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Charles E. Bennett students cashing in on Cagle's direction

New principal already seeing positive results for the struggling elementary

By Wesley LeBlanc
 Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Charles E. Bennett Elementary's new principal not only was tasked with turning around a school that's received D-grades the last two years, but she was told to do it in one year.



Sheree Cagle

Because Bennett has received consecutive D-grades, it faces becoming a state-operated school if it receives another failing grade this year. The school district brought in Sheree Cagle to steer the ship in the right direction and her 36 years of education experience, including multiple instances of school turnarounds, is how she plans to make it happen.

"I think we can do this, I really do," Cagle said. "I know the teachers are dedicated and we're talking to the students about being dedicated. We have to help everyone understand that the focus is on the standards and I believe that we'll see those results we're striving to see."

Cagle turned an F-grade Pensacola school into an A-school, and she's worked

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State Champs

The Fleming Island High girls 200 medley relay swim team: from left, Abree Clark, Sarah and Emma Grimm and Christine Johnson, along with coaches Jacqueling Kroggel and Jordan Bright, came home with a gold medal from the Class 3A swimming and diving championships held Sat., Nov. 16 in Stuart. See story in sports, page 27.

Nonprofit group to follow footprints of Lake County program

Link with Shared Services Network would give Clay SafetyNet even more clout

By Don Coble
 Managing Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – As long as Clay County has social needs, Andre Van Heerden won't rest.

That often means working nonprofits and faith-based groups to feed hungry children. Or connecting addicts and residents with mental health issues to critical programs. Or making the two-hour drive to Lake County.

The Senior Pastor at Orange Cove Seventh-Day Adventist Church is the driving force behind the Clay SafetyNet Alliance, a group of community leaders, businesses and nonprofits who share ideas – and resources – to solve many of the county's problems. Now he



Andre Van Heerden



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Clay County Memories



By Mary Jo McTammany tamctammany@comcast.net

1894 Clay County jail was home to jailers and their families

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Children living and growing up at the jail was routine for the 80 years at the building along State Road 16 that served as the lockup for Clay County law-breakers.

The tenancy of Chief Deputy Will Knight's family was the longest at more than 17 years. The four youngest of the six children, daughters Nita and Jerry and the twin boys, Bobby and Billy, were born in the jailer's residence.

The girls came into the world upstairs. The twins sang their first squalling duet on the first floor because sometime in between the warden's quarter were expanded and remodeled.

WPA financed and provided the labor for a new larger jail and the quarters for the jailer expanded into the front frame and brick veneer structure facing Gratio Street. except for the booking and dispatch room on the northeast corner.

For the Knight children and their friends, the jail was a playground. They wandered the corridors conversing with prisoners in their cells. The boys, full of mischief, on occasion carried the large brass key that opened all the locks and was

supposed to hang on a nail just inside the kitchen door.

The prisoners were mostly good men who worked hard all week then lost the battle with demon rum on the weekend. Inmates baby sat the children, cooked in the family kitchen and helped wrangle the heavy iron pots and water buckets to wash the laundry in the yard.

The school was just across the street and only a short walk home for lunch. One of the Knight cousins sought to take advantage of this when he fled through a window and dashed to the jail expecting Uncle Will to save him from a whipping. Little did he know that his mama, Mrs. Knight's sister was visiting at the time. Suddenly, Uncle Will made himself scarce. His mother met him at the curb and tanned his backside then marched him back to school and supervised while the teacher delivered her own discipline. Now, Will Knight was both feared and respected all over the county but he wasn't about to get in his sister-in-law's business.

Come the weekends, the Knight children were bundled into bed but they never knew who they might wake up with. It was

not unusual for the occasional father in the grips of the Devil's brew to have their own kids sleeping in the back seat. Chief Deputy Knight locked the fathers up and bundled the kids into bed with his own.

In the mid-forties the Knight family moved into a nearby house and the Martins, new arrivals to the county, took up residence at the jail. Daughter, Grace Martin in high school and a little shy was not looking forward to the challenge of making new friends. All that changed when classmates welcomed her and local football hero George Carlisle caught her eye. He was immediately smitten.

