft only becoming available hours before the meeting.

Officials stressed there will be more data collected and more detailed direction issued before the task force completes its work.

For now, there seems a definite focus on stormwater, septic tanks and toxicology research.

While scientists around the globe have studied outbreaks of blue-green algae, the long-term impacts of exposure on humans and animals remain mysterious.

Task force members were careful not to criticize a body of existing research.

"The toxicology is well known but how it gets exposed is not," said Dr. James Sullivan, one of the task force's members.

Often, long-term damage has been surmised based on damage seen in real-life conditions over time. But that's often

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## It's really a small world ... if you slow down to notice

by Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Don Newton called me a couple weeks ago. He had an interesting story about a 100-year-old woman who went to school with Mickey Rooney, was a blackjack dealer in Lake Tahoe and Reno and was a dancer.

After we arranged to put her picture and brief biography of her tale in the newspaper, the conversation suddenly became more profound.

"My name is Don Newton, and what's your name?"

"Don Coble."

"I went to school with a Don Coble."

It took me a moment to realize he was talking about my father, not me. When I mentioned Bamberg, South Carolina, and the call suddenly went silent for a few moments.

"Carlisle Military School?," he asked in a surprised tone.

Newton, a retired insurance agent from Orange Park, went to school with my father. They both left Carlisle and wound up in the Air Force. Newton was a recruiter; my father was a navigator.

"Your dad was a musician, wasn't he?"

"Yes, a drummer. In fact, he was Don Gibson's first drummer. He used to tell me stories about working on 'I Can't Stop Loving You' and 'Oh, Lone-



Don Coble

some Me' with him when they were teenagers in Shelby (N.C.)"

"I remember everyone liked him. He was funny. He liked to have a good time. Wow, what a small world."

Indeed.

My father died 12 years ago in the Veteran's Administration nursing home in Daytona Beach after suffering a stroke. I'm constantly reminded of the man who not only was my best friend but was my hero.

The unlikely call from Newton wasn't the first time I've been reminded of my father. Last Veteran's Day, I saw a man sitting at the bar wearing a Vietnam War veteran's hat. When he ordered a beer, I offered to pay for it to thank him for his service.

When he said he was stationed at Nha Trang in South Vietnam, my curiosity became more pointed.

Zeke said he loaded and unloaded C-130s at the airstrip outside of town. I suddenly got chills.

"How many planes were in the squadron?"

"Three. And they were all painted black with no numbers."

"The Stray Goose?"

Zeke set his beer on the counter and stared in amazement.

"How did you know that?"

"My father was a navigator on one of those planes."

Two of the three planes were shot down while flying nighttime missions. Fortunately, my father's plane was the one that survived mortar and surface-to-air

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## Word OF THE WEEK

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.

**Triologue:** (*trī ə-lŏg*) noun that means a scene in which three people participate.

"The mayor was often present during the triologue negotiations."

## This week in history

### Five years ago, 2014

- The Clay County Planning Commission hear from more than 40 residences to tighten regulations on the adult entertainment business.

- A New York animal welfare agency awards Clay County Animal Care and Control \$40,000 for its work to save animals from euthanasia.

- Middleburg High cross country coach April Martin finished the Chattanooga Triathlon in 13 hours, 33 minutes, 49 seconds.

### 10 years ago, 2009

- The first vials of Swine Flue vaccine arrive at the Clay County Health Department.

- County commissioners approve the 2009-2010 budget, which included a \$12.5 million cut in operating costs that will lead to the loss of 52 jobs.

- Tony and Rikke Ricciardelli put 45 Highwaymen paintings on display at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

### 20 years ago, 1999

- Keystone Heights' Virginia Miller was selected as the Military Spouse of the Year by the Clay Chamber of Commerce.

- Shortly after Hurricane Floyd spared the area of damage, Clay County Public Safety Director Jim Corbin said his department will focus on evacuating special needs residents ahead of future storms.

- Four suspects were arrested in Georgia after their smash and grab robbery of Whitehall Jewelry at the Orange Park Mall.

### 30 years ago, 1989

- Green Cove Springs narrows its list of city manager candidates to five, a week before the city is scheduled to fill the position.

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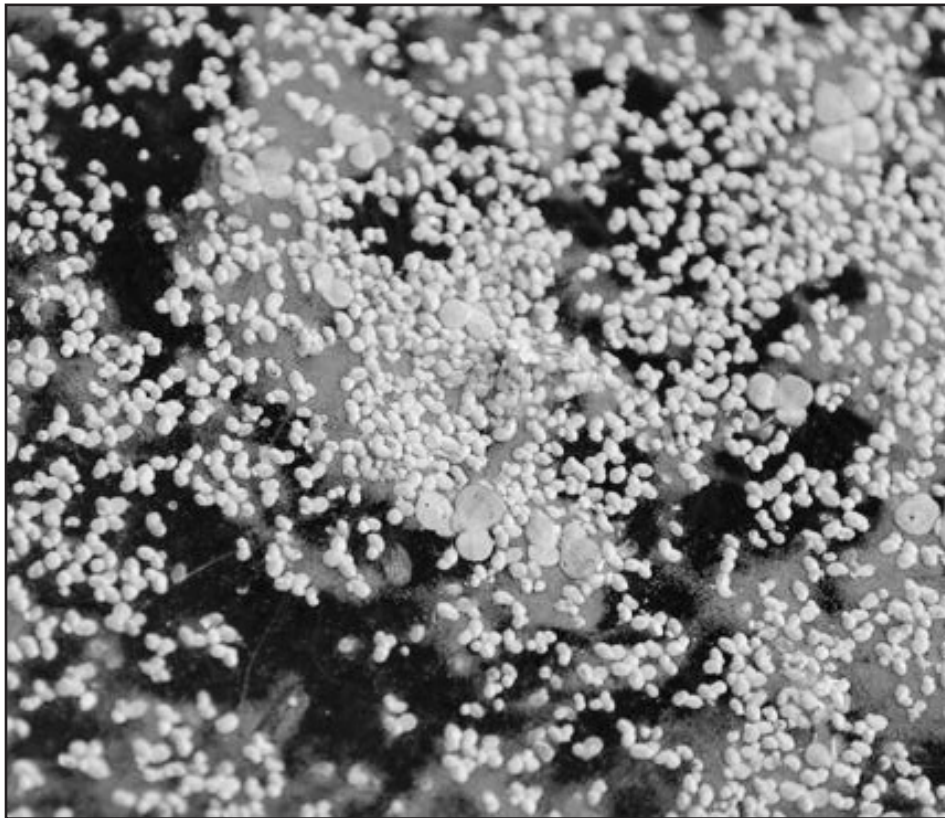
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### Opinions

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## Algae

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studied after effects have already been seen. Florida could lead the way on front-end research into long-term exposure to algae. More importantly, the data could show whether residents around water bodies infected by the algae, such as Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, sit on the “front lines” of risk caused by toxins released in the air.

The risk also drove desires for greater oversight on contributions to algal blooms.

The task force wants to see the Department of Environmental Protection involved with approvals and potential inspections of septic tanks. Right now, 12 percent of septic tanks installed in the nation are in Florida soil, and officials believe many of those systems are faulty and leaking nutrients into the water supply.

The task force wants DEP officials working hand-in-hand with the Department of Health on septic issues, which already fall under the purview of the latter agency.

“We need to protect against excessive pollution, which remains excessive,” said Dr. Evelyn Gaiser, a task force member.

Members tried to stay mindful of financial resources but stressed there must be greater investment both in research

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and treatment of algal blooms. The state needs to provide better direction on the clean-up and storage of algae slurries and must monitor the impacts of wastewater spills on systems.

Members discussed briefly what feeds cyanobacteria in some coastal areas, such as around Miami, but acknowledged much of that work will overlap with efforts of the Red Tide Task Force, also appointed by DeSantis this year.

Jacob Ogles has covered politics in Florida since 2000 for regional outlets including SRQ Magazine in Sarasota, The News-Press in Fort Myers and The Daily Commercial in Leesburg. His work has appeared nationally in The Advocate, Wired and other publications. Events like SRQ’s Where The Votes Are workshops made Ogles one of Southwest Florida’s most respected political analysts, and outlets like WWSB ABC 7 and WSRQ Sarasota have featured his insights. He can be reached at jacobogles@hotmail.com.

## History

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- Architects Bhide & Hall is selected to design the new Clay County Courthouse annex in Green Cove Springs.

- Residents push back on Camp Blanding’s request to limit zoning around the camp.

### 40 years ago, 1979

- Torrential rains wash out county roads, including Branscomb Road, Thunder Road, Branan Field Road and Mallard Road.

- The fairgrounds host the annual Clay County “Cracker Day.”

- Green Cove Springs sets up a committee to review the city charter and to set guidelines.

## Small World

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missile attacks to come home. I asked Zeke if he knew my father. He said he only knew them by their nicknames.

“Jug, Kiki, Hiltch, Buddha ...”

“My dad was Buddha. That’s what was written on his helmet.”

“It’s a small world.”

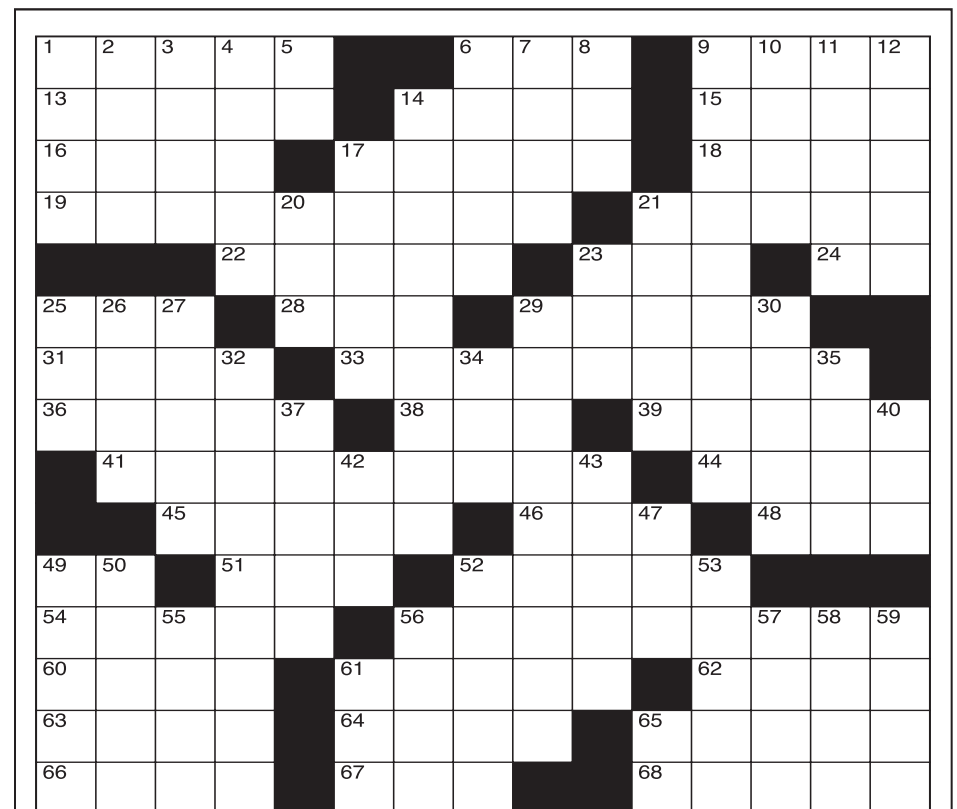
Indeed.

Who knows how many significant connections await us? The extra minute I spent talking with Don Newton provided me with memories and insight that will stay with me forever. And showing respect

and making conversation with a veteran was another happy reminder of my father.

We’re all so busy with deadlines we often forget there’s a lot going on out there that we miss. Stock car legend Richard Petty taught me that. He still obliges every autograph request – he’s listed in the Guinness Book of Records for signing his name at least one million times – and he always takes a moment to make eye contact and thank them for the request. A million autographs means he’s made one million people feel important.

I can never thank Don Newton and Zeke enough for being important to me. All I had to do was slow down long enough to see it.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Fertile desert spots
6. Married woman
9. Some animals travel in one
13. Fear
14. Hawaiian island
15. Fit to work
16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
17. Former Senator Specter
18. Cambodian currency
19. Dave Matthews Band hit
21. Lists ingredients
22. Endangered antelope
23. Jerry’s TV partner
24. Blue grass state
25. Obstruct
28. Luke’s mentor \_\_-Wan
29. Fencing swords
31. Oh, heavens!
33. Insensitive to changes in price
36. Hillsides
38. Brew
39. Gland secretion
41. A typical example
44. Get up
45. You put it on your pasta
46. Expresses surprise
48. News organization
49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)

51. One millionth of a gram
52. Some are of the ‘suit’ variety
54. Group of organisms
56. Produces
60. Passage into a mine
61. \_\_ and cheeses
62. Semitic fertility god
63. Dry or withered
64. Religious ceremony
65. \_\_ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Midway between northeast and east
68. Take something or somebody somewhere

### CLUES DOWN

1. Lyric poems
2. Genus of saltwater clams
3. Ingroup
4. Type of lounge chair
5. Memory card
6. Archipelago
7. Common Korean surname
8. It’s up there
9. Quantity that helps to define ecclesiastical year
10. First month of the Jewish
11. Metal-headed golf club
12. A shade of green
14. Begin
17. A good thing to have
20. Language spoken in Laos
21. Loosely compacted sediment
23. Naturally occurring protein
25. Woman
26. Central Indian city
27. Volcanic craters
29. The largest existing land animals
30. Rumanian city
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Historic Nevada city
35. A point of transition
37. Remove
40. Overwatch character
42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
43. Settles in calmly
47. Partner to his
49. Banking giant
50. Slowly disappeared
52. End
53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
56. Wild cherry tree
57. Traditional Japanese socks
58. Make of your hard work
59. Stony waste matter
61. Woman (French)
65. Unit of loudness

# Calavida

## MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 7-12, 2019

## Sixth annual event attracts thousands of fans to GCS

By Nick Blank  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Thousands will descend to Spring Park for the sixth Calavida Music & Arts Festival during a week of celebration of arts and culture.

The festival runs from Oct. 7-12. The five-day run up consists of music, dancing and readings spread out across Green Cove. The main event at Spring Park has live music, vendors, authors and artists on Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Organizer Sandra Royal said the slate of events were meant to be educating and entertaining. The second event is a staging of “Zona, The Ghost of Greenbrier” in the Historic Courtroom, on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

“(The play) is based on a real court case,” Royal said. “We thought it would be kind of cool and an interesting take on it if we put it in the Historic Courtroom. The courtroom is just marvelous.”

Two days later is “Square Dancing with the Stars” at the Spring Park Pavilion. On

Oct. 10 former Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts Director Tony Walsh will read Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart” at the Green Cove library branch. A tour of the Historic Jail will follow.

Royal said there was seven months of preparation. She called this year’s offering an interesting mix. This year’s gala is at the Clay Theatre Oct. 11, from 6-9 p.m.

“We’re trying to make sure a lot of organizations and everybody is a part of it,” she said.

Authors have reading times in pavilion, such as Wanda Duncan, who wrote “Cracker Gothic: A Florida Woman’s Memoir.” The book chronicles Duncan’s adolescence in Green Cove Springs, why she left and the allure that brought her back.

Duncan said she was pleased the city had a way to showcase a broad spectrum of the arts.

“I’m so happy there’s an arts festival in Green Cove Springs. That means a lot to me having grown up here,” Duncan said. “It’s exciting to know in the community



Curt Towne Band

there’s people putting this together.”

The live music portion consists of blues act Kim Reteguiz & The Black Cat Bones, soul singer Mama Blue and several other acts. Blue sang at Gov. Ron DeSantis’ inauguration.

“(Mama Blue) is phenomenal,” Royal said. “The best part about her is, she not only has a great voice, but she’s a great entertainer. She draws her audience in.”

The Curt Towne Band will close festivities. Towne’s band has played Calavida

each year since its inception. Towne, who has opened for Lynyrd Skynyrd, said Calavida wasn’t just another gig for the group. Calavida was starting to build a reputation, he said.

“More people are getting used to it coming around in October,” Towne said. “A lot of people are asking me, ‘Hey, are you guys doing that thing in the park this year?’”

For a full list of events, visit [calavida.com](http://calavida.com).

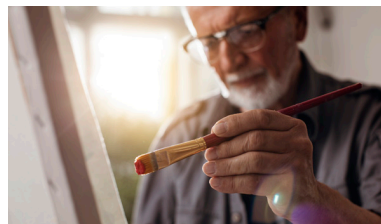
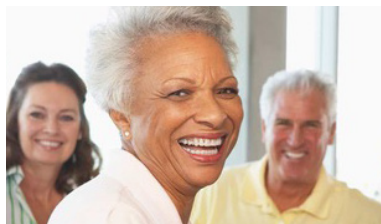


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# Grace

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nity," Mosley said.

Ronna Smith, the county's Special

Olympics director, said the event promotes inclusion and acceptance. The Special Olympics is constantly fundraising, Smith said, providing training, uniforms, food and lodging and transportation for athletes.

"(The Special Olympics) shows what

they can do and accentuates the positives in their life," Smith said. "It teaches them how to have a social life."

Smith said Clay's Special Olympics used to only have bowling and track. Now it has 12 to 13 sports and looks to add more. She called the design humbling and said the maze represented the brand well.

"It's just a great opportunity, not only to get the community involved with our mission, but the mission of the crop maze as well," Smith said.

The fall festival is at 2899 Wisteria Farm Road in Green Cove Springs.

Drought-tolerant sorghum is planted in July, Mosley said. The maze is cut by Utah-based The Maze Company in early August. Then it grows into the maze you see.

The maze is actually two mazes, one is longer and more difficult, then there's a "kiddie maze."

Previous designs include the Tim

Tebow Foundation's W15H Program, and former Clay High and NFL defensive end Cliff Avril's foundation. The maze honored the Dave White Memorial Foundation last year.

Other events at the fall festival include farm animals, a pumpkin patch, wagon rides, jump pads, duck races and cornhole competitions.

"We want people to enjoy spending time together as a family when they come to the farm. You'll see a whole family do tug-o-war together," Mosley said. "In a time where a lot of us spend time on screens, it's really great to see families spending time together. That's one of the best things about it."

Amazing Grace Family Farms' Fall Festival lasts until Oct. 26. Hours are 5-10 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturdays.



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# Obituaries

## Frances Ammerman Farra Mayfield

Frances Ammerman Farra Mayfield, 80, Orange Park, passed away on Monday, September 23, 2019.

Fran was born on April 20, 1939 on Governors Island, New York. She was the daughter of Col. John F. Farra, Jr. and Nancy Sterling Farra. She was raised in an Army household and moved often until her family settled in Abington, PA. She graduated from Abington Senior High School and the Peirce School.