They courted through high school and gregarious George took great pleasure in announcing he was going to the jail to pick up his date. After they married, George went off to World War II and Grace continued to live with her parents at the jail. Carlisle went on to serve as Clay County Clerk of the Court with Grace at his side for the next 32 years.

That old jail has served Clay County in many ways. Rarely does one think of it as a place to raise children, but it was.



Nita and Jerry Knight, daughters of Will Knight, Clay County's legendary chief deputy under Sheriff John Hall, stopped briefly to pose on the jail steps.

Orange Park interviews six candidates for vacant town council seat

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK — The town council interviewed six potential Seat 1 candidates Nov. 15 following the vacancy created by the death of Ron Raymond.

The Orange Park Town Council has 45 days from the vacancy of Seat 1 to determine who will hold the seat until what would have been the end of Raymond's term next year. The choice will be made at the Dec. 3 meeting, but in the meantime the council gathered in the chambers Friday, Nov. 15, to get to better know their options. Following 90 minutes of interviews, the council felt great about the candidates.

"I think if something happened to all of us tomorrow, you all made me feel like I'm in good hands," Mayor Connie Thomas said.

The meeting was called by council member Randy Anderson, who also presid-

ed over it with council members Alan Watt, Roland Mastandrea and Thomas. A handful of candidates appeared to throw in their hat for the position.

Winnette Sandlin has resided in Orange Park for 21 years and she would bring to the position more than 30 years of Blue Cross Blue Shield management and liaison responsibilities. The job required her to communicate with the federal government and law enforcement agencies, and that taught her how to manage time, respond quickly, pay attention to every detail and look for answers to very specific questions.

"I believe, as a resident of the town, as someone who cares about the future of this town, that we are a very limited landmass with limited opportunities to grow," Sandlin said. "With our limitations, I think people could begin to see us as a passthrough and I think it would be very easy for the town of Orange Park to disappear. I would like to participate in helping the town plan

its move forward (to prevent that and help the town become so much more)."

Eddie Henley followed Sandlin and he's lived in the town for 24 years. Henley believes in the mission of Orange Park, which states that the town is to strive to promote and engage in the community to create a place where residents can work and raise a family and wants to help the council continue to accomplish that mission. He said he's worked in public service for more than 37 years, including time in the military, which has taught him to be a public servant.

"I've been serving people all my adult life," Henley said. "I want to be a unified voice for all the people of Orange Park. Whatever their desires or wishes are, I would like to be their instrument and I want to be a part of this unified council."

Bill Frandsen, who has been a resident in the town for 18 years. He wants to use his extensive cross-municipality work ex-

perience to prevent Orange Park from being swallowed up in the sprawl. Frandsen said the town is a pearl in the oyster that is Clay County and that he's seen it grow and develop into a town with streets filled with children. He wants to be on the council to help the town create jobs and places of leisurely activity to keep those children from growing up and leaving the town.

"We need to make the town appealing so people growing up don't run to Mandarin or Jacksonville to do something," Frandsen said. "We need to make it so where they stay in Orange Park. I don't want (Orange Park) to get swallowed up in the sprawl. I think we can stay as a little city if we just do it right."

Larry Nichols first moved to Orange Park in 1978 before moving 200 yards outside town limits in 1991. He returned to the town in 2000, but he owned property in the town during all of that and remained

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Brandes betting legalized sports gambling will benefit education

By Janelle Irwin Taylor
ForFloridaPolitics.com

Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg) filed a bill last Monday that would officially legalize sports betting for anyone 21 or older.

The bill, SB 968, includes guidelines for regulating sports betting and limitations on who can place a bet to avoid unfair advantages.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that sports wagering is legal. Since then 19 states have passed laws regulating sports betting.

"Sports betting is yet another area where we can enhance individual freedom," Brandes said. "In absence of a well-regulated structure, we've seen a complex underground industry developed in Florida, potentially breeding habits of addiction, while robbing our government of revenue that should be collected and remitted for education.

"This Legislation creates a legal framework in which Floridians can choose how to spend their time and money, without worry of being criminalized."

The bill offers a pathway to obtain a sports betting license through the Department of Lottery, which would allow licensees to offer betting opportunities in-person or at a betting kiosk.