Frances Ammerman Farra Mayfield

She met her husband Cmdr. Ed Mayfield, Sr. in Lakehurst, New Jersey. Ed was a career Naval Aviator. They were married in 1960. Fran devoted her life to her family as a caring wife and mother. Moving frequently, Fran always made sure to help her family set up and become acclimated on every new adventure. She was a tireless volunteer, helping both her husband and sons at work, church, school, sports teams and scouts. Fran was a member of Mandarin United Methodist Church. The greatest gift that she gave her family was her love for Christ and her love for them.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents as well as her only sibling Nancy Farra Dickson.

She is survived by her two sons Capt. Ed Mayfield, Jr. (Karen) and Lt. Cmdr. Charles Mayfield (Leigh); 7 grandchildren, Grant, Joy, Jillian, Hank, Kate, Faith and Grace; together with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. MIZPAH

A Christian graveside service was held at Barrancas National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Naval Aviation Museum or Mandarin United Methodist Church.

Services entrusted to Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## Kevin Charles Outtin

Kevin Charles Outtin was born April 4, 1972 to Charles Outtin and Linda L. Outtin, and died September 24, 2019 at Orange Park Medical Center, Orange Park, Florida.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Carder Outtin; parents, Linda and Charles; brother, Keith Outtin; nieces, Stevi Beth and Orion Grace and aunt and uncle, Cynthia and Michael Whittman.

Kevin's life spanned the country of his birth from Fresno, California to lighting up the map in places like Las Vegas, Nevada and Wichita, Kansas to spending his last years in Orange Park, Florida.

Kevin's life was perfectly abnormal and lived to his utmost. He created memories and had experiences that only someone as brave and adventurous as Kevin could have achieved. He loved and was loved in return.

Friends and family shared memories at a Memorial Celebration in Kevin's Honor.

Services entrusted Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



## Dee J. Hirner

Dee J. Hirner, 67 of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away September 21, 2019.

Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720 www.RHRFH.com



## Cmdr. Clifton Harold "Kip" Acre

Cmdr. Clifton Harold "Kip" Acre, US Navy (Ret.) 86 of Orange Park, FL, passed away September 29, 2019.

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## Marguerite "Meg" Fugate DelGiudice

Marguerite "Meg" Fugate DelGiudice, 42 of Jacksonville, FL passed away September 24, 2019.

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## Joshua Caleb Salisbury

Joshua Caleb Salisbury, 22 of Orange park, FL passed away September 20, 2019

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## William "Billy" Dunlap

William "Billy" Dunlap, 50, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away September 30, 2019.

Broadus Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000. www.broadusraines.com



# Community Calendar

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB MEETING:** at 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 3 at Johnny's BBQ, 7411 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.

**AMVETS BINGO:** is Oct. 3 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** meets Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

**GARDEN CLUB OF MIDDLEBURG:** will meet Oct. 4 at 2239 Blanding Blvd. at 9:30 a.m. to involve, share and engage fellow gardeners. Meetings include educational programs, plant sales, field trips and community involvement. Guest speaker is Glenn Thigpen. For more information, contact (904) 252-7818.

**AMVETS SMOKED TURKEY DINNER:** is Oct. 4 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 a plate.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN RUMMAGE SALE:** is Oct. 4 at the corner of Gum Street and Orange Avenue in Green Cove Springs for 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Clothing, household goods and furniture among the items for sale. For more information, call (904) 284-9261.

**PALAGIO INFORMATIONAL BREAKFAST:** is Oct. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. at Grumpy's, 834 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. Guest speaker will Brian Rowe, who will talk about "Trilogy Home Health Care." Call (904) 955-9488 or contact hello@palagioseniorliving.com to make reservations.

**MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION FALL RALLY:** is Oct. 4 at the Reynolds Industrial Park/Military Museum of North Florida, 1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs. The rally will showcase a variety of military vehicles from WWII through current day including Jeeps, halftracks, trucks, support team vehicles and tanks. A muzzle flash photo opportunity with tanks firing will be at sundown.

**SOUL FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL:** is Oct. 5 at Vera Francis Hall Park, 1503 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Green Cove Springs, from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. This year's theme is Green Cove Springs Forever. Parade at noon with a full day of activities and food.

**JUNK IN THE TRUNK SALE:** is Oct. 5 at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6551 Argyle Forest Blvd. Begins at 8 a.m. Great bargains for a great cause.

**VIETNAM VETERANS MONTHLY MEETING:** is Oct. 5 at the Col. William G. Byrns Chapter at the American Legion Post 250, 3939 County Road 218, Middleburg, at 11 a.m. For more information contact David Treffinger at (609) 320-1723.

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# Hibernia Pub new spot to enjoy history

**Fleming Island Golf Club honors Flemings legacy with new restaurant**

By Nick Blank  
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – References to the island's most prominent historical family and namesake, the Flemings, cover the walls and tables of the Hibernia Pub, the revamped Irish bar and restaurant at The Fleming Island Golf Club.

The club owner and professional golfer Charles Raulerson had some free time when he was in Seattle for a tournament qualifier. He researched the concept of an Irish pub at the course based around the family. "I stumbled across George Fleming and him coming here in 1781 and kept exploring," Raulerson said.

Raulerson laughed when he recalled how his business partner and restaurant consultant Mike Dravo wasn't keen on the

idea at first.

He was motivated to compile information at the Clay County Archives – with the help of archives specialist Vishi Garig – and he made a PowerPoint presentation. Raulerson said Dravo was impressed and agreed to come on board.

The tables and logo are fashioned after a half-penny from 1805, emblazoned with King George's crown and a harp. Fleming, an Irishman, fought against Indians and the British with the Spanish and was granted land by the Spanish governor of Florida.

Hibernia is the Latin name for Ireland. The golf course sits on what was the Flemings property.

To create an Irish pub ambiance, the inside and outside were painted and the flooring was redone. The pub added an Irish menu and seven televisions. The renovations cost between \$75,000-\$100,000, Raulerson said, and took about 90 days.

Raulerson even asked the current Fleming family members if he could use photos of their descendants. Francis Fleming, the



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

Fleming Island Golf Club and Hibernia Pub owner Charles Raulerson will open the doors on a new Irish-themed pub that honors the history of the Flemings.

15th governor of Florida, is the first portrait near the entry.

"They said, 'Absolutely,'" Raulerson said. "That was a nice blessing."

There was a lack of similar restaurants the further you went past County Road 220, he said. The Hibernia Pub was a place

specific to Fleming Island.

"We sit in the middle of 5,000 rooftops and there's no restaurants down here. Everything is on County Road 220," Raulerson said. "This was just a home run to me. It truly represents this island. It truly represents the Fleming family."

# Orange Park High gets Community Partnership grant

Clay Today

ORLANDO – Orange Park High was one of 10 schools from seven school districts across Florida to receive state grant funds to become a Community Partnership School.

State leaders allocated \$7.1 million in this year's budget – more than four times the funding available in previous years – to bolster Florida's existing Community Partnership Schools and create new ones across the state. Funding is administered by UCF's Center for Community Schools.

Community Partnership Schools are designed to maximize success both inside and outside the classroom, help reduce crime and enhance the overall quality of life for underserved communities. The schools deliver holistic services such as

tutoring and mentoring, medical and dental care, and workshops on resume building and financial literacy. Resources are available to students, their families and area residents.

School districts interested in establishing a new Community Partnership School applied for grant awards to support their first-year costs, and each of the selected schools will receive \$80,000. Districts are required to provide a 25% match, either from public or private funds, or from in-kind donations.

A second opportunity for additional schools to apply began on Sept. 23. The total number of Community Partnership Schools in Florida is expected to reach 27 by the end of the year. Full implementation of a Community Partnership School is typically a five-year process.

The 15 Community Partnership Schools already in place in Florida have seen gains such as increased graduation rates, improved teacher retention and fewer out-of-school suspensions. Schools last year reported 193,000 hours of student tutoring, 2,300 primary healthcare visits, and 37,200 volunteer hours donated, among other deliverables.

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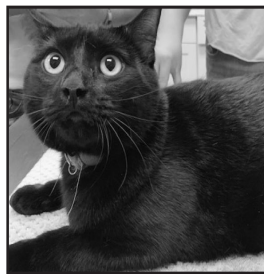
serves as the statewide grant administrator and provides training and technical assistance to Florida school districts. Florida's Community Partnership Schools model requires four partners – the school district, a healthcare provider, a nonprofit organization and a college or university – all of which commit long-term support, often for at least 25 years.

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# Veterans honored during Moosehaven celebration

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – A 100-year-old veteran was celebrated alongside hundreds of others Saturday, Sept. 28, at the third annual Veteran's Appreciation celebration at Moosehaven.

Veterans are celebrated in a special way each year at the annual celebration. This year, Winton Carter, 100, was brought on stage to be thanked for his numerous years of service. Carter, who was just one of hundreds of veterans that attended the

celebration, was honored to live in an area that takes such good care of its veterans.

"It's a wonderful honor to be here and it means a lot," Carter said.

Carter joined the military as a marine in 1939 and quickly found himself in the Pacific Theater of World War II. It was here that he received a purple heart on June 15, 1944. That wound didn't stop him though because Carter would continue to serve on various boats, submarine bases and more for another 17 years to bring his service total to 22 years.

Commissioner Wayne Bolla read a



Hundreds gathered at Moosehaven last Saturday for the annual Veteran's Appreciation Day where 100-year-old veteran, Winton Carter, was honored with an official proclamation.



STAFF PHOTOS BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Veteran's Appreciation Day at Moosehaven saw hundreds of veterans and county residents gather to learn about veteran services, watch live entertainment and enjoy local food.

proclamation to solidify Carter's service into Clay County history. Carter has stories upon stories to tell but the one that tickles Carter most is about how he witnessed the flag go up at Iwo Jima.

"I was helping unload cigarette cartons to make sure that I got mine," Carter said. "Somebody pointed out that they were lifting the flag up on the island and I said, 'so what? They put flags up on every island.'"

Little did Carter know that this flag would represent the Battle of Iwo Jima and the greater war efforts of the U.S. military.

"It was a wonderful thing to see anyway

though," Carter said.

Carter's life continued long after his service as he recently celebrated his 100th birthday on Sept. 23. He said his secret to a long life is to trust in the Lord above. Carter remembers turning 100 and asking the Lord, "I've reached this goal. Now what?"

"You just have to trust in him. You know, how much longer is he going to put up with you?"

NAS JAX Commanding Officer Michael P. Connor spoke to the crowd of hundreds full of veterans and their supporters alike and used his time to thank them for their service.

"Events like this are important," Connor said. "This event lets them know that they are not forgotten. There's a time in our history where men and women... were forgotten and that is not the case anymore. Their sacrifices are valued and respected and Clay County has a rich history of serving our nation."

Connor explained how important Clay County and northeast Florida are to the U.S. military as it is a part of an extremely important military triangle. Between NAS JAX, the Mayport Base and the submarine base of King's Bay, Connor said this tri-fecta covers the air, the ocean and under the sea like no other.

Veterans and guests were greeted with food, activities, live entertainment and vendors at the Moosehaven celebration who were there to not only make them feel special, but to let them know that their service is appreciated and that Clay County is here to help.

"This is about thanking them for their service and celebrating their contribution to the community and I'm excited Clay County is able to do something like this for them each year," Cella said.

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# Kennedy earns high marks in first GCS review

## City manager earns overall grade of 4.6 out of 5 from council members

By Nick Blank  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – City council members reviewed city manager Steve Kennedy's performance in a 45-minute meeting and gave him plaudits following his first year.

Kennedy was scored in 10 categories such as policy execution, supervision, fiscal management and relations with the elected body. His average score was 4.6 out of five.

Council members Mitch Timberlake and Pam Lewis gave Kennedy full marks in every category. Council member Van Royal's averages totaled 4.9 and Connie Butler's reached 4.3. Mayor Steven Kelley scores led to a 3.8 average.

Timberlake said he was impressed by

Kennedy's first year. He approved of Kennedy's approach of staffing, data gathering and not making knee-jerk reactions.

"It's been a very good first year. I've seen an improvement in employee morale," Timberlake said. The honeymoon's over and you know we're down to the execution phase (now)."

Lewis said the job was a heavy lift because Green Cove manages almost every service a city of a similar size can provide except a fire department.

"It's been a lot to learn," Lewis said.

Kelley said Kennedy's first year was phenomenal and his scores reflected that.

"Doing many of these evaluations, I don't give out many fives even if I think you navigated this past year as well someone stepping into this role at this time can do..." Kelley said. "I do think going forward you'll be able to operate more efficiently and effectively with the first year behind you. I hear nothing but great things from staff and I think we'll do great things going

forward."

Kennedy replaced long-time city manager Danielle Judd Oct. 1 of last year. He was city manager of Americus, Georgia, for two years and city manager of Kennesaw, Georgia, for a decade. He had about 25 years of experience in finance and administration in other Georgia municipalities prior to his city manager positions.

At the 90-minute general meeting, council members signaled interest in purchasing a property at the corner of Magnolia Avenue and Spring Street called "The Rivers House." The council liked the house because of its history and short distance from Spring Park.

Council members with a unanimous vote tasked staff with sending the seller a first right of refusal document, which would allow the city 30 or 45 days to match or exceed another bid. Royal, a realtor, motioned to ask for 45 days, but accept 30 days if necessary.

"We've got to have a little bit of time,"

Royal said.

City code requires the city to get an appraisal of the property and the council members needed a supermajority, four votes, to purchase at a price higher than the appraisal, city attorney L.J. Arnold said.

Arnold said the seller seemed amicable to signing a first right of refusal. Arnold said the city should expect to pay more than the appraisal.

Timberlake said staff needed to continue conversations with the seller and gauge his flexibility. He said he saw both sides of the issue.

"I am concerned we may not have the money in next year's budget," Timberlake said. "The other side of it is, there are citizens that say it's something we should do. I'm not convinced of that myself right now, but we need to be cognizant of that. I'd like to see us have the opportunity to move forward."



## Clay Habitat for Humanity, Clay Behavioral Health join forces to build wheelchair ramp, covered roof

MIDDLEBURG – Clay County Habitat for Humanity and Clay Behavioral Health Center recently collaborated on two building projects at CBHC's Knight Boxx campus. A much-needed wheelchair ramp and a covered structure for protection from inclement weather were completed. Donations from community members, assistance from Home Depot Fleming Island and a volunteer work crew helped make the projects a reality. Nonprofit agencies know the value of collaboration to maximize resources and these projects are evidence of how much we can accomplish by working together.

## Community Calendar

### MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION FALL

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### MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET:** is Oct. 5 at 2102 Palmetto St., Middleburg, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Off-street parking is available, along with light refreshments and household goods for sale.

Spaces available \$15 for non-members, \$10 for members.

### MILITARY VEHICLE PRESERVATION FALL

**RALLY:** is Oct. 6 at the Reynolds Industrial Park/Military Museum of North Florida, 1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs. The rally will showcase a variety of military vehicles from WWII through current day including Jeeps, halftracks, trucks, support team vehicles and tanks. A battle demonstration will be at 1 p.m.

**AMVETS BINGO:** is Oct. 8 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** is Oct. 19 at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6551 Argyle Forest Blvd.. 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**MIDDLEBURG BLACK CREEK LIONS:** will meet Oct. 8 at noon at Cedar River Seafood, 2475 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Included will be information how the Lions serve the community.



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# VyStar opens students-operated branch at Clay High

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay High became the latest high school to open a student-run VyStar Credit Union branch on Sept. 27.

VyStar executives, community leaders, district staff and of course, students, gathered in the school library to celebrate the opening of their in-school VyStar, and it was met with universal praise. Students will be able to easily access their accounts and learn fiscal responsibility, something Principal Cary Dicks said is essential at this age in education.

“This is the fourth VyStar Credit Union in the county so we are top-notch and we’re excited about that,” Dicks said. “Our intent is to push our students the furthest that they can go and for them to learn fiscal responsibility at this stage in their life, that is so important.”

The branch will be run by students in collaboration with the Green Cove Springs branch that serves as the school’s mentor branch. Students have already started to learn from VyStar bankers, and the school branch will serve as link to a job right out of high school.

The branch is open to all students and staff at Clay. Much like the Criminal Justice Academy at the school, which was rec-



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

VyStar executives, school district officials and students gathered in the Clay High library to open the school’s new VyStar Credit Union branch.

ognized as a model program nationwide, the banking academy will give students specialized education that can lead them directly to a job after graduation.

The branch’s student manager, Matthew Mitchell, is one of 21 students in the program. He said the new branch will help in many ways.

“Because we aren’t necessarily taught things like interview skills, this program allows us to learn new skills,” Mitchell said. “The academy has already come a long way even though we’ve only been here for a short amount of time and I feel like we

have helped many students with financial literacy.

“In addition, we provide students with not only the ability to deposit and withdraw money, but also council them on things like what credit card to use and whether they should buy a used car or not. VyStar’s goals for the high school branches are to spread financial literacy, help out the community and they’ve been amazing partners in all of this so far.”

If you didn’t walk through school hallways, you’d be hard-pressed to know VyStar was operated by students.

Superintendent Addison Davis is excited about the branch because it’s another avenue to prepare students for the workforce.

“When we talk about opportunities for children and how to get them ready to compete outside the four walls we call a classroom, this is the example,” Davis said. “One of the prongs of our work is to ensure these children are ready for the workforce and this is a beautiful set up and gives this school another awesome opportunity to be successful.”

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# Woman finds missing dog after 8 years

By Wesley LeBlanc  
Staff Writer

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg woman and her Yorkshire Terrier were reunited after the dog went missing for eight years.

Michaela Harris grew up around dogs. She and her mom fostered dogs for local shelters and rescues.

Every one of them left a paw print in her life she won't forget.

But no dog's print was bigger than Buddy, a Yorkshire Terrier that Harris adopted for herself.

A Middleburg man shot his daughter's boyfriend and best friend before shooting himself almost 10 years ago. The wife of the shooter ran a puppy mill with more than 30 Yorkies and Maltese dogs, Harris said.

After the shootings, the wife began to find new homes for the dogs, and Harris took in three Yorkies and a Maltese.

"I found homes for all of them but Buddy," Harris said. "Buddy had some health and anxiety issues that I knew would make it hard to adopt him out."

Buddy has double canine teeth on each side of his upper jaw. He also only had one testicle, a genetic fault often seen in poorly-bred dogs.

The Yorkie also had kennel syndrome from living a life in a cage. As a result, would constantly spin his body in circles to relieve anxiety and pass time, a side effect of an under-socialized upbringing.

"After about a year, Buddy was comfortable with me and would hardly ever spin anymore unless he was really anxious about something, but I could always distract him and calm him down," Harris said.

Buddy and Harris grew to be best friends. He followed her everywhere and when she was away at school, Buddy would play with Harris' Pomeranian, Punkin, all day.

"We were all best friends and Buddy forgot about his horrible life before me," Harris said.

When Harris was 14 years old - eight years ago - she went to school at Wilkinson Junior High. Later that day, her brother sent a text to her saying that Punkin and Buddy went outside. Punkin came back. Buddy didn't.

As soon as Harris was out of school, she walked up and down every street for miles calling his name and squeaking his favorite toy, but Buddy never came. She printed dozens of pictures and fliers out, placing them all around Middleburg.

"Weeks went by and I kept walking every day calling him, hanging up fliers, asking neighbors if they had seen him," Harris said. "I would get a few calls every now and



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then, but it was never Buddy."

Harris noticed that about a month later, all of her fliers had been removed.

"Whoever found my Buddy didn't want people knowing he was missing," Harris said.

Harris moved to a new school and eventually gave up hope of finding her pet.

"I hoped whoever found him took care of him even though they weren't his rightful owners," she said.

Years passed and Harris moved to Gainesville, Orange Park, the west side of Jacksonville, then the north side and back to the westside.

She grew up, had a baby, moved out of her mom's house

and into her own apartment.

A day didn't pass when she didn't think about Buddy.

She took in four dogs in the eight years without Buddy – a Husky and three Great Pyrenees. She still had Punkin, who is now 12 years old.

Still hoping for word of Buddy, Harris followed all kinds of lost pet pages on Facebook.

On Sept. 19, she saw a post that caught her by surprise.

"I saw a post in the lost and found pages by a lady named Amy who had a senior Yorkie in Jacksonville near the airport and she posted about him having a weird tendency to spin in circles when he was anxious," Harris said. "It's not a common issue for an average lap dog to have so I messaged and asked if the dog had double canine teeth on his upper jaw and to my amazement, she said he did."

"And then I asked if he only had one descended testicle and she said he did. I thought it was the strangest thing, too strange to be a coincidence."

Harris asked Amy if she could come see the dog, just to see if maybe, by chance, the dog was Buddy. Amy had already given the dog to a friend though, but she helped Harris get in touch.

"When I got there and saw his little body, I knew it was him," Harris said. "His ears and bowed out legs and his coloring and his eyes and little nose, everything was just a perfect match for my Buddy."

Buddy's new owners allowed Harris to take him home and after a few weeks, he's back to normal, according to Harris. He's more frightened than before, something Harris said likely has to do with the 150-pound dogs he's surrounded by, but Harris said her other dogs have been as sweet as can be to Buddy.

"We're a family," Harris said.

Harris said her life feels normal again after recovering such a vital part of her childhood eight years later. She wants people to hear her story and never give up, no matter the odds.

"I don't know who stole my buddy," Harris said. "I don't know why they took it upon themselves to keep a dog they knew had an owner looking for him. I don't know why they robbed me of eight years with my dogs that I was supposed to rescue and show a better life, but I do know that the universe tends to work itself out, no matter how long it takes, and because of that, I have my dog back."

"Not only do I want people to never give up on finding their lost dogs, but I also want to point out the importance of taking proper steps to locate an animal's owners if you find it. People don't get to play finders-keepers with someone's pet. That pet is their family."

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## Orange Park now operating its own emergency management services

Orange Park started its own emergency management service last Tuesday, and with it came two new emergency vehicles. (From left) Lt. Jack Barrick, Deputy Chief John Contestible, Chief Alvin Barker, firefighter Kyle Lewis, Lt. Brent Kuhn, Lt. Kyle Williamson, Mayor Connie Thomas, Vice-Mayor Alan Watt, Councilman Roland Mastandrea, Councilman Ron Raymond, Councilman Randy Anderson, firefighter Danny Hedburg, Lt. Trevor Mathis, firefighter Jimmy Rukab, firefighter Keith Taylor, firefighter Alex Renteria, Lt. Brian Owen, fire explorer Brooke Neas, Lt. Mike Wallis and Town Manager Sarah Campbell were on hand to mark the occasion.

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## Walk this way

Wednesday was National Walk to School Day and the Clay County School District celebrated the day at Fleming Island Elementary. This day is a movement to create safer routes for students that walk and bicycle to school and to stress the importance of physical activity among children. The day also serves to make areas more aware of pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and its effects on students and to bring attention to the environment and building connections between schools and the communities they inhabit.



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## Nominations accepted for Golden Years Gala Service Awards

By Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – The Allegro Fleming Island will be presenting the 13th annual Golden Years Gala to recognize senior adults for outstanding volunteer service in Clay County.

Nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Volunteer Senior Man of the Year; Volunteer Senior Woman of the Year; and, Lifetime Achievement Award.

Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity and loyalty. Seniors are a fine example to all, showing a true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through serving.

Nominees must be at least 60 years old and volunteer in Clay County. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.

This year's Golden Years Gala will be held at Sullivan Hall on Fleming Island on May 6. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with live and silent auction. The awards program will follow.

The event benefits The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides services to improve the quality of life and longer independence of hundreds of senior adults in Clay County through award-winning educational programming and events focused on health and wellness.

Visit our website or call the office, 904.269.5315 to purchase tickets or make a donation to this event.

## The Color Purple coming to Thrasher-Horne Center

ORANGE PARK – The multi-award-winning musical The Color Purple comes to the Broadway Orange Park season at the Thrasher-Horne Center on March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Color Purple is adapted for the stage by Tony- and Pulitzer-winner Marsha Norman with music and lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray.

The revival of The Color Purple opened to great acclaim in summer 2013 at London's Menier Chocolate Factory, followed by a Broadway bow on Nov. 10, 2015 at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre. The Color Purple went on to win two 2016 Tony Awards, including Best Revival of a Musical, two Drama Desk Awards, including Outstanding Revival of a Musical, the 2017 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album and a Daytime Emmy. The Color Purple played 483 performances on Broadway, closing on Jan. 8, 2017.

For more information, please visit ColorPurple.com.

Tickets for The Color Purple are currently on sale at Thrasher-Horne Center. Prices range from \$49-\$79 with all fees included. Tickets and more information are available at (904) 276-6815 or online at THcenter.org.

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# Police Briefs

## Child rescued from trash, drug-infested house

MIDDLEBURG – Two people were arrested during a drug bust Sept. 26 by the Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT and Street Crimes Unit.

Deputies raided a home at 4655 Johns Cemetery Road and found a child living with garbage, fermented food, maggots and dirty laundry in a house where drugs were being used and sold.

Charles Olen McMillan, 40, of Middleburg, was charged with keeping a house used for drugs and child neglect. He was at the Clay County Jail with a \$75,005 bond.

Keri Ann Oliver, 41, also was charged



Charles McMillan Keri Ann Oliver

with child neglect.

A family member took custody of the child.



## Woman charged with trying to kill three people during fight

ORANGE PARK – A Middleburg woman was arrested for shooting at three people Sept. 27 behind Academy Sports + Outdoors on Blanding Boulevard.

Ana Rae Mooring, 18, was charged with three counts of attempted murder. She remained in the Clay County Jail with a \$750,009 bond.



Ana Mooring

According to deputies, Mooring got into a fight with Annaliese Leopard.

During the fight, she pulled a handgun from her waistband and fired at Leopard, Darrell Harper and Autumn Brumfield. All three tried to find shelter in Harper's car but Mooring kept shooting at them.

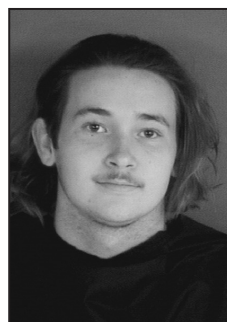
Harper drove Leopard and Brumfield behind the store so Leopard and Mooring could fight.

Mooring eventually was caught at Wacko's Gentleman's Club in Jacksonville.

## Student busted with ounce of fentanyl-laced marijuana

MIDDLEBURG – A Middleburg High student was caught with a pound of fentanyl-laced marijuana, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

Lucas Dillon Rosier, 18, of Middleburg, was charged Sept. 28 with possession of fentanyl and possession of drug paraphernalia.



Lucas Rosier

Deputies stopped the vehicle for a burned-out headlight at 4045 County Road 218 at Blanding Boulevard. Rosier was sit-



ting in the front seat, while another woman was riding in the back seat.

The driver told deputies there were drugs in the car. They found 28.7 grams of marijuana that apparently was laced with fentanyl.

Rosier was being held at the Clay County Jail with a \$30,005 bond. The driver was given a warning for the headlight.

## CCSO makes two arrests during routine traffic stop

MIDDLEBURG – A routine traffic stop on Sept. 26 led to the arrest of a woman with methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia and a man who failed to register as a sexual predator.

Cherie Nicole House, 27, of Lake Butler, was caught with methamphetamine, a syringe, two digital scales and a plastic cap to cook the drug.

Lucas Chase Jewett, 30, of Middleburg was charged with failing to regis-



Lucas Jewett

ter as a predator.

Deputies stopped a car driven by Randall Davis after he failed to stop at the stop sign at Foxtail Avenue and Johns Cemetery Road, Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

During the stop, deputies noticed drugs in the car.

During the check, they noticed Jewett hadn't updated his driver's license or his change of address within 48 hours of moving.

## Robbery, kidnapping suspect caught in Orange Park

CLAY COUNTY – Sheriff's Office deputies tracked down a 24-year-old Middleburg man who was wanted for armed robbery and kidnapping for stuffing a victim in the trunk of a car for several hours.

Austin Levi Downs was charged with armed robbery, kidnapping while inflicting bodily harm and terror, possession of drug

paraphernalia and a controlled substance without a prescription. He was being held with a \$161,011 bond in the Clay County Jail.

According to the warrant, Downs was one of three people who reportedly tried to rob a man on Sept.

24. The victim was beaten in the face and locked in the trunk for several hours. He eventually was freed, but Downs kept his backpack containing his cell phone, Bluetooth speakers, shoes, personal items and \$50. The victim managed to get help after banging on a door.

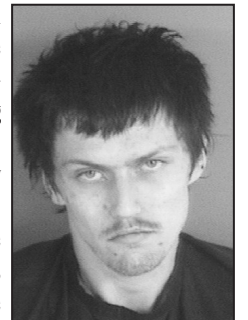
Later that night, deputies were called to the Publix at 950 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park to investigate a suspicious person. They found Downs walking on the sidewalk without a shirt and acting "erratic." The arrest report stated Downs appeared to be under the influence of a narcotic because he had trouble standing.

Deputies also recovered a backpack that matched was the kidnapping victim reported stolen.

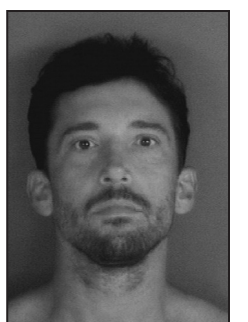
## Jacksonville man jailed for grabbing woman by throat

ORANGE PARK – A man was charged with kidnapping and choking a woman in a Walmart parking lot, then forcing her to his hotel room.

Stephan Garrett Parnell, 35, of Jacksonville, was charged with felony battery, domestic battery by strangulation and kidnapping



Austin Downs



Stephan Parnell



## Police

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while inflicting bodily harm and terrorizing a victim.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the victim said Parnell was drunk Sept. 29 with an opened bottle of whisky in his Jeep when she asked to drive.

She drove to the Walmart at 899 Blanding Blvd., in Orange Park. After she got out of the Jeep, she said Parnell grabbed her by the throat and ordered her back into the car. He then took her to a hotel.

Deputies said the victim had red marks around her throat.

### CCSO deputies attacked while breaking up fight

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A couple were arrested after they reportedly threw punches at Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies Sept. 28 as they tried to break up their fight.

Katrina Rose Connors, 24, and Tyler Joseph Meaker, 26, both of Keystone Heights, were charged with battery on a police officer.



Katrina Connors

Connors also was charged with resisting arrest and simple battery.

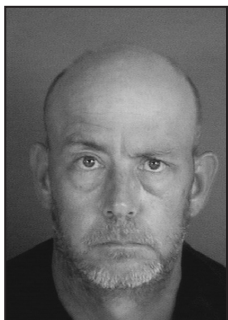
According to CCSO, deputies were called to Bowdoin Avenue at 2 a.m. on Sept. 28. They tried to arrest Connors after they saw her shove Meaker and kick him in the groin. Meaker then grabbed deputies when they tried to pull her away to arrest her.

Connors continued to throw punches and kick deputies, prompting one deputy to punch her in the mouth. They also deployed a taser at Meaker, but the probes missed him. He then surrendered.

### Man shot at while taking trip down Memory Lane

MAXVILLE – A man was arrested for shooting at a man riding a four-wheeler down Memory Lane.

Duyane P. Milton, 44, of Maxville, was charged Sept. 29 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon to commit a felony and discharging a firearm in public, after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies said he fired two shots at Ronald Milton.



Duyane Milton

Ronald Milton wasn't injured.

Deputies said they detected a "strong odor of alcohol" on the defendant. They also found two shell casings at the scene.

# Arrests & Bookings

**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, Oct. 1

James W. Devoe, 34, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery  
Michael R. Haner, 33, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession-controlled substance without prescription  
Jaime C. Rathje, 40, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance without prescription  
Joshua L. Douglass, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

William M. Ives, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand theft of firearm  
Mathew P. Martin, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-dealing in stolen property, FTA-providing false information to pawn broker, FTA-grand theft  
Amanda K. Coody, 31, Green Cove Springs, FTA  
Jason A. Woodcock, 45, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic violence

Garrett D. Falls, 28, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-hydrocodone  
Willie H. Tensley, 44, Green Cove Springs, two counts violation condition of release-battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT, violation condition of release-possession-cannabis less than 20g, violation of release-resisting arrest with violence  
Jeffery K. Harmon, 29, Orange Park, three counts each dealing in stolen property, giving false information to pawn broker  
Sean P. McDonald-Brazier, 26, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Cody K. Barnett, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
Scott C. Ashcraft, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
Robert M.B. Gallion, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-no vehicle registration  
Deddy L. Lascano, 37, Middleburg, simple domestic battery  
Wyatt W. Connell, 20, Green Cove Springs, reckless driving

#### Monday, Sept. 30

Theresa M. Silva, 47, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Dustin S. Turner Garzone, 26, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment  
Kali A. Catalano, 24, Fleming Island, DWLSR  
Andres D. Arocho, 27, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-DWLSR

Joshua E. McKean, 25, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR, driving without license  
Debbie Moring, 46, Orange Park, trespassing  
Anthony D. Lowe, 28, Middleburg, aggravated battery on pregnant woman  
Nicole E. Walls, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery  
Thomas T. Spencer, 39, Middleburg, resisting police with violence, retail petit theft, touch/strike/harm police/fire animal  
Michelle S. Morgan, 33, Middleburg, VOP-community control

#### Sunday, Sept. 29

Stephan G. Parnell, 35, Orange Park, felony battery, domestic battery by strangulation, kidnapping/inflicting bodily harm/terrorizing victim  
Rachel T. Barngrover, 44, Fleming Island, DUI  
Sean N. Kelly, 30, Orange Park, felony battery, domestic battery by strangulation  
Mathew A. Wright, 37, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment

Justin L. Raiford, 32, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant  
Jessica C. Wright, 36, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment, DUI  
Deann M. Huff, 36, Middleburg, possession-cocaine  
Ariel N. Malley, 27, Orange Park, DWLSR  
Stephen P.F. Fishbein, 33, Orange Park, retail petit theft  
Timothy J. Nelson, 55, Middleburg, FTA  
Chaz M. Rosson, 38, Orange Park, VOP-community control  
Terverse A. Battle, 30, Orange Park, DWLSR  
Richard G. Baier, 26, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance without prescription,

possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug equipment

Janna H.B. Granger, 18, Middleburg, simple domestic battery  
Benjamin O. Meeks, 42, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant  
Duyane P. Milton, 44, Maxville, aggravated assault to commit felony, discharge firearm in public  
Meghan L. Hoyer, 33, Middleburg, simple battery

#### Saturday, Sept. 28

Erik D. Benston, 33, Orange Park, out of county warrant  
Sandy D. Franssen, 39, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Courtney T. Culp, Middleburg, simple battery  
Jeremy L. Kostelak, 22, Orange Park, DWLSR, providing false ID  
Tyler J. Meaker, 26, Keystone Heights, battery on a police officer/firefighter/EMT

Katrina R. Connors, 24, Keystone Heights, battery on a police officer/firefighter/EMT, resisting arrest, simple battery, possession-controlled substance without prescription  
Bennie L. Turner, 49, Orange Park, DUI  
Jason D. Isbell, 42, Orange Park, out of county warrant  
Lucas D. Rosier, 18, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession/use drug equipment  
Edward N. Sterner, 29, Middleburg, possession/selling/deliver drugs within 1,000 feet of specified area

Philip R. Chantnacran, 18, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery  
Richard P. Bone, 41, Middleburg, possession/use drug equipment  
Amanda R. Anglemeyer, 32, Orange Park, non-support  
Anthony Godsey, 62, Middleburg, FTA-DUI

#### Friday, Sept. 27

Lovetta L. Arnold, 50, Middleburg, simple battery, vandalism  
Vincent M. Lee, 50, Oakleaf, DWLSR-habitual traffic offender  
Ricky R. Robinson, 37, Oakleaf, non-support  
James N. Gregory, 32, Middleburg, aggravated battery  
Ted H. Mullis, 60, Orange Park, three counts out of county warrant  
Vincent J. Depalma, 25, Middleburg, simple domestic battery  
Ava R. Mooring, 18, Orange Park, three counts

attempted murder  
Kaitlynn S. Dominguez, 25, Orange Park, non-support  
Bryan K. Lynch, 38, Orange Park, DUI-fourth offense

#### Thursday, Sept. 26

Jessica K. Barnes, 34, Middleburg, three counts possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession/use drug equipment, possession-marijuana less than 20g  
Joshua B. Carr, 30, Orange Park, petit theft-third offense

Charles O. McMillan, 40, Middleburg, keeping shop/vehicle for drug activity, child neglect  
John K. Roberson, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-no valid driver's license

Anthony R. Shelton, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control battery  
Keri A. Oliver, 41, Middleburg, child neglect  
Cherie N. House, 27, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use drug equipment

Grace L. Cumpian, 28, Green Cove Springs, FTA-no valid driver's license  
Tayvon C. Ruffin, 27, Orange Park, grand theft  
Michael J. Dietrich, 49, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft/scheme to defraud, VOP-dealing in stolen property false ownership at pawn shop, VOP-forgery of checks

Joseph E. Davis, 42, Middleburg, grand theft auto  
Dale A. Holland, 38, Middleburg, keeping shop/vehicle for drug activity, child neglect, possession-methamphetamine

Nicholas A. Kammerer, 27, Fleming Island, simple domestic violence  
Lucas C. Jewett, 30, Middleburg, failure to register as a sex offender

#### Wednesday, Sept. 25

Bernard J. Rudd, 58, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, possession/use drug equipment  
Michael R. Connors, 32, Orange Park, domestic battery  
Heather N. Hyler, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI

James C. Luke, 61, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI  
Mark S. Faulkner, 31, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband from jail  
Savanna A. Helwig, 22, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Raven C. Rogers, 24, Oakleaf, felony battery, domestic battery by strangulation  
Jason S. Hill, 36, Middleburg, violation of injunction against domestic violence

Michaela A. McEathron, 26, Middleburg, simple domestic battery  
James C. Sheldon, 49, Middleburg, VOP-community control

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Johnny Van Zant, left, walks through the Sweet Homegrown Traditions exhibit with Lynyrd Skynyrd founding member Larry Junstrom at the Thrasher-Horne Center. Junstrom also played bass guitar for Donnie Van Zant's 38 Special.