The bill requires prompt notification to the Department of Lottery of any criminal action or disciplinary proceedings on the part of a licensee or its employees and of any abnormal betting activity or patterns that could threaten the integrity of a sporting event including those that could corrupt sporting event outcomes.

Brandes' bill imposes strict limits on who, when, and where sports bets may be placed through a licensed operator. Licensees would be responsible for remitting taxes once a month to the Department of Lottery.

The legislation blocks certain people who might have an unfair advantage from betting. That includes people who have inside knowledge of a sports team because they work for the organization or who otherwise have access to information that could give them an edge in predicting outcomes. It also blocks certain people who have legal or financial stakes in sports teams.

Brandes cited economic analysis showing illegal sports betting is a \$150 billion a year underground industry. Taxable revenue from making those bets legal and regulated could generate additional funds for

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Just some random thoughts of a cluttered mind before Thanksgiving

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

CLAY COUNTY – Some random thoughts while clearing my cluttered desk and mind ...

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am thankful for so many things. First, I didn't spend any money on season tickets for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

It's bad enough when you have to watch this team play with such lethargy and lack of discipline. It's another when the owner bemoans the area for not supporting the team.

Remember a couple weeks ago when Shad Khan said this while his Jaguars were playing a "home game" in London:

"This has been like a 50-year objective in Jacksonville to do something downtown. We are as anxious as anyone to break this curse and get something going."

When asked about playing more games across the pond, Khan said: "I think we definitely want to extend. It's worked great for us and frankly, I can't imagine not having it – the value that it has added for Jacksonville. Football, there is a limited demand for it. That's why we're playing the games here in London – that the community can't support selling out eight games, so maybe there's something else we can do there for the hot-dog vendors, the hotel rooms, all the stakeholders who make a living off the game."



Don Coble

The Florida-Georgia game proves Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia can support football. Make that, good football. What we can't support is a yearly dose pathetic effort and excuses.

At 4-6, it appears the Jaguars are on their way to another disappointing – and under-performing – season. If so, it will be the 11th time in 12 years the team didn't have a winning record.

There are too many options for dispensable income to sit through three hours of bad football. If you build (a good team), they will come.

I'm also thankful to be in my favorite seat on Thanksgiving Day, and it's not at a football stadium or the Daytona International Speedway. It's in my recliner in my living room.

I've been to Super Bowls, Olympic Games, NBA Finals, World Series and 41 Daytona 500s, but nothing compares to the view, or the atmosphere, of being home.

Live attendance at sporting events has declined in the past few years. The reasons are simple: it's just easier to watch it at home on the big-screen television.

No parking headaches. No sunburn or frostbite. No \$10 beers. And, most important, no dress code.

Gym shorts, T-shirt and a cold one, and I have the best seat in the house.

The only exception to that is the Masters. Television does a great job capturing the Augusta National's beauty, but it doesn't compare to the live experience. You don't realize just how big the hills are on the course. Put it on your bucket list if

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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.

Ethmoid: (eTHmoid) a noun that refers to a square bone at the root of the nose, forming part of the cranium, and having many perforations through which the olfactory nerves pass to the nose.

"The child was hospitalized after he damaged his ethmoid by sticking a pencil up his nose."

This week in history

Five years ago, 2014

- The Magnolia Point Women's Club stuff food in bookbags of 124 needy children to be eaten during the weekend.

- Jacksonville Jaguars defensive back Aaron Colvin and running back Jordan Todman team up with the American Heart Association during a visit Doctors Inlet Elementary to promote physical fitness and healthy eating habits.

- Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Don Lester sentences Ryan Wilder to two life sentences, plus 30 years, for his role in a 2012 drug raid that ended with the shooting deaths of Clay County Sheriff's Office Det. David White and a methamphetamine cook.

10 years ago, 2009

- Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin makes a campaign stop at the Orange Park Mall.

- Penney Farms Town Council approves a tax on the non-fuel portion of the town's electric bill to fund to support a designation of State Road 16 as a scenic highway and for employer support for the National Guard and Reserve.

- The Terrace at Fleming Island was one of many groups to participate in the Northeast Florida Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk.

20 years ago, 1999

- Thieves smash a window and make off with 30 frozen turkeys from the Clay County Food Bank.