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

## Sweet from page 1

Southern roots with pop and rock to form 38 Special.

The walls inside Thrasher-Horne are covered with gold and platinum albums from both bands, as well as childhood photos of the entire family.

There's also a copy of a newspaper that reports the tragic story of Lynyrd Skynyrd's plane crash into the Mississippi woods on Oct. 20, 1977. Ronnie died with five other

people in a plane crash in 1977.

Johnny revived the band 10 years later and continues to tour.

Donnie is retired from 38 Special, but he still works on projects with the band and his brother. Their collaborations are made easy by the fact they are next-door neighbors in Middleburg.

"This is amazing," Johnny said. "I've seen a lot of old stuff I haven't seen in a long time. Heck, there's stuff in here I've never seen. When you're involved with it (touring), you don't have time to think about it. We're just simple guys from Mid-



Clay County Commission Chairman Mike Cella, left, joins Lisa and Johnny Van Zant during a private tour of an exhibit that's now open to the public.



The Van Zant family were "amazed" by the large collection of artifacts that chronicled their family's musical legacy in Clay County, including a chunk of concrete from Hell House in GCS.

dleburg. I can't tell you how much we appreciate this."

Van Zant walked around the exhibit with his wife, Lisa.

Larry Junstrom made a rare public appearance. He was a founding member of Lynyrd Skynyrd, but he's best known for playing bass with 38 Special from 1977 until 2014. He's now retired and living in

Interlachen.

Sweet Homegrown Tradition is open to the public during box office hours. It will remain at the Thrasher-Horne Center until the Help Somebody 3 concert on Nov. 9 to benefit St. Michael's Soldiers. The show will feature sets from 38 Special with Brett Myers, the Curt Towne Band and Pinto Graham.



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# Tucker

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championship.

The film, titled "Let 'Em Know You're There: The Story of Big Jim and the Triple Double" is a 30-minute film, reminding fans of how Syracuse changed the game of basketball as we knew it, creating the 24-second shot clock, while telling the story of Tucker, who held the record for the fastest triple-double in NBA history for 63 years.

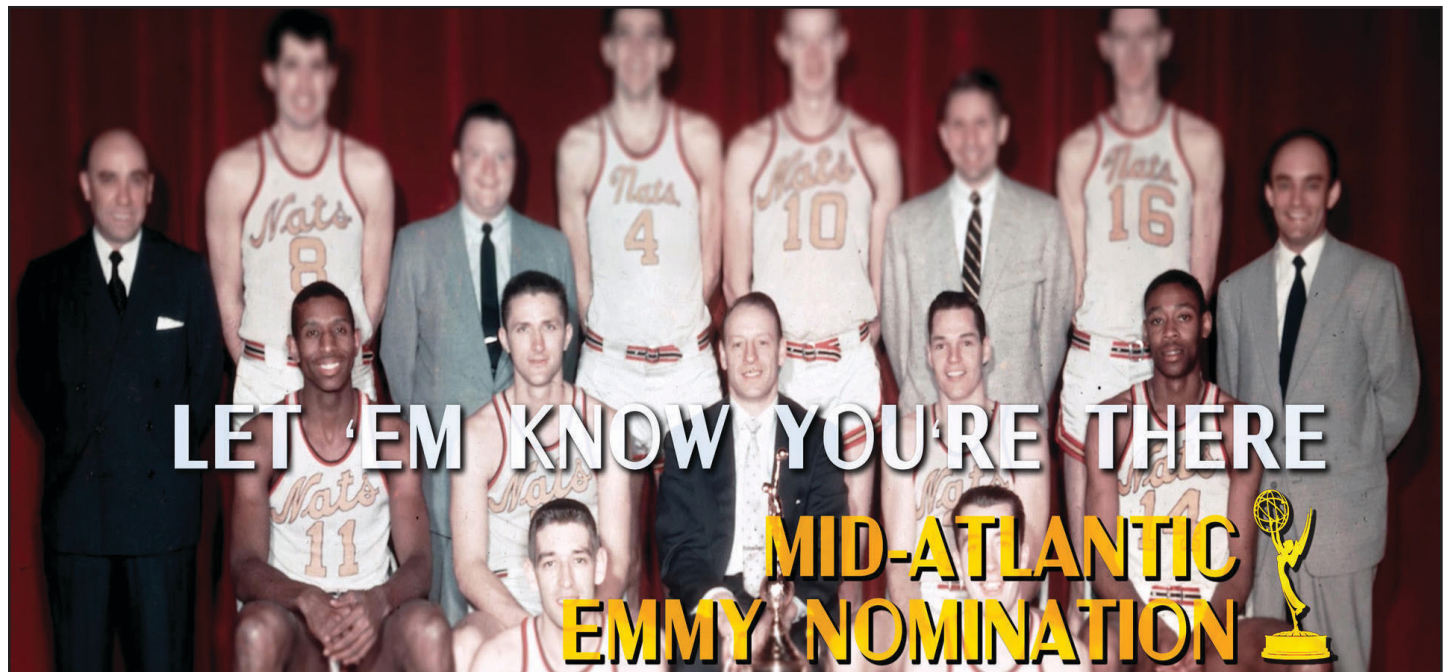
Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh credited Tripoli for using film to tell Tucker's story and the 1955 Syracuse Nationals.

"Gregg and his team at the OHA have not been content just letting history sit in the museum," said Walsh, in a radio interview on WAER in Syracuse. "They're tireless in finding new and creative ways to bring Syracuse's history to the rest of the community and even the rest of the world.

Tripoli commented that it took years of research and interviews to make the 25-minute documentary called "Let 'Em Know You're There: The Story of Big Jim and the Triple Double."

"It's important that people learn and recognize that Syracuse changed the game of basketball forever with the 24 second shot clock," said Tripoli. "That we helped integrate the National Basketball Association with the first two black men on an NBA championship team. That one of those players, Earl Lloyd, was the very first black man to set foot on an NBA court. And that the other, the protagonist in this film, Jim Tucker, set an NBA record for a triple double ... that's double digits in points, rebounds and assists in that championship season that lasted an incredible 63 years until it was finally broken last year."

The film was produced by Readily Apparent Media was chosen over two other documentaries for the award.



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Tucker held the record for the quickest triple-double in a game for 63 years. His Syracuse Nationals team also was instrumental in developing the 24-second clock for the NBA.

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**Fleming Island: Thursday classes are at Cross+Road Lutheran Church, at SR 220 and 5101 Lakeshore Dr. W., Fleming Island, FL 32003**

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# New CEO stays grounded while keeping an eye on OPMC's growth

**Lisa Valentine manages expansion, healthcare, challenges of keeping pace with area's growth**

**By Don Coble**  
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – Despite the challenges that await Lisa Valentine as Orange Park Medical Center's new CEO, she's determined to keep her feet on the ground.

Literally.

She's already declined an offer to climb the 75-foot crane at the hospital entrance to get a bird's eye view of the \$62 million renovation project to focus more on what's happening inside the doors.

"They said the view is incredible," Valentine said. "I'll take their word."

The beeping sounds of construction vehicles and the constant rumble of heavy equipment serves as a backdrop as Valentine takes the reins of one of the area's busiest hospitals. The work outside is loud and hot. The hallways are busy. There's a lot going on at OPMC and Valentine said she's eager to get started.

"This is a very fast-paced environment," she said. "What was really impressive is the culture here. You see everyone here caring for the patients and their families. If you get lost, you won't be lost for long. Someone will swoop in and ask you



Lisa Valentine



Valentine, center, meets with her team, including COO Mike Nordness, left, at the construction site for the new patient tower. The new CEO arrived as Orange Park Medical Center is in the middle of its \$62 million expansion project.

where you need to go."

Valentine said she wants OPMC to stay ahead of Clay County's rapid growth. The hospital has a top-tiered trauma center, and more than 116,000 patients came through the emergency room last year.

"You get a little bit of everything here," Valentine said. "My goal is to support the team here and serve the needs of the community. With all the construction and expansion, it can feel a little bit disruptive, but projects like this means we're growing. The crane and the noise are signs of progress. It means we're busy."

Valentine has been with HCA Healthcare since 1992, most recently as CEO for HCA's Summerville Medical Center located near Charleston, South Carolina. Valentine is returning home to Florida. She was raised in Live Oak and completed her

bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Florida.

"There were several things that attracted me to Orange Park Medical Center. This team is known for caring like family and clinical excellence. They really want to be the best and I love the fact that I get a chance to be a part of that," said Valentine. "Orange Park Medical Center has been here for 45 years. It's part of the fabric of this community and really integral to all the things that make it a great place to live, work and receive healthcare."

The \$62 million patient bed tower set to open in the fall of 2020. The first floor will be used as an outpatient clinic, while two floors will create 48 additional beds to increase the facility to 365 licensed beds.

The hospital also recently opened a second freestanding emergency room Normandy Park ER and a \$12 million hospital expansion housing cardiovascular labs and recovery rooms that are used to treat patients with irregular heart rhythm conditions.

"I'm really excited about the expansion project that's underway right now," Valentine said. "This hospital is going through incredible growth. It's a sign of progress and the community's confidence in the work we do here."

According to the Clay County Chamber, Clay County is on track to be the fastest growing county in the state. The county anticipates 12,000 homes to be built in the next decade.

Prior to her role as Chief Executive Officer at Summerville Medical Center, Valentine served in multiple HCA Healthcare roles including Chief Operating Officer of Henrico Doctors' Hospital. In addition, she served as Associate Administrator, Rehabilitation Service Line Administrator in the HCA Healthcare Richmond Market, and Rehabilitation Services Clinical Manager for Henrico Doctors' Hospital. Valentine is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and earned her Master's Degree in Health Services Administration with honors from Virginia Commonwealth University and Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy with honors from the University of Florida.

Valentine said she also will continue to emphasize the expansion of sub-specialty services like cardiovascular and pediatrics.

## Hands-free law now in effect for school, work zones

CLAY COUNTY – Drivers now must be hands-free while driving through a construction or school zone.

The Wireless Communications While Driving Law went into effect on July 1 and it prohibits drivers from texting. A second part of the new law prohibits a driver from holding a wireless device in a designated school crossing and school or work zones.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office will be focused on catching offenders.

"The safety of our county's children doesn't have a price," the agency said. "Distracted driving does take lives, and

school zones are an area where drivers especially, more than ever, need to be driving with undivided attention. We will enforce the law to its full scope, with warnings and then tickets when the educational period expires."

While it's illegal to text while driving, it's proven to be a difficult law to enforce since without cell phone records, it's not easy to prove a driver was texting.

The new law, however, doesn't have any wiggle-room, law enforcement said, since a driver can be cited for merely holding a phone in the restricted areas.



Lisa Valentine, left, and Dr. Youssef Al Saghir talk in the new Electrophysiology Lab Expansion space that opened in July.

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# Business Briefs



Clay Chamber's Amy Pope-Wells and Jacksonville University's Rick Mullaney sign a five-year agreement to compile business information for the county.

## Clay Chamber, JU combine to shape public policy

The Clay County Chamber of Commerce signed a five-year agreement of partnership with Jacksonville University so the school can gather statistics to help the chamber make business decisions in the future.

"Thank you to Jacksonville University

and all the Public Policy Students," said chamber chairwoman Amy Pope-Wells. "I am truly excited about the opportunity to collaborate and work together formally for the next five years. Experts assisting us with gathering data to help make unbiased fact-based decisions to support our mem-

bers and community regarding Public Policy. Shaping the growth and challenges of our community while not losing the things that make us special. Good Policy decisions

make for great communities. Honored to be surrounded & supported by the best and brightest in Florida regarding Policy."

## Rues win Molly Maid Neighborly Award for local service

ORANGE PARK – Molly Maid presented the Neighborly Award to Tom and Terri Rue, owners of Molly Maid of Orange Park and Southeast Jacksonville.

The Neighborly Award is presented to a Molly Maid business that stands out within the neighborly system by running or attending neighborly meetings in their market, participating in a neighborly co-op opportunity, organizing a Neighborly meet and greet with their neighbors and helping other brand owners.

"I am extremely humbled by the immense amount of dedication our owners put into their Molly Maid franchises.

Awarding and recognizing them is one way we can express our gratitude," said Molly Maid President Mary Kay Liston. "All award winners are standout Molly Maid owners that our entire system can look up to."

The Rues are also proud to support Quigley House, Clay County's only Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center. From a portion of the service fee associated with a home cleaning, they donate it to contribute to the thousands of survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Clay County and Northeast Florida each year.



Tom Rue, left, and his wife, Terri, third from left, were given the Neighborly Award by Molly Maid for their work with non-profit groups throughout Northeast Florida.

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# National 4-H Week highlights 110 years of inspiring youth

By Matthew Olson

UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Agent



CLAY COUNTY – As you read the headline for this article, I venture to guess that you thought “4-H, those kids are great at raising cows and growing corn.” I don’t blame you for thinking this as 4-H has a strong history in agriculture related programs. In fact, Florida 4-H was founded in 1909 with the purpose to educate boys on growing corn. From that beginning, 4-H has grown to become the nation’s largest afterschool youth development organization in the United States.

With National 4-H week coming up October 6-12th, there are a few things I’d like you to know about the Florida 4-H Youth Development Program. The first, and most important detail is that Florida 4-H is a child’s first class from the University of Florida. Yes, that’s right, GO GATORS! Florida 4-H is a program of UF/IFAS Extension, which is a tripartite partnership involving The United States Department of Agriculture, The University of Florida, and County Governments. This unique partnership exists not only in Florida, but in every state, meaning 4-H can be found in every state, every county, and is available to every child age 5-18 in the United States.

Next up I’d like you to know is that while 4-H has its humble beginnings growing corn, that’s not all we do. During the past 110 years, Florida 4-H has grown to focus on helping a child to develop skills that will help them throughout their life. Through 4-H clubs, overnight camps, workshops, and other programs, we strive to help youth find their “spark,” a passion or idea that everyone carries with them which brings them joy and hope. This can be anything from computer sciences, art, oceanography, agriculture, leadership... the possibilities are endless. If you have a child in Clay County Schools, you may have heard of them hatching chickens in their classroom, or the 4-H Tropicana public speaking contest. Both of those are 4-H programs and helped us to reach more than 13,000 youth last year in Clay County.

The last thing about 4-H that I’d like you to keep in mind is that our mission is nearly impossible without the fantastic volunteers who work with 4-H members.

An essential element of our 4-H youth development programs is a positive relationship with a caring adult. Most often this happens through our trained 4-H volunteers who work with 4-H members to facilitate the club meetings and learning. Our volunteers are passionate in sharing their knowledge about their own “sparks” whether is healthy lifestyles, beekeeping, raising a steer, or a whole host of possibilities. Last year, our 249 Clay County 4-H volunteers gave 7,787 volunteer hours which equates to over \$187,000 of economic value.

My hope is that through this article, you have a better idea about what 4-H is and how we work with fantastic volunteers to help youth grow and find their “sparks.”

If you have a child that you’d like to get involved in 4-H, or are an adult who would like to share your knowledge with 4-H members, please feel free to give us a call. For more information about 4-H you can contact Matthew Olson at (904) 284-6355 or m.olson@ufl.edu.

## Community Calendar

**CLAY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:** will conduct a public hearing on Oct. 10 at the Clay County Commission Chamber, fourth floor, at 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, from 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Fla. Rep. Bobby Payne (R-Palatka), Fla. Rep. Travis Cummings (R-Fleming Island) and Fla. Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Fleming Island) will hear requests for legislation or state funding for the 2019-20 regular session.

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** meets Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor, of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

**AMVETS BINGO:** is Oct. 10 at Post 86, 6685

Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

**MERCY SUPPORT SERVICES NIGHT OF HOPE:** is Oct. 10 at Sullivan Hall at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7190 U.S. Highway 17, Fleming Island. Florida Sen. Rob Bradley will be the honorary chair. The fundraiser is \$100 a person, and it includes dining, entertainment and live and silent auctions. To purchase tickets, see <https://clear-give.com/egive3/index.cfm?page=events>.

**JUST US GIRLS:** luncheon, silent auction and 50/50 bonus pot is Oct. 10 at Club Continental, 2143 Astor St., Orange Park. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. with proceeds benefiting the Stonecraft Ministries.



Front row: Kay-Kay Robinson, Callie Combs, Kaylynn Pavlisko, Katelyn Crick, Cassidy Cavanaugh. Seated Kota Bryant. Back row: Hay-Hay Foster, Gabbi Ocegura, Grace Wade, Coach Suzi Davis, Laura David and L’Nigh Connell.

### Shockwave win big in championship game

The Shockwave 14-u team, played seven games of fastpitch softball. They were five wins and two losses on the day. Timely hitting and great defense brought the team to the championship. In the championship game they played the ‘Panhandle Heat.’ The teams had previously split two games winning one each. The tie breaker began after 8:45 p.m. Laura Davis pitched the Shockwave to a 6-4 lead in the game with Hay-Hay Foster relieving had and closing the game out for a championship ‘save.’

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## DEFENSE



**Stewart Udell Jr.**  
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Stewart Udell Jr. locked down the Orange Park High secondary with six tackles, one interception and three pass break ups against Ridgeview in the Raiders 13-7 district win. Udell also had a jaw-dropping tackle of Panther wide out Rolando Gray that sent Gray's helmet downfield.

## OFFENSE



**Walter Simmons III**  
Junior, QB  
OHS



Walter Simmons III orchestrated a massive offensive attack for the Oakleaf High Knights with 151 yards rushing on his own with a 56 yard score and two scoring passes on 125 yards through the air as the Knights defeated Sandalwood 37-22 in a huge district 1-8A contest at Sandalwood. Simmons had TD passes of 14 and seven yards.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TIM GUNN

Oakleaf High quarterback Walter Simmons takes off amidst three Sandalwood defenders in game highlighted by a Simmons 56 yard touchdown run.

## Simmons' led Knights bump Sandalwood

By Doug Deters  
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE – In his post game speech, Oakleaf High football coach Frank Garis exclaimed to his team “welcome to 8A football!” after his Knights went into one of the most intimidating football environments in Duval county and earned a hard fought 37-22 district 1-8A win at Sandalwood.

“Our defensive goal was to contain number 10 (Sims),” said Garis. “They have guys all over the field that can score from anywhere. I thought we did

a great job of allowing him not to hurt us in the passing game. Although our guys were gassed by the fourth quarter in fact both teams were gassed because it was that type of intense game.”

Though, it was the first taste of 8A football for an Oakleaf team that has likely played one of the most difficult schedules in the state of Florida, defending 8A state champion Mandarin is next in just two weeks.

“We have to have depth to compete in 8A in order to survive all these great teams,” said Garis. “Along with that,

SEE KNIGHTS, 30

## Fleming Island survives V-Ball gauntlet, 3-2

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – The Fleming Island High School gym had plenty of whistles going off on Saturday in a rare three-team volleyball clash between state-ranked powerhouses that saw the Golden Eagles finish off a gauntlet last half of September with three power wins and two hard-fought losses.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island outside hitter Maya Walker has become major force for Eagles net attack.

“We want good games and we want to challenge our team,” said Fleming Island coach Amy Walker. “Games like these put the team in an uncomfortable situation and forces them to react under stress.”

After a rematch win over New Smyrna Beach at the JJVA River City Rumble in Jacksonville on September 14, Fleming Island High coach Amy Walker put her team through a week of competition that may surpass the region playoff two weeks of last season.

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**(2018, 2019)**

1A-Crescent City (9-3, 2-2) at **4A-Keystone Heights (5-5, 4-0)** (7:30 p.m.)

**Fleming Island**  
BYE **(6-4, 0-5)**

**Clay (4-6, 0-5)** at  
University Christian  
(4-1)

Down 21-0 at half, Clay came back, but lost 42-20 to Eastside in district 5-5A action. RB Al'Querious Ray rushed 12 times for 144 yards and three scores; all in the third quarter. WR D'Maurion Frazier had three catches for 21 yards plus seven tackles.



D'Maurion Frazier

**5A-Ridgeview (5-5, 0-5) at 6A-Middleburg (3-7, 1-4)**

**Oakleaf (6-5, 5-1)** BYE

**5A-Orange Park (6-4, 3-2)** at 5A-Bishop Kenny (5-5, 1-4)

**SJCDS (2-2)** BYE

St. Johns lost 52-6 to Bronson.

Team leaders for Spartans for three games (Bronson not available at press time) include Deuce Williams, 84.7 yards rushing per game, Joey Gomory, 163.5 yards passing per game and Robert Maytin, 12 tackles per game.



Deuce Williams

In the Spartans 30-22 win over Warner Christian on September 20, Gomory had a season-high 242 yards passing with four touchdowns including a 79 yard play. Williams had 130 rushing yards against Warner and held a 6.5 yards per carry average through three games.

Junior wideout Max Arnold leads the team with 11 catches in three games for 243 yards with three scores; one a 79 yard play.

Top tacklers are Liam Bielik with 28 stops in three games and Arnold with 21 tackles. Kyle Boylston has four interceptions.

**Game of the Week:** Monroe outduels Justino: Panthers 26, Broncos 24. Fourth quarter drive steals game; Monroe to Miller corner of end zone.

# Eagles's defense stumps Creekside

By Ray DiMonda  
Correspondent

ST. JOHNS – The Fleming Island High football team flew into the Kingdom of the Creekside High Knights and built a defensive brick wall in the first half that the Knights could not break through on their first six possessions as the Golden Eagles stayed perfect with a 37-21 district win Friday night in St. Johns County.

"It was a huge motivator facing the number one ranked offense in northeast Florida," said Golden Eagle Head Coach Damenyum Springs, now 5-0. "We really had to step up in the passing defense with our defensive backs. They have one of the top ranked quarterbacks (Quinn Sieger) who likes to scramble. We worked all week on containing with our D-line and Linebackers. They stayed in their rush lanes and stayed focused all night."

Offensively, Fleming Island amassed a 24-0 point lead heading into the half, then kept their foot smashed deep on the floor, never letting off as the Golden Eagles shut down the Knights with a 37-21 district win as the team heads into a much looked forward to BYE week before the team makes a three week run with the rest of their district opponents.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island defensive back Devin Grind wrestles down Creekside ball carrier.

**District 2-7A**

Fleming Island (5-0, 2-0) First Coast (Oct. 11), Buchholz (Oct. 18)

Buchholz (4-2, 1-0) Fletcher, Fleming Island, Creekside Oct. 11-18-24

Creekside (3-3, 1-1) Fletcher (Oct 18), Buchholz (Oct. 24)

Fletcher (1-3, 0-1) Buchholz (Oct. 11) Creekside

(Oct. 18), First Coast (Oct. 25)

First Coast (1-3, 0-2) Fleming Island (Oct. 11), Fletcher (Oct. 25)

After winning the toss and deferring, the defense went out and immediately made a statement as Creekside faced a

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# Indians run game runs roughshod

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ST AUGUSTINE – Keystone Heights High football rumbled to a fourth consecutive 250-plus rush yard game to pound out a 21-0 win over 2A-St. Joseph Academy on Friday in St. Augustine. The win preserves the Indians' unbeaten season start, now a 4-0.

"We limited St. Joseph for maybe eight possessions for the night," said Keystone Heights coach Chuck Dickinson. "We had a couple three downs and out, but most of our drives are long drives. They may have had 24 minutes of offense in the first half. We think if we hold our opponent to less than 10 possession per game is good for us because it keeps our defense fresh."

**Region 2-4A**  
**Keystone Heights (4-0)**

Cocoa (5-1)

Villages Charter (4-1)

Space Coast (3-2)

South Sumter (3-2)

Astronaut (2-2)

Cypress Creek (2-3)

Palatka (2-4)

Lake Highland Prep (1-4)

Umatilla (1-4)

Hudson (1-4)

Class 1A-4A Playoff scenario: Top six ranked teams in each region receive a playoff bid and will be seeded #1-6.

Dickinson knows that the upcoming showdown game with 1A-Crescent City (2-2) on Friday will test the Indians resiliency. Crescent City has wins of 50-0 (over IND-Akeylynn's Angels Christian Academy, 0-5) and 41-8 (over Wildwood) with a 41-0 loss to 1A powerhouse Madison County (5-1, loss to 5A-Lakewood in OT) and a 26-20 loss to Episcopal (5-1, coached by former Jaguars QB Mark Brunell).

"They got 15-20 seniors on that team that have played since sophomores," said Dickinson. "They lost a last second game to Episcopal last week on a late whistle on a kickoff. It will be a good test for us."

The Indians grinded to a 14-0 halftime lead behind a surprise 30 yard pass from Tibbitts on a halfback pass play to Jarrett

Hughes in the second quarter and a one yard Sanders plunge.

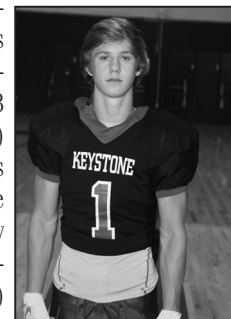
"We call that play our toss pass and we practice it in practice," said Dickinson. "We had just had a 10 yard toss sweep the play prior and it was a good situation to try to the toss pass. They executed it for the score."

In the second half, Townsend crunched in from one yard to finish the scoring.

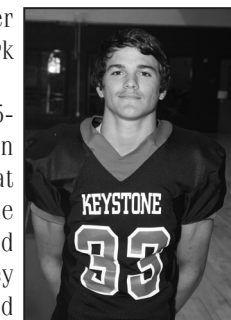
Tibbitts also snagged his second interception of the season at the goal line with 11:42 to go in the game to set up Townsend's fourth quarter score. Tibbitts returned the pick 31 yards to put Keystone Heights' offense on the field.

For the season the leather-lugging trio of Townsend, Friedlin and Sanders has accumulated 334, 318 and 259 yards, respectively, in four games, with Sanders getting four scores and Townsend and Friedlin both scoring three times. Hughes' touchdown pass catch is the only scoring pass for the Indian offense.

On defense, Andrew Cox is leading tackler with 45 stops; 34 solo, with Layton Murphy at 27 and Sanders and Dalton Hollingsworth both at 26. Tibbitts has two interceptions with Hollingsworth with one. Hollingsworth also has two fumble recoveries. Townsend and John Davis Schenck both have fumble recoveries as well.



Colton Tibbitts



Kade Sanders



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Ridgeview High defensive end Jordan Jackson gives chase to Raider quarterback Vincent Walker in Raiders' 13-7 district win.

## Udell, Dixon picks seal Raider win

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park High defensive backs Stewart Udell and Sean Dixon both got interceptions to preserve a 13-7 district win for the Raiders over host Ridgeview High on Friday at Ridgeview High. Dixon would also snare the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter for the win.

The win puts the Raiders at 3-2 for the season with a 2-0 in district 5-5A while the Panthers stay unbeaten at 0-5. Orange Park has Eastside (Oct. 18) and Menendez (Oct. 25) remaining on their district slate. Top teams in each district get into the playoffs with points determining the rest of the playoff field.

### District 5-5A

Orange Park (3-2, 2-0)  
Ridgeview (0-5, 0-1)  
Clay (0-5, 0-2)  
Eastside (2-3, 1-1)  
Menendez (2-2, 1-0)

With a scoreless first half highlighted by scrappy defensive play on both sides; an interception from Udell in the second quarter; a stuffed fourth down and two by Panther linebacker Miiku Tuisano with Orange Park on the Panther five yard line, and Raider defensive end Kendy Charles blocking a Panther field goal attempt as the half ended. Ridgeview also stopped the Raiders on a fourth down and four at the Panther 32 yard line late in the second quarter.

On offensive, missed opportunities left the score low with Raider quarterback Vince Walker missing a wide open Udell in the end zone in the first quarter and a fumbled snap by Panther quarterback Max

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## Broncos miscues lead to quick game gap

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE – Four first half turnovers doomed Middleburg at Jacksonville Lee as the Broncos dropped their District 2-6A opener 38-6 on Fri., Sept. 27 at Robert E. Lee High School.

The giveaways came at a most inopportune time for the Broncos, who were facing a Generals squad that had beaten defending state champions Raines and Mandarin in their previous two contests. Lee improved to 4-1, while Middleburg fell to 1-4.

"If we turn the ball over, we are not very good," said Broncos head coach Karl Smeltzer. "If we don't turn the ball over, we are pretty good."

It has been the story of the season so far for the Broncos, who have turned the ball over 10 times in their four losses, while winning by 35 points in their only turnover-free game.

"All of their points were points that we helped them with," lamented Smeltzer.

The Broncos started strongly, forcing a punt on Lee's opening possession. But on Middleburg's first play from scrimmage, cornerback Isaiah Jones stepped in front of a quick hitch pass intended

for Taj Gonsalves, intercepting it before stumbling to the turf at the Middleburg 26 yard line.

It took only two plays for the Generals to take advantage. Sophomore running back Alvin Gibson ran right for eight yards, then took an option pitch wide left, cut back inside and outran the Middleburg safeties to the end zone. Middleburg's Brody Senn blocked the extra point attempt.

A 43 yard punt return by Lee's Larry Smith gave the Generals another short field on their next possession. Again, Lee needed only two plays to score. Quarterback Gale Zarah ran for eight yards and then found Terry McKinney streaking open up the right sideline for an easy score and a 12-0 lead.

The Broncos fought gamely, marching into Lee's end of the field on each of their next three possessions. Each time, a turnover ended the threat, none more critical than quarterback Joe Justino's fumble inside the five yard line. With a first and goal at the six, Justino dropped back as if to pass, then charged up the middle. Simultaneous hits by Ralph Mincey from the right and Ahmahd Denmark from the left jarred the ball loose,

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# Golden Eagles XC puts four in Top 10

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

PONTE VEDRA – In a district eye-opening cross country clash, the Fleming Island High boys team said “Hello” at the St. Johns County-strong Craig Speziale Invitational featuring the likes of Creekside, Ponte Vedra and Bartram Trail with a scintillating four top 10 runners and the team title Saturday afternoon at Ponte Vedra High School.

“Maybe not quite a scorched Earth approach for us, but a good effort,” said Fleming Island’s newest cross country coach Dave Allen. “We challenged our 3-4-5 guys to run together as a pack and they executed. John Brinkman (out last week with SAT testing) returning as the fifth finisher is a strong group for us.”

Top finisher was Kameron Wallizada in second at 16 minutes, 26 seconds with teammate Will Livesay just three seconds behind him as the Golden Eagles stormed the field right from the start.

“We ran hard all week, a 12 miler on Monday, and a little off on Friday; only one thing matters, districts,” said Allen. “Keeping Kameron healthy is a big shot in the arm for us.”

In their new district 1-4 lineup, Fleming Island now clashes with former 3A powers Creekside (3rd), Ponte Vedra (9th) and Bartram Trail (5th) as well as Nease (7th).

For Livesay and Wallizada, who were a big part of the Fleming Island boys team getting a much-sought after state meet berth last year, the goal is to go big in the new district.

“Kam and I started strong and wanted to keep contact with the Creekside guys,” said Livesay. “I turned an ankle about two miles in and my foot went numb. I tried to just run through it and finish strong.”



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO  
Oakleaf High's Ajani Stokes is strong 1-2 punch for Knights with Dylan Nelson.

Wallizada stayed up front to battle with the Creekside front runner, eventual winner Owen Taylor in 16:14, while Creekside's second finisher, Mac Williams, fifth at 16:43, tried to hang on to the lead pack.

“I took the lead at the two mile mark in 10:25 and just kept pushing,” said Wallizada. “I saw Will like 15 meters behind me and knew I had to go. I opened at 5:08. That first guy hit the first mile in 4:55.”

Fleming Island dominated the top 10 places with Landon Opp in at 16:40 for fourth and Jayden Scherer sixth at 16:49. Brinkman would finish at 19th in 17:25.

“We get that fifth guy in, maybe Brinkman, then we get the perfect race,” said Livesay.

Livesay noted that running against Creekside, Bartram Trail and Ponte Vedra has its own rivalry set up.

“Last year, the big challenge was Buch-



Orange Park High's Emma Brown is running her strong season after breaking out last year as a contender in the Clay County high school scene.



Fleming Island High's duo of Will Livesay, front, and Kameron Wallizada make left turn in early stages at Craig Speziale Invite at Ponte Vedra High with Middleburg High's John Scholz, in black uniform, running stronger each meet as the season moves along.

holz and us, but now that everyone is together, it makes it more challenging,” said Livesay. “It makes us work harder.”

Also getting top finishes were Oakleaf High senior Ajani Stokes, who was the Knights top entrant with senior Dylan Nel-

son nursing an ankle injury, and Middleburg High senior John Scholz.

Stokes, in at 11th in 17:05, has the confidence of coach James Henderson to create a strong duo, with Nelson, in the district championship race.

“He runs right with Dylan all day in practice and just had to keep that confidence when the races come up,” said Henderson. “He needed this race as a breakout race to do that.”

Scholz, a fast starter for coach Paul Grybb, blasted with Wallizada at the start then battled to a 21st place finish in 17:28.

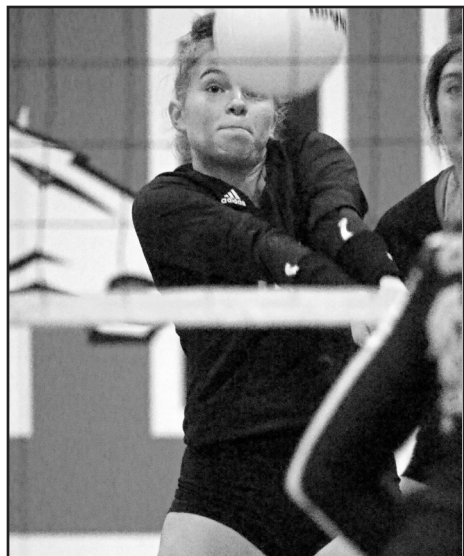
“I keep attacking from the gun and I keep getting better times,” said Scholz, who bettered his 17:40 from the Florida Horse Farm race two weeks ago. “If I can hold on a little longer each race, I should be under 17 by districts.”

In the girls varsity race, Middleburg High, led by Emma Mussante's 21:16 for 19th finished 10th with Oakleaf, led by Kylie Loving at 49th in 22:40 finished 12th.

Creekside won the team title with finishers at 1-4-9 with winner Elizabeth Iliff in at 19:09. Fleming Island's varsity girls paced teammates in the junior varsity race.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY TERI BRIGGS  
Fleming Island's Kameron Wallizada leads out start at Ponte Vedra cross country with Golden Eagles teammates, on right, moving strong pack to the forefront. Fleming Island got four runners in top 10 to take team title at Craig Speziale Invitational at Ponte Vedra High School.



Middleburg High's Graci Padgett concentrates on defensive bump in Broncos win over Oakleaf High School.

## V-ball

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2018, faced off with 5A Final Four Episcopal (9-9 overall with a schedule that included recent losses to No. 2 7A-Riverview Sarasota (16-5), 4A-Lake Highland Prep (15-2), No. 9 6A-Fort Myers (12-3, region semis 2018), 5A-Ponte Vedra (12-4, region semis 2018) and 4A-Santa Fe (11-3, 6A runnerup 2018 No. 2 4A 2019) with the Golden Eagles falling 3-2 in a grinder in a hot Fleming Island High School gym. With game scores of 22-25, 27-25 in the first two, then 29-27 and 25-22 in the next two, the two teams entered into a hotly contested overtime set to determine a winner.

In the final set, Episcopal stormed to an 11-9 lead, but Fleming Island shut down the Episcopal offense behind Emma Richard spikes at the net to take a 14-11 lead. Episcopal regrouped and got the game to 15-15 before a questionable call on a hit off the net gave Episcopal the 17-15 final and match point.

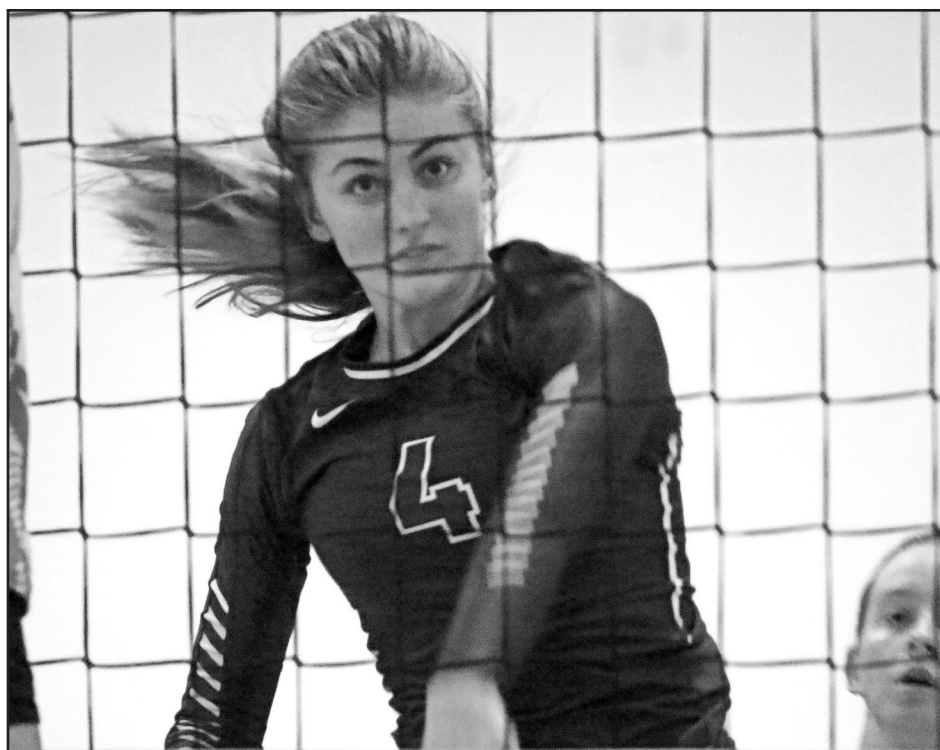
"I hate that this game (Episcopal) came down to a blatant missed called at the net," said Walker. "It was a good match. We hadn't had a game in a week with the hurricane and then trying to reschedule games."

Fleming Island did have a scheduled match with Tallahassee Leon for Mon., Sept. 30, but the match was cancelled.

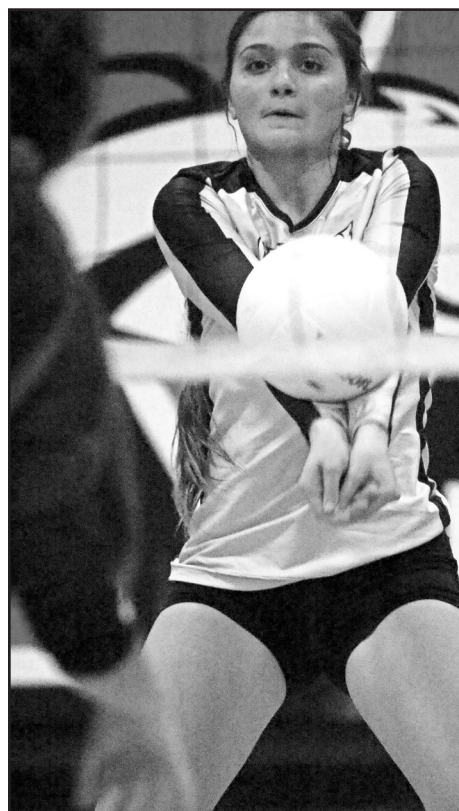
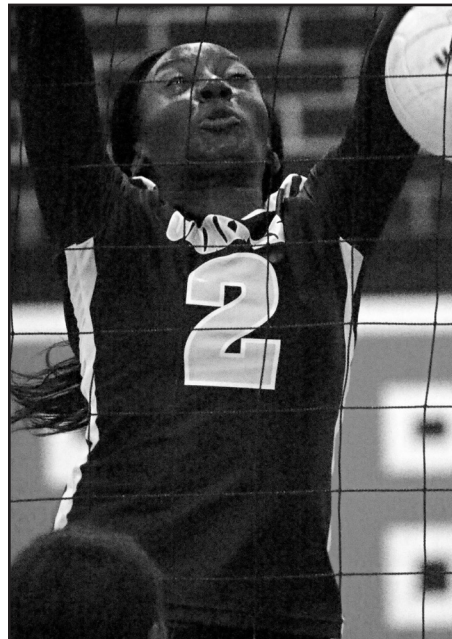
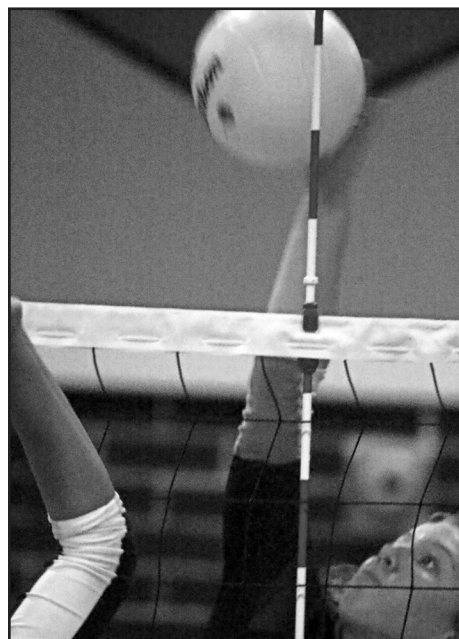
After Episcopal, Fleming Island took out Fletcher, 3-1, behind a front line attack of 12 kills from Maya Walker and Jasmine Robinson and 11 from Richards, in a key district game before entertaining Ponte Vedra and Santa Fe on a unique Saturday tri-meet. Fletcher opened with a 27-25 win before the Golden Eagles stormed to game wins of 25-13, 25-20 and 25-22.

Against Ponte Vedra in a morning match at Fleming Island High, the Golden Eagles won game one 25-23 in the best of three format, but had to fight back after losing game two, 25-22, to win in three 21-19. Richards was the lone hitter in double figures with 10 kills as the height advantage at Ponte Vedra held Walker and Robinson to just five kills apiece.

"Emma has become kind of a counter



Fleming Island outside hitter Emma Richard has blossomed as a third power hitter for coach Amy Walker. Below top left; Middleburg High's Jenna Sypniewski strikes big blow for Broncos; top right, Oakleaf's Jalana Hope is one of best blockers in county; bottom left, Oakleaf defender Arianna Vera and, bottom right, Middleburg's Mikayla Simmons handle the back line.



Fleming Island's Jasmine Robinson is main power force for Golden Eagles with thunderous spikes and high-flying blocks.

puncher for us with Maya and Jasmine both right handers," said Walker. "Being a left handed hitter, Emma gets some high percentage shots as blockers tend to lean right."

In the third game of the afternoon, with Santa Fe beating Ponte Vedra in game two, Fleming Island lost 24-26, 25-23 and 12-15 with Richards at nine kills leading the team.

Also throwing a little three-time district champion weight around, the Ridgeview High volleyball girls ended September with a flurry with six straight wins starting with Father Lopez in the JJVA tournament and continuing with wins over Middleburg, Fletcher (9-2), Keystone Heights, Yulee (15-4) and Baker County to push their record to 13-4 overall to top their district 3-5A lineup. Middleburg and Orange Park are both chasing with seven wins with Stanton at six wins.

For October, Ridgeview has Stanton, Fleming Island, Orange Park and Robert E. Lee to finish with coach Destiny Brightman highly anticipating a throwdown with her former Orange Park High mentor Amy Walker at Fleming Island on October 3.

"I think we are finally finding our identity on the court and realizing that we all have skills to win games," said Brightman. "The Fletcher win was big for us and the Middleburg win was a first time win for Ridgeview over Middleburg in a long time."

The Panthers are getting stellar scoring play from returning senior Shaniece Steer with 155 kills leading the team with sophomore Elaina Reynolds adding a strong 122 scores.

"We had to find her sweet spot on the court," said Brightman. "She's a great jumper."

Returning to bolster her blocking skills from last year is senior Devinn Nickson, who leads the team with 26 snuffs at the net. In the same district 3-5A, Middleburg has been taking some lumps with play against the likes of Bartram Trail, Tampa Catholic in tournament play with a Mon., Sept. 30 match at Bishop Kenny.

In district 3-4A, the Keystone Heights High Lady Indians (7-9) are pushing to stay with district leaders Yulee (15-4) and Fernandina Beach (14-8) as playoffs loom.

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# Knights

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our best players have to make great plays which they did tonight.”

The Oakleaf offense sputtered early on their first possession; perhaps adjusting to the intense sunlight and heat due to the early 6pm kickoff for Duval county schools. The defense struggled also on their first appearance as Sandelewood quarterback and Florida State commit Jeff Sims ran for 26 yards on a third down to set up the Saints at the Oakleaf 37 yard line. Two plays later Sims would find Bowling Green commit Javonte Robinson for a 28 yard touchdown pass and a 7-0 lead five minutes into the game and bringing the capacity crowd to their feet on homecoming night.

Oakleaf quarterback Walter Simmons III would quickly find his mojo converting a third down run 12 yards to the 43 yard line. Simmons III would find his favorite target, wide receiver Sean Washington, on a 26 yard pass to the Saints 17 yard line. Simmons would later find Washington on a 14 yard touchdown pass to tie the game at seven with 3:23 left in the first quarter.

Sandlewood would quickly drive down the field on a 32 yard pass to Robinson to the Oakleaf 38 yard line. The drive would stall when Miami commit Chantz Williams chased down Sims for a sack and 14 yard loss.

Simmons III would a seven yard touchdown pass to Terrance Anthony for a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter.

“Based on their defense, we knew we would have opportunities to run the quarterback. Walter did a great job of finding chunks of yards and making smart decisions” said Garis.

A 29 yard field goal by Damian Rogers got a 17-7 Oakleaf lead with just under five minutes until halftime.

Simmons III would make one of his few mistakes and throw an interception to Sandelewood’s Akil Lampley who ran 40 yards to the Oakleaf 20 yard line with just



Oakleaf High defenders Chantz Williams, right, and Deon Briggs, corral Sandelewood quarterback Jeff Sims in Knights district win over Saints.

over one minute until halftime. The Saints would score on the next play with a 20 yard touchdown pass to Robinson with 1:01 left in the half.

Most teams would run one or two plays up the middle and be happy with a halftime lead considering the team just turned the ball over on their last possession, but most teams don’t have the firepower the Knights possess. They came out throwing and a great one handed catch by Washington that netted 23 yards to the Sandelewood 33 yard line put the Saints on their heels. Simmons III then scrambled to the 16 yard line with :15 left and added a pass to Anthony to the three yard line with eight seconds left. Chantz Williams powered his way in for the touchdown at the buzzer for a 24-14 commanding halftime lead.

“I was really impressed with our offense and their decision making on that last drive before half. Taking the clock all the way down to zero and scoring a touchdown was huge,” said Garis.

In the third quarter, a Sandelewood drive would stall after a pass was caught but the ball was lost after a vicious Oakleaf hit allowed the ball to pop into the air. Knights defensive lineman GerJuan Brown sprinted and stretched out like a nimble safety for an interception at the Knights 39 yard line. Oakleaf would then go to the “ground and pound” with Williams again lining up at quarterback and bull his way up the middle for his second touchdown of the game and a 30-14 lead one minute into the fourth quarter. Rogers would miss the extra point to keep the Saints within two possessions of tying the game.

Williams again made a huge play with a third down sack to force a Saints punt that Omahr Toliver would return 40 yards to the Saints 27 yard line. However, a missed fourth down and one yard to go gave Sandelewood one more shot. However, the Saints would again turn the ball over on downs after a key second down sack by Knights defensive end Josh Murrell forced



Oakleaf High running back Adrian Grey looks downfield for more yards in win over Sandelewood.

a long fourth down conversion attempt that failed.

Simmons III would fumble on the next possession with 3:46 left trying to run out the clock on the ground and fatigue started to set in on both teams in this battle of heavyweight programs.

Sandlewood would complete a 36 yard pass to Robinson to the Oakleaf 43 yard line then Sims would find Kinsey for a another 36 yard completion to the Oakleaf seven yard line before scoring and suddenly the Saints were within one score and needing one defensive stop to get the ball back.

Simmons III would close the door on any comeback with a 53 yard touchdown run with 2:15 left in the game to up the lead to 37-22. Defensive back Jordan Randall would close the door completely with an interception on the first Saints play to seal the all important opening district game road win.



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### Bronco Volleyball Alums

Middleburg High volleyball coach Carrie Prewitt, right, extends welcome to former Bronco players that attended the Broncos winning match against Oakleaf High School on Thurs., Sept. 22. From left are Valerie McDaniel Agostini (1992) Ginni Mee Begley (1992), Jennifer Parret Myer (1996, coach at Oakleaf High School), Kasey Valentin (2015), Jordan Bemis (2015), Julia Sypniewski (2015), Priscilla Gipson Huntley (2008), Travis Padgett (1996, team manager), Kayla Gieger Finch (2011), Megan Sypniewski Larson (2011), Ashley Brewer (2010), Marcy Kennedy Hughes (1985), Randi Fordham (1988), Tracy Gibbons Fram (1988), Tonee Hughes (2019), Alaina Collamati (2018) and Shhiloh Crumbley Williams (2001).

## Eagles

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three and out punt. Fleming Island had their jitters as well as quarterback Dean Hyams was picked off on a third down with four yards to go. On the counter, the defense again came through as Fleming Island defensive end Jeremiah "the Bus" Jackson came up with a fumble recovery that put the Golden Eagles right back in the driver's seat.

Fleming Island fullback T. K. Kocak had his number called early with the Wild Cat offense that pushed in the last 23 yards in five plays to put Fleming Island up 7-0 when Kocak used his offensive line to open a gaping hole behind tackle Evan Sheets for an 11 yard score.

"The O-line did amazing tonight. I have to give them all the credit," said a humble Kocak as he evaluated his performance. "Our defense really stuck in there and our D-backs were absolutely amazing. We practiced all week on the scramble drills, knowing this Quarterback moves out of the pocket. It really paid off."

After another Creekside three downs and out, it was kicker Garrett Godfrey with the nod for a 33 yard field goal, 10-0.

Another Knights three and out, and an-

other Golden Eagle drive, this time highlighted with a Broden Domenico 25 yard reception, a Timmy Thomas 16 yard run, and a four yard Thomas touchdown at 8:31 of the second quarter, 17-0.

Another Knights three and out punt, and another Golden Eagle drive with back to back one-two punches with Domenico catches, and Thomas runs that had Creekside on their heels. As the Knights tried to shut down the one-two combination, Kaleb Seybolt was open on a third and 13 situation, taking it to the house to go up 24-0 at the half, stunning the Knights.

"Our coaches warned us this is one of the best second half teams we'll see," said Thomas. "The three games they won, were all comeback wins. At Nease, they were down like 30 points. We were not going to let up either."

Asked to grade his performance, Thomas was extremely hard on himself.

"B+. I did okay," said Thomas. "I demand perfection out of myself. When I transferred from Middleburg, I wasn't that good with my vision of the field. Coach Anderson helped me to see all of the field and opened my eyes a little more."

Knowing the Knights were a second half team, Fleming Island came out of the half break on fire. Taking the kickoff from deep in their own end due to a penalty, the

Golden Eagles drove deep until they faced a fourth down and called on Godfrey once again. From 31 yards, Godfrey stayed perfect on the night for a 27-0 lead.

On the counter drive, Creekside saw their first points with a deep pass to the right corner, 27-7.

After the kickoff, Fleming Island started on their six yard line, and went back to Thomas for a 56 yard run, backed up with a 19 yarder that threw ice on any hopes Creekside started to build.

As the game moved to the fourth quarter, the Fleming Drive was capped with another Kocak Wildcat look that faked out Creekside as the ball was handed off to freshman tailback Sam Singleton who went around the left corner to put Fleming Island up 34-7. "He is an absolute stud!" said Kocak of Singleton. "He's only a freshman and is super-fast. Just an awesome running back." Creekside came back, facing a fourth down and little time left for any comeback, went for it, and turned the ball over on downs. The next drive was a Singleton highlight reel as Fleming Island drove and faced fourth down again. Godfrey would come in and nail a career long 39 yarder that had a good 5-7 yards behind the crossbar, putting the Golden Eagles up 37-7.

"I was ready to hit it from wherever the coaches asked" said Godfrey. "It's up to the

coaches in the end. I'm not perfect but my goal is to make every kick and get points on the board for my team."

Creekside, going for it on another fourth down, found an open receiver in the end-zone to move to 37-14 with 3:37 to play.

Fleming Island would make their only punt of the game on their last drive with 1:00 to play. Creekside took advantage of the non-starters in the game and drove for a no-time on the clock touchdown for the 37-21 final that will move Fleming Island up, and Creekside down in the district.

The only sore spot on the night was Golden Eagle holding penalties.

"We minimized our offensive line holds" said Springs. "Now we have to step up on our receivers more and help them (with holding penalties)."

Asked for his highlight, Springs was proud of his defensive backs. "We were not tested like this yet in the beginning of the year. Last week against Ridgeview they were tested, and tonight we matched up real good because Creekside is the number one passing team. I'm real proud of these guys"

Fleming Island takes the week off to heal a few minor bumps and bruises as the bye week comes at just the right time. October 11th, Fleming Island will travel to First Coast High School.

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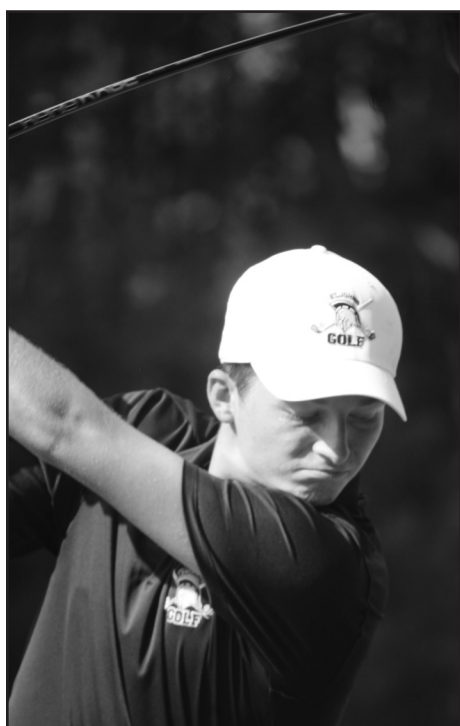
# New golf districts bring new challenges



Oakleaf's Jack Hickey powers off in recent match with Orange Park and St. Johns Country Day School. Knights trio of Hickey, Zach Maples and Nolan McCormack give Knights good shot at district title run. Oakleaf most recent win was 169-216-222 win September 24 over Middleburg and Ridgeview with Middleburg freshman Chase Carroll scoring two over par to medal.



Orange Park's Cody Boyer is returner from Raiders third in district finish last year with Raiders now in new district with likes of Gainesville and Menendez.



St. Johns Country Day School's Dru Detlefsen has had two first place finishes in recent week.



Ridgeview's Autumn McKee powers up in match with Keystone Heights.

## Boys Golf District Tournaments

**District 2-3A:** Hosted by Golf Club of Fleming Island, Tues., Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m.

**Teams:** Atlantic Coast, Bartram Trail (District 3-3A champion 2018, Region 1-3A runnerup to Chiles, 8th in 3A, Brett Schell (SR) second in 3A), Creekside (Second District 3-3A 2018), First Coast, Fleming Island (Second District 2-3A 2018), Oakleaf, Fletcher (Third District 3-3A 2018), Mandarin (Two region qualifiers 2018), Nease, Sandalwood

**District 3-2A:** Hosted by Palatka Golf Club, Tues., Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m.

**Teams:** Clay (Andrew Lonsdale (now at Fleming Island), region qualifier 2018), Middleburg, Ridgeview (Logan Bialek, region qualifier 2018), Orange Park (Third in district 5-2A 2018), Eastside, Gainesville (2nd District 3-2A 2018), Matanzas (One region qualifier 2018), Menendez (Third in District 6-2A 2018), Palatka (One region qualifier 2018), Santa Fe (Three returning individual region qualifiers 2018)

**District 3-1A:** Hosted by Quail Heights Country Club, Mon., Oct. 14, 9 a.m.

**Teams:** St. Johns Country Day School (Third in District 4-1A 2018), Keystone Heights (Third in District 6-1A 2018), Bradford, Branford, First Coast Christian, Lafayette, Madison County, Taylor County, Union County

## Girls Golf District Tournaments

**District 2-3A:** Hosted by Atlantic Beach Country Club, Mon., Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m.

**Teams:** Atlantic Coast, Bartram Trail (District 3-3A champions 2018, 12th in 3A), Creekside (Third District 3-3A 2018), First Coast, Fleming Island (Third in District 2-3A 2018), Oakleaf (Two region qualifiers; Sklyer Ricks graduated, Samantha Godfrey, freshman), Fletcher (Second District 3-3A 2018), Mandarin (One region qualifier 2018, graduated), Nease, Sandalwood (Two region qualifiers 2018, graduated)

**District 3-2A:** Hosted by Palatka Golf Club, Mon., Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m.

**Teams:** Clay, Middleburg (Second District 5-2A 2018), Ridgeview (Two region qualifiers 2018), Orange Park (One region qualifier 2018), Eastside, Gainesville, Matanzas (Third District 6-2A 2018, One state qualifier-graduated), Menendez (One region qualifier 2018), Palatka, Santa Fe (Three region qualifiers 2018)

**District 3-1A:** Hosted by Quail Heights Country Club, Tues., Oct. 15, 9 a.m.

**Teams:** St. Johns Country Day School (Third in District 4-1A 2018), Keystone Heights (Champions District 6-1A 2018, Camille Jackson (JR) state qualifier, 24th in 1A), Bradford, Branford (Second District 7-1A 2018), First Coast Christian, Lafayette, Madison County, Taylor County, Union County



Keystone Heights' girls team, unbeaten thus far, has Candace joining sister Camille Jackson, last year's lone state meet golfer, for possible team state run with Lady Indians sporting four girls capable of single digit scores. Keystone Heights' new district has St. Johns Country Day School.



# Dreadnaughts pound St. Augustine

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - On a blistering hot Saturday morning, the Fleming Island Dreadnaughts Mighty Mites football team opened with a 78 yard scoring run from tailback Tristan Stevenson en route to a 31-0 win at Fleming Island High School.

After defensive stop at their own 10 yard line after St. Augustine went 60 yards on their opening play, the Dreadnaughts got tackles for losses from Wyatt Raposa, Jonathan Riley and Jaidyn Gomez to set up Stevenson's house call on the Dreadnaughts ensuing series.

Fleming Island locked down St. Augustine in their next series with Ryan Siliac breaking through for a tackle for loss on third and five.

After the punt, with Rapoza dancing for 15 yards on the return, the Dreadnaughts offense went right to work with Reese Miller pounding for a 36 yard scoring run and a 13-0 lead. Brody Arnett took a sideline pass from quarterback Raposa and dove in for the PAT points.

A massive sack by defensive end Isaiah Hrabal put St. Augustine at fourth and 15 on the next series with a punt putting the Dreadnaughts back on offense.

On a third and 14 play that included a bad center snap, Stevenson rumbled through the center of the St. Augustine defense to a 38 yard scoring scamper and a 19-0 lead that last to the half.

Fleming Island would add 12 points in the second half for the 31-0 win.



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Fleming Island Dreadnaughts defenders Jaidyn Gomez and Adam Whigham take down St. Augustine ball carrier.



Dreadnaught touchdown duo Reese Miller, left, and Tristan Stevenson celebrate Stevenson's second score in 31-0 win over St. Augustine.



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts enter the field with Reese Miller carrying the American flag to the sideline. Dreadnaughts beat St. Augustine 31-0 with 20-0 first half.



Dreadnaught wide out Brody Arnett walks point after pass over goal line.



Dreadnaughts center Ethan Spahn surveys defensive formation against St. Augustine.



Fleming Island defensive tackle Ryan Siliac gets a knee on St. Augustine ball carrier in first half action. Dreadnaughts won 31-0 at Fleming Island High School.

# Raiders chase Nease, Bartram Trail at SJRAC swim meet

**Districts: Oct. 21-28**

**By Randy Lefko**  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE – In a warmup for the upcoming district swim championships at the end of October, the Orange Park High Raiders boys swim team got outstanding performances that started with a strong third place finish in the 200 medley relay behind eventual champion Nease and eventual runnerup Bartram Trail to take top county spot at the St. Johns River Athletic Conference swimming and diving championships held Friday and Saturday at the Cecil Field Aquatic Center. Bartram Trail's girls, now in Class 4A along with Creekside and Nease, were Class 3A runnerups last year to Creekside with Nease fifth. Bartram Trail's boys were Class 3A runnerups with Creekside third.

Orange Park, a Class 2A team, finished third behind the two Class 3A powerhouses with Fleming Island, a former Class 4A power now in Class 3A, fourth.

In the girls 200 medley relay, Fleming Island's girls team of Sarah Grimm, Emma Grimm, Abree Clark and Christine Johnson, won overwhelming over Bartram Trail winning by almost two minutes. Later, in the 200 free relay, Fleming Island; Katie Townsend, Reagan Crosby, Emily Ramsden and Abree Clark split the Nease and Bartram Trail attempt at a 1-2 finish with the Golden Eagles chasing Nease to the runnerup spot.

For the Lady Golden Eagles, Sarah Grimm won two individual titles with gold in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Orange Park's boys medley relay; Jared Kiep, Ryan Pritchard, Daniel Hinkle and Jose Medina edged out Fleming Island by a minute to set the tone of a dogfight for the rest of the meet.

Hinkle would grab a second in the 500 free and a third in the 200 free with newcomer Jose Medina blasting a third place in the 100 free to push the points for the Raiders.

Orange Park's boys 200 free relay; Medina, Bruce Arauz, Pritchard and Hinkle also chased Nease to a runnerup finish with Fleming Island just a second behind the Raiders.

Orange Park's boys team finished third behind Nease and Bartram Trail high schools, but also edged Fleming Island



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Standout performances at the St. Johns River Athletic Conference swimming and diving championships came from Orange Park High's Daniel Hinkle, top left, and Fleming Island High's Sarah Grimm as Hinkle led Raiders to tough third place finish and Grimm won two events.



With wins from Kylie Loving, above left; Ethan Schroeder, above right, and Lauren Galloway, below, Oakleaf High's swim team was able to battle a dual meet win over Orange Park High on Thursday with Loving winning the 200 and 500 freestyle, Schroeder winning the 100 free and Galloway winning the 100 free. Oakleaf boys won 141-138 with the girls winning 194-81. Daniel Hinkle won the 200 and 500 free for Orange Park.

High School by nearly 70 points. For the rest of the field, Middleburg finished ninth.

In the girls meet, Bartram Trail upended Nease for the top spot with Fleming Island finishing third. Middleburg took sixth with the Lady Raiders finishing eighth.

In the combined scores, Nease topped the field ahead of Bartram Trail and Fleming Island with Orange Park fifth and Middleburg ninth.

In the final event of the meet, the 400 free relay; Fleming Island's girls; Emma

Grimm, Abree Clark, Christine Johnson and Sarah Grimm finished again behind Nease, but ahead of Bartram Trail while, in the boys 400 relay, Orange Park finished sixth with Fleming Island seventh.

Middleburg got top 10 finishes from the girls 200 medley relay; Alyssa English, Kayleigh McWatters, Allicyn Herringdine and Brooke Swenson with a sixth place, a seventh in the girls 200 free relay, an eighth in the boys 200 free relay, a seventh in the girls 400 free relay and eighth in the boys 400 free relay.

Finishing in top five spots individually were, Ashlynn Nieuwenhuis (FIHS) fourth in 200 free and fifth in 500 free; Emma Grimm (FIHS) third in 200 IM and second in 100 breaststroke; Ryan Pritchard (OPHS) fourth in 200IM and fifth in 100 breaststroke; Jilliam LaBelle (FIHS) fourth in 1 Meter diving; Christine Johnson (FIHS) fifth in 100 butterfly; Reagan Crosby (FIHS) fifth in 100 free and Jose Medina (OPHS) third in 100 free.



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# Wallace-to-Hampton fuels win

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Just before halftime, the Oakleaf Junior High football tandem of quarterback Brandon Wallace and D.J. Hampton scorched the secondary of the Orange Park Junior High defense for a 13 yard quick slant and a 64 yard bomb for scores as the Yellow Jackets cruised to a 34-12 win Thursday night at Orange Park High School.

A scoreless first quarter left both teams looking for offense as Wallace was unable to click with his passing game.

As the halftime break loomed, with 4:57 to go, Wallace struck first with Hampton on a quick slant in the end zone from 13 yards out. That touchdown was set up from a fumble recovery from defensive tackle Javaughn Rollins of a massive sack attack from teammate Elijah "Pork Chop" Schevchok put Oakleaf's offense back on the field.

On the next Oakleaf series, Hampton lofted a pass in front of the Yellow Jacket sideline with coach Merlin Smith looking skyward to the long ball as it landed in the grasp of Hampton again for the 64 yard score that ended the half.

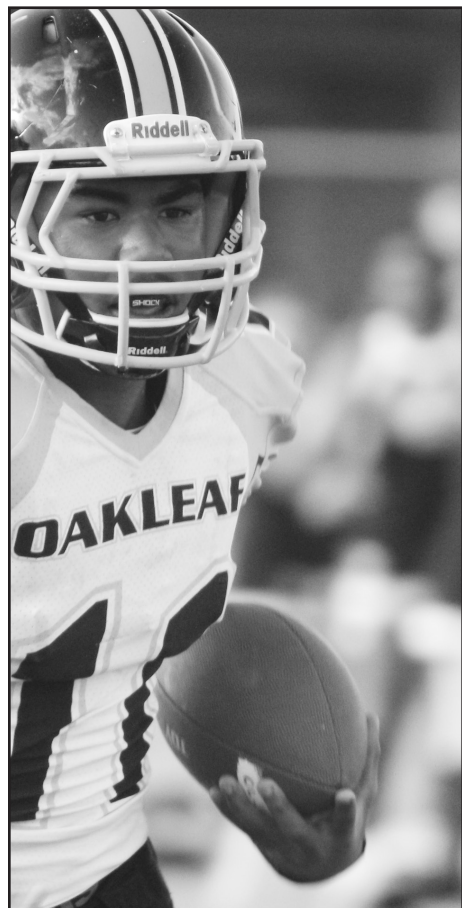
Wallace and Hampton would hit for another pass score in the second half to end the game at 34-12.



Oakleaf Junior High wideout D.J. Hampton grasps ball that eventually became a 64 yard scoring play for Yellow Jackets in 34-12 win over Orange Park. Oakleaf was set to play Lake Asbury on Tues., Oct. 1 for county title with NEFAC playoffs set to begin next week.



Lakeside Junior High middle hitter Brooke Forkum is leading hitter for unbeaten Lady Gators varsity team as NEFAC playoffs are set to begin next week.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf Junior High quarterback Brandon Wallace romped 35 yards to paydirt to score gamewinning touchdown for Yellow Jackets who won 14-8 over Lake Asbury to win the Clay County football title Tuesday night at Lake Asbury. Playoffs start next week for area teams in the Northeast Florida Athletic Conference.



Oakleaf Junior High quarterback Shayla Husnick tackles center snap from teammate Sydney Woolever in Yellow Jackets 6-2 loss to Lakeside. Playoffs begin with Lake Asbury still unbeaten and Oakleaf, Lakeside and Green Cove Springs in the hunt. Green Cove, coached by defensive wizard Doug Deters, beat Oakleaf 6-0 on Mon., Sept. 30 with an interception touchdown.

## Northeast Florida Athletic Conference standings

Playoffs: October 8

### Football (Overall, division)

Bradford (4-1, 3-0)

**Green Cove (3-2, 1-2)**

**Lake Asbury (3-2, 1-2)**

**Wilkinson (1-4, 1-2)**

Baker Co. (4-1, 2-1)

**Lakeside (0-6, 0-3)**

**Oakleaf (4-1, 3-0)**

**Orange Park (1-4, 1-2)**

### Volleyball (Overall, division)

South Division

**Green Cove (8-1, 5-0)**

**Wilkinson (6-3, 3-3)**

**Lake Asbury (4-4, 3-3)**

Bradford (0-10, 0-6)

### North Division

**Lakeside (10-0, 6-0)**

Baker Co. (5-4, 4-2)

**Oakleaf (3-5, 2-4)**

**Orange Park (0-9, 0-6)**

### Volleyball playoff schedule

Varsity 8th grade Round 1

Game 1 Bradford (S4) @ LSJH (N1)

**Game 2 OLJH (N3) @ WLKJ (S2)**

**Game 3 OPJH (N4) @ GCJH (S1)**

Game 4 LAJH (S3) @ BCMS (N2)

8th grade semi finals @ Bradford 10/8

5:30 Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2

6:45 Winner of Game 3 vs Winner of Game 4

8th grade Championship @ Bradford 10/10 6:45

JV 7th grade Round 1

Game 1 Bradford (S4) @ LSJH (N1)

**Game 2 OLJH (N3) @ LAJH (S2)**

**Game 3 OPJH (N4) @ GCJH (S1)**

**Game 4 Wilkinson (S3) @ BCMS (N2)**

**7th grade semi Finals at OPJH 10/7**

5:30 Winner of Game 1 vs Winner of Game 2

6:45 Winner of Game 3 vs Winner of Game 4

**7th grade Championship @ Bradford 10/10**

5:30

### Flag Football (Overall, division)

South Division

**Green Cove (1-0-1, 0-1)**

Wilkinson (1-4, 1-1)

**Lake Asbury (5-0-1, 1-0-1)**

North Division

**Lakeside (4-1, 2-0)**

**Oakleaf (3-2, 2-1)**

**Orange Park (1-5, 0-3)**

Cross country championships at Cecil Field, Fri.,

Oct. 4 at 5pm.



**Chock full of Cheerers**  
**Staff photos by Randy Lefko**

Ridgeview High cheerleader coach Aimee Stutz invited a cadre of young cheerleaders to join the Panthers sideline cheerleaders in Friday's county clash with Orange Park High School.

**Raiders**  
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Monroe on fourth and two at the Raider 40 in the first quarter. On that first offensive series that started at the Panther four yard line after Tuisano's stuff of Raider tailback Alex Collier on fourth down, Monroe was able to move the ball equally with running back Ray Gonzalez slicing through the Raider defense, scatback Rolando Gray taking a quick outside pass for 16 yards and wide out Spencer Calise snaring an 18 yard pass to the Raider 40.

In the second half, with both teams looking to curb the turnovers, Monroe set up the first score of the night despite a near interception by Udell on first down at the Panther seven.

Monroe would misfire twice on passes before scampering 15 yards on third down to keep the drive alive with Gray snatching a 15 yarder to the Panther 43.

From there, Monroe found Calise down the Panther sideline with defensive back Parris Taylor lagging behind about two steps. Calise caught the pass at the Raider 30 and outran Taylor to the Raider four yard line. Monroe would dive in for the score with Austin Leonard's kick giving Ridgeview a 7-0 lead with 6:01 left in the third period.

Orange Park again moved the ball downfield with Udell catching a 20 yard



Ridgeview High quarterback Max Monroe is in tough spot with Orange Park defender Lashun Arnold under him and Jacob Moore above him in Raiders 13-7 win.

pass on the Raider 40 that got 10 more yards for an helmet-to-helmet tackle by Panther safety Glenn Miller that put Orange Park at the 50. Orange Park got nine yard runs from Walker and Collier to the Panther 30 in what looked like a response to the Panther score, but Walker missed Udell on third down and Soto on fourth down in the end zone.

Three incompletes by Monroe set up a punt that Raider defensive back Cameron Broughton got a piece of to put Orange Park at the Panther 26. Walker made quick work of the opportunity; hitting Collier for a 22 yard scoring pass just a minute later to tie

the score at 7-7. Kendy Charles knocked in the PAT kick as well as the ensuing kickoff.

Forced out of the pocket, Monroe was intercepted by Dixon on the next series to put the Raiders offense back on the field at midfield. Charles would miss wide left on a 15 yard field goal attempt.

After a fourth quarter opening series dominated by Raider linebacker Jordan McCray, the Raiders started from the Ridgeview 23 after a punt.

From the 23, Walker made quick work with an 18 yard pass to Udell to the Panther 20 and a successful fourth and two

plunge by Collier to the Panther 13. Hand-offs to Collier and Terrance Johnson would put Orange Park on the one where Walker hit Dixon on a quick slant in the end zone with Panther defensive back Matthew Dye battling for the ball as the pair hit the turf. Panther linebacker Dillon Torrefranca blocked the extra point with 7:44 left in the game to put the game at 13-7.

A late hit on Monroe on first down moved the Panthers up to the 25 yard line after a sack by Lashun Arnold put Ridgeview at their own 10. A defensive hold gave Ridgeview 10 yards back to the Panther 35, but Ji'Ovanni Fowlin tripped up Monroe to lose four. A handoff to Gray got 10, but Monroe missed on a jump pass to end the series.

Orange Park looked like they were heading to another score with a four first down drive behind a Udell pass of 11 yards and eight yard pass to Soto got the Raiders to midfield.

Collier would pop off a 44 yard scoring run in front of the Panther sideline, but a hold penalty negated the score with a minute to go.

Udell nearly snagged a second interception on first down on the Panthers' final series, but the game ended with Ridgeview on their own 30.

Orange Park travels to Bishop Kenny for their next game with Ridgeview taking on Middleburg at Middleburg High School.

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## Fleming's Robinson part of Ave Marie football defense

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The NAIA Ave Maria football team gave NCAA Division I Jacksonville all they could handle on Saturday afternoon after finding themselves in a 14-0 hole early before staging short comebacks in the 42-28 loss Saturday afternoon in Jacksonville.

On defense for the Gyrenes of Ave Maria is former Fleming Island High defensive tackle Jalyn Robinson, a sophomore. Robinson finished the game with tackles; one a tackle for loss, the other a sack.

For the season, Robinson has 17 total tackles with games of five apiece in the Gyrenes first three games against Cumberland (KY), St. Andrews and Bluefield (VA). Robinson also has four tackles for losses totaling 14 yards and 2.5 sacks for nine yards of losses.

Robinson also plays on special teams. The Gyrenes finished at 6-4 in 2018.

Jacksonville opened the game with a 69-yard touchdown pass from BJ Riley to Mitchell Bailey on their second play of the game to take a 7-0 lead. Another big play, a 57-yard rush by Calvin Turner, on their second drive put AMU in an early 14-0 deficit.

The Gyrenes settled in on their second possession and capped a six-play, 73-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown pass



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Fleming Island High graduate Jalyn Robinson is a two year starter at defensive end for the NAIA Ave Marie University of Naples football team. Ave Marie lost 42-28 to Jacksonville on Saturday .

from Will Tate to Christian Przybysz. A successful point after by Derek McCormick made it 14-7 Jacksonville.

After a scoreless third quarter, Quino Mauricette scored on a five-yard run with 13:31 to play in the fourth to make it 31-28 in favor of Jacksonville.

A field goal and interception returned for a score sealed the game for the Dolphins.

Ave Maria opens Mid-South Sun Division play next weekend when they travel to 17th-ranked Southeastern. The game will kick-off at 7 p.m. in Lakeland, Fla.

## Fleming Island boys golf ramp up for district run

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OCALA - In a preview of the upcoming district 2-3A boys golf tournament, set for October 15 at Golf Club of Fleming Island, the Fleming Island High boys team battled to a sixth place finish in a tough field at the Wildcat Invitational in Ocala after finishing second to Bartram Trail in the St. Johns River Athletic Conference championships in Palatka.

Freshman Colton Swartz continued his red-hot play with a 3-over par 75 for 18 holes in Ocala for ninth overall to give the Golden Eagles 311 strokes; just 14 strokes away from team champion Winter Park, the defending 3A champions. The sixth place finish was Fleming Island highest in the three year history of the tournament which featured area powerhouses Bartram Trail (328, 7th in 3A 2018), Ponte Vedra (329, 2A champ 2018), Creekside (337) and Oakleaf (381). Top five were Winter Park, Ocala Forest, Windermere (5th in 3A 2018), Lake Mary and Bishop Moore (5th in 2A 2018).

Fleming Island finished second with 300 strokes to Bartram Trail's 296 in the SJRAC championships. Andrew Lonsdale's 74 led the scoring for the Golden Eagles



Fleming Island freshman Colton Swartz has had the hot hand with five first place finishes including a Tuesday win over Fletcher, 160-169 in a district 2-3A clash. The win raises the team record to 9-2-1. The Golden Eagles were to face District 3-3A champion, 1-3A region runnerup Bartram Trail on Wed., Oct. 2. Fleming Island beat Bartram Trail 162-165 in August.

with Jamie Adams and Andrew Davis both hitting 75. Swartz hit 76. Orange Park scored 384 and Middleburg scored 409.

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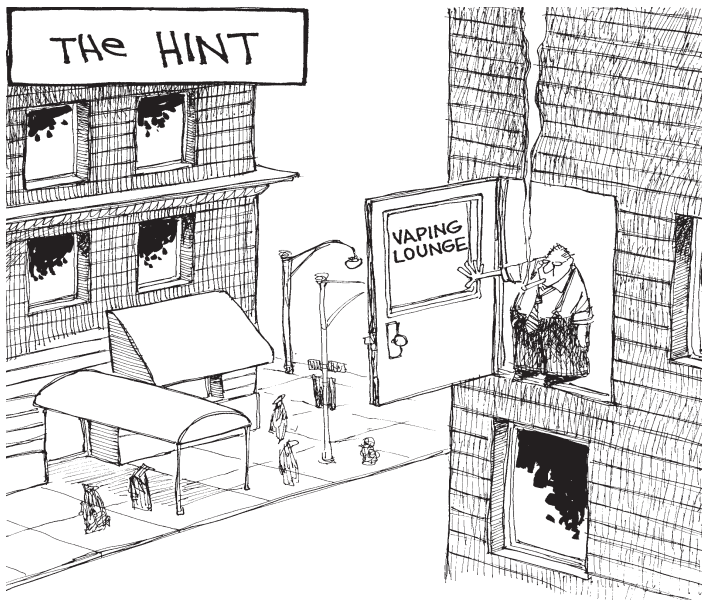
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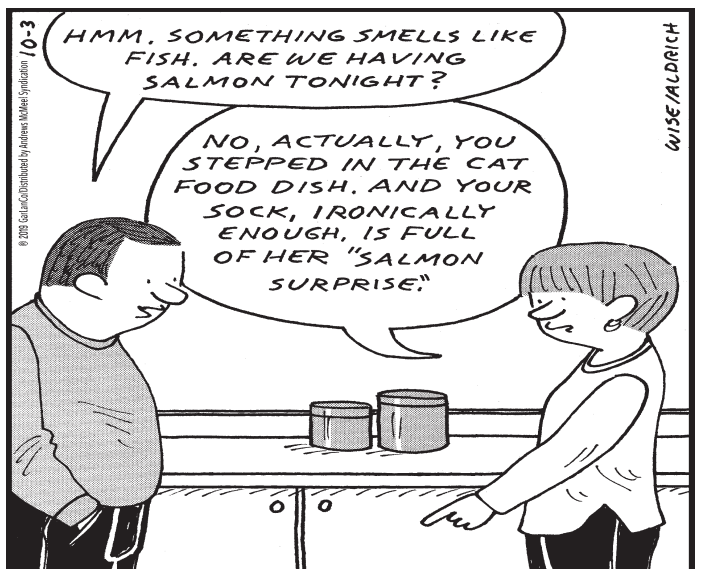
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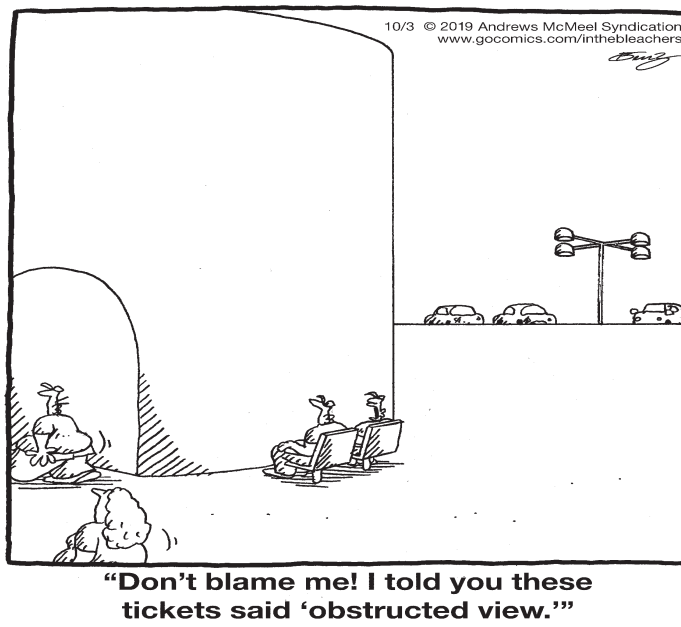
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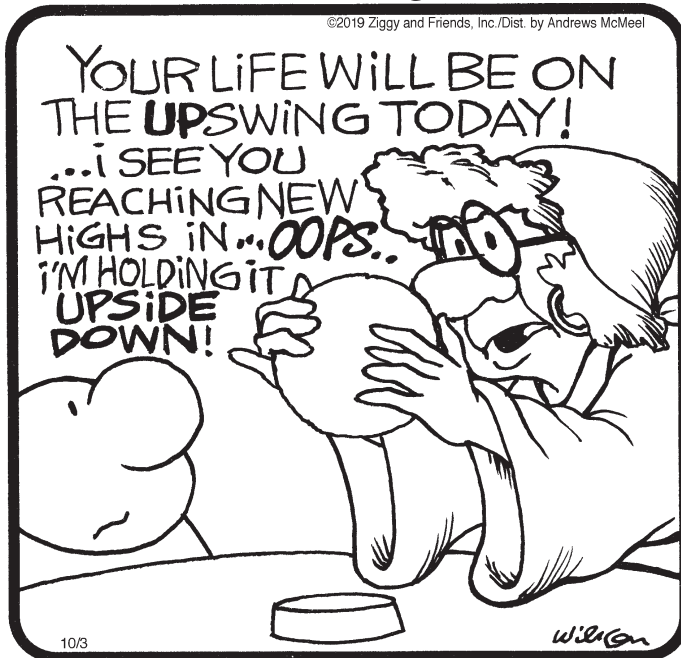
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## Broncos

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and it was recovered by the Generals' Jai Robinson at the two yard line.

"We were going to make it 12-6 or 12-8, and that could have made it a different ball game," said Smeltzer.

The Broncos defense held firm, though, and Middleburg had a second chance to pull within one score. Taking possession at their own 45, the Broncos secured a first down at the Lee 40 yard line. After an illegal motion penalty nullified a 12 yard gain, a Justino throw was tipped by Generals linebacker Devin Smith and corralled by Jones, who returned his second theft 27 yards to the Middleburg 33 yard line. On the next play, Zarah, who finished with three touchdowns passing and one rushing score, hit McKinney in stride streaking up the seam for a touchdown. A slant pass for a two-point conversion stretched the Generals' lead to 20-0 with 4:27 remaining in the second quarter.

A juggling catch by the Generals' Jeremy Robinson after Smith's theft gained 37 yards, putting Lee in position for a Hail Mary. An apparent touchdown on the next play was nullified by a penalty, but the referees gave the hosts one more untimed down. Zarah, under heavy pressure from both edges, circled to his left and threw a high spiral that was caught in the end zone by Gibson. A slant pass to Robinson made the score 28-0 at the intermission.

The Broncos began the second half with a drive that finally resulted in points, Aided by three personal fouls against Lee, Middleburg's Justino crashed through a pile at the goal line on a quarterback draw for the final six yards. Lee's McKinney blocked the extra point attempt.

Both offenses had difficulty in the final 12 minutes with Lee scoring a safety on a botched punt snap.

"I expected the whole game to be like the second half," said Smeltzer, whose Broncos were outscored in the final two periods only 10-6. "Our entire team plays extremely hard, but you have got to play your best against teams like this."

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**Defendants.**  
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(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Jaimie Pippin  
Deputy Clerk

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**vs CHARLOTTE ARLENE WEBB A/K/A CHARLOTTE A. WEBB; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLOTTE ARLENE WEBB A/K/A CHARLOTTE A. WEBB; SWEETBRIAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., et al.**  
**Defendant(s).**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 19, 2019, and entered in 2018-CA-001290 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and CHARLOTTE ARLENE WEBB A/K/A CHARLOTTE A. WEBB; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLOTTE ARLENE WEBB A/K/A CHARLOTTE A. WEBB; SWEETBRIAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on October 24, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 69, SWEETBRIAR, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29 PAGES 20, 21, 22 AND 23 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
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Dated this 20th day of June, 2019.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO: 2015-CA-000642  
**ONEMAIN FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., PLAINTIFF,**  
**VS.**  
**RANDY L. OLIVER A/K/A RANDY LAWRENCE OLIVER, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S)**  
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A PORTION OF LOT 35-A, WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1069, SAID LOT BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH 345.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 4620 FEET OF THE WEST 165.0 FEET OF THE EAST 3,465.02 FEET OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING IN AREA 1.31 ACRES MORE OR LESS. EAST-WEST DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND NORTH-SOUTH DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS PURPOSES COVERING A PORTION OF SAID LOT 35-A, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH, 345.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 4,620.00 FEET OF THE WEST 15.0 FEET OF THE EAST 3,465.02 FEET OF SAID SECTION 25.  
**PARCEL "B"**  
A PORTION OF LOT 35-A, WEST BIG BRANCH, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED SURVEYOR NO. 1221, ON JULY 22, 1969, SAID LOT BEING SITUATED IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 315.00 FEET, OF THE NORTH 660 FEET OF THE SOUTH 4620 FEET OF THE WEST 165.0 FEET OF THE EAST 3465.02 FEET OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA BEING IN AREA 1.19 ACRES MORE OR LESS. EAST-WEST DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION AND NORTH-SOUTH DISTANCES ARE MEASURED PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION. TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS PURPOSES COVERING A PORTION OF SAID LOT 35-A, SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE NORTH, 345.0 FEET OF THE SOUTH 4,620.00 FEET OF THE WEST 15.0 FEET OF THE EAST 3,465.02 FEET OF SAID SECTION 25.  
**TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1984 REDM MOBILE HOME BEARING ID'S 11417069A AND 11417069B**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. The Court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 2019-CA-951  
DIVISION:

**DELORES M. WILKES, Plaintiff**  
**vs.**  
**LILLY JACKSON and WILLIE WILKERSON, If alive, and if dead, all other parties claiming by, through under or against LILLY JACKSON or WILLIE WILKERSON, and all other unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead were not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as Defendants and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described, Defendants**  
TO: LILLY JACKSON and WILLIE WILKERSON, if alive, and if dead all other persons claiming by, through, under or against LILLY JACKSON or WILLIE WILKERSON, and all other unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead were not known to be dead or alive,  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Partition Real Property in Clay County, Florida, on the following property in Clay County, Florida:  
The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, containing forty and five-hundredths acres.  
has been filed against you and you are REQUIRED to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof, upon the Plaintiff's attorney: DALE S. WILSON, P.A., PO BOX 1808, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32043, TELEPHONE: (904) 284-5618, FACSIMILE (904) 284-5937, within 30 days from the date of first publication.  
IF YOU FAIL to file your Answer or written defenses in the above proceeding on Plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
DATED AT CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 11th day of September, 2019.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF COURT  
By: Rebecca Crews  
DEPUTY CLERK

**Legal 44891 published Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3, and Oct 10, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
**Legal 44974 published Oct 3 and Oct 10, 2019, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 18-228050**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 2018-CA-001022  
**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR VENDEE MORTGAGE TRUST 2002-03, Plaintiff,**  
**VS.**  
**MARCUS MCCASKILL; et al., Defendants.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 29, 2019 in the above-captioned action, the following property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 11, SPENCERS CROSSING UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGES 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 3576 Barrel Springs Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073  
Shall be sold by the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, on the November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. ON-LINE at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving notice as required by section 45.031, Florida Statutes.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. The court, in its discretion, may enlarge the time of the sale. Notice of the changed time of sale shall be published as provided herein.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 2018-CA-001290  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 2018-CA-001290  
**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff,**

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DATED: September 17, 2019  
 (seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Stacie Towns  
 Deputy Clerk of the Court  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator at 904-255-1695 or at crtintrp@coj.net, 501 West Adams Street, Room 6204, Jacksonville, FL 32202 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 Legal 44935 published Sept 26 and Oct 3, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 15-000651

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NUMBER: 2019-CA-715  
 DIVISION: E

**FLA TRUST SERVICES LLC**, as Trustee Of Florida Land Trust No 395 Dunwoodie Rd, Orange Park, Florida,  
 Plaintiff  
 vs.  
**SAMANTHA PATTERSON, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JODENE COCHE DAVIS, DECEASED; SAMANTHA PATTERSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND HEIR OF JODENE COCHE DAVIS, DECEASED; CHRISTINE M. HUMPHRIES, INDIVIDUALLY AND HEIR OF JODENE COCHE DAVIS, DECEASED; MICHELLE R. DEAKIN, INDIVIDUALLY AND HEIR OF JODENE COCHE DAVIS, DECEASED,**  
 Defendants

TO: Samantha Patterson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jodene Coche Davis, Deceased; Samantha Patterson, individually; Samantha Patterson, heir of Jodene Coche Davis, Deceased.  
 YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof, upon the Plaintiff's attorney: DALE S. WILSON, P.A., PO BOX 1808, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32043, TELEPHONE: (904) 284-5618, FACSIMILE (904) 284-5937, within 30 days from the date of first publication, the nature of this proceeding being a Complaint to Quiet Title in Tax Deed, against the following property, to wit:  
**Lot 13, Block 10, Meadowbrook Unit 3, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 36, of the public records of Clay County, Florida**  
**Property Address: 395 Dunwoodie Road, Orange Park Florida 32073.**  
 IF YOU FAIL to file your Answer or written defenses in the above proceeding on Plaintiff's attorney, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 DATED AT CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 18th day of September, 2019.

(seal)  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 By: Rebecca Crews  
 DEPUTY CLERK

Legal 44884 published Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3, and Oct 10, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2019-CA-000002  
 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs  
**KELLEY M. SIMNICK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KELLEY M. SIMNICK; ROYAL POINTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., et al.**  
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Sale dated August 27, 2019, and entered in 2019-CA-000002 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and KELLEY M. SIMNICK; ROYAL POINT COMMUNITY

**Notice of Sale**

ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on October 24, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 122, ROYAL POINT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 50, PAGES 41 THROUGH 51, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**Property Address: 2621 ROYAL POINTE DR GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
 Dated this 28th day of August, 2019.

(seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 by Rebecca Crews  
 As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 Legal 44973 published Oct 3 and Oct 10, 2019, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 18-235066

**NOTICE OF SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO. 2018-CA-000686

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA**  
 Plaintiff,  
 v.  
**MICHAEL ALLEN SINGLETON A/K/A MICHAEL A. SINGLETON, ET AL.**  
 Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 20, 2019, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale enter on September 19, 2019, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 60, FOXRIDGE, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 50, 51, 52 AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**a/k/a 200 FOXRIDGE RD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065-5709**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com., at ten o'clock a.m. on November 21, 2019.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 20th day of September, 2019.

(seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Taylor Tison  
 Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711-Florida Relay Service); Crtintrp@coj.net  
 Legal 44950 published Sept 26 and Oct 3, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2018-CA-000901  
**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,**

**Notice of Sale**

**Plaintiff, vs ADAM COX, et al. Defendant(s).**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 17, 2019, and entered in 2018-CA-000901 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and ADAM C. COX; CHRISTINA M. TAYLOR; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SAVANNAH GLEN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 85, SAVANNAH GLEN UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
**Property Address: 4081 SAVANNAH GLEN BLVD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of

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the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
 Dated this 26th day of September, 2019.

(seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 by Jaimie Pippin  
 As Deputy Clerk

**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 Legal 44993 published Oct 3 and Oct 10, 2019, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 18-193199

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO. 2018-CA-000686

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA**  
 Plaintiff,  
 v.  
**MICHAEL ALLEN SINGLETON A/K/A MICHAEL A. SINGLETON, ET AL.**  
 Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 20, 2019, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale enter on September 19, 2019, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 60, FOXRIDGE, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 50, 51, 52 AND 53, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
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 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com., at ten o'clock a.m. on November 21, 2019.  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any,

**Notice of Sale**

other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 20th day of September, 2019.

(seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: Taylor Tison  
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