- The first Cracker Day celebration attracts thousands at Paul E. Reinhold Agriculture Fairgrounds in Green Cove Springs.

- Christian band Silers Bald plays at a lock-in show at the YMCA on Moody Road in Orange Park.

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Opinions

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GUEST COLUMN

Do we ask for wisdom?

By Franklin Dickinson
Guest columnist

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Wisdom is the strong foundation everything else rests on. It does not need to know the particulars but always judges correctly.

So, what did the wisest man in the Bible ask God for? In 1 Kings 3, Solomon said, "So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." He asked for wisdom. He could have asked God for anything but he chose wisdom. Why do you think he did that? Because the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Because with it comes understanding. It is better than silver or

gold and more precious than jewels. There is nothing we could desire that is better. Wisdom will bring long life, riches and honor. It will create a sweet life. With wisdom comes knowledge. None of our adversaries would be able to withstand or contradict it. It turns away evil. It interprets and makes our face shine. It brings humility and meekness. The wise are prudent and discern. Wisdom protects us. We should all want that.

But because Solomon asked for wisdom, look what God said he would also give him. "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you

what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

Without wisdom how would we be able to administer wealth or success? How could we lead? How would we offer wise counsel or make wise decision? How would we draw people to us and through us to God? We couldn't. Wisdom is the strong foundation everything rests on. It always judges correctly. People are drawn to Godly wisdom and when there are questions, problems or decisions to be made, guess where their head turns; it turns to the wise.

The good news is that God will give us wisdom; "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." We should ask for wisdom.

Gambling

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public schools, college scholarships and educational services in Florida.

Brandes' bill does not yet have a companion in the House.

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Most recently, Janelle reported for the Tampa Bay Business Journal. She formerly served as the sole staff reporter for WMNF News and previously covered news for Patch.com and various local neighborhood newsletters. Her work has been featured in the New York Daily News, Free Speech Radio News and Florida Public Radio and she's been interviewed by radio stations across the nation for her coverage of the 2012 Republican National Convention. Her work as a reporter and radio host has earned her two WMNF awards including News Volunteer of the Year and Public Affairs Volunteer of the Year. Janelle is also a devoted wife and mother to three brilliant and beautiful daughters who are a constant source of inspiration and occasional blogging fodder.

OPMC is Five-Star Recipient for cardiac, lung, critical care

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Medical Center has received a 5-star rating for their clinical outcomes in cardiac care, neurosciences, the care of the nervous system and critical care. The ratings are part of a national report release by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for information about physicians and hospitals. The rating means Orange Park Medical Center's clinical outcomes are significantly better than expected when treating these conditions.

Healthgrades evaluated hospital performance at nearly 4,500 hospitals nationwide. "As the largest medical facility in Clay County, treating over 140,000 patients each year, this is a major achievement," said Dr. Steven Goodfriend, Emergency Room Medical Director and Chief of Staff at Orange Park Medical Center.

Orange Park Medical Center is being recognized for these 5-star ratings:

- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Sepsis for four years in a row.
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Heart Failure for four years in a row.
- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Respiratory Failure for three years in a row.
- Five Star Recipient for Treatment of

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) for two years in a row.

- Five-Star Recipient for Treatment of Stroke.
- Five Star Treatment of Bowel Obstruction.

Sepsis is the bodies overwhelming response to an infection. Each year, sepsis affects more than 26 million people resulting in 270,000 deaths. "To see sepsis on the list year over year is affirmation that our attention to early detection is truly saving lives every day," said Dr. Goodfriend. HCA Healthcare, Orange Park Medical Center's parent company has saved more than 5,500 lives over the past three years as a result of their Stop Severe Sepsis Program.

"Consumers have many choices when it comes to choosing a hospital where to receive care and the choice can be a matter of life and death," said Brad Bowman, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Healthgrades. "The hospitals that have been recognized as 5-star rated for specific procedures and conditions stand out above the rest for the ongoing dedication and commitment to providing exceptional care to their patients."

es of worship will open their doors.

We'd like to help everyone promote a special Christmas event. Starting with the next week's issue, we will have a page dedicated to local events. Send us your notices and photos, so we can all share the holiday spirit.

With that, Happy Thanksgiving. And pass the mashed potatoes.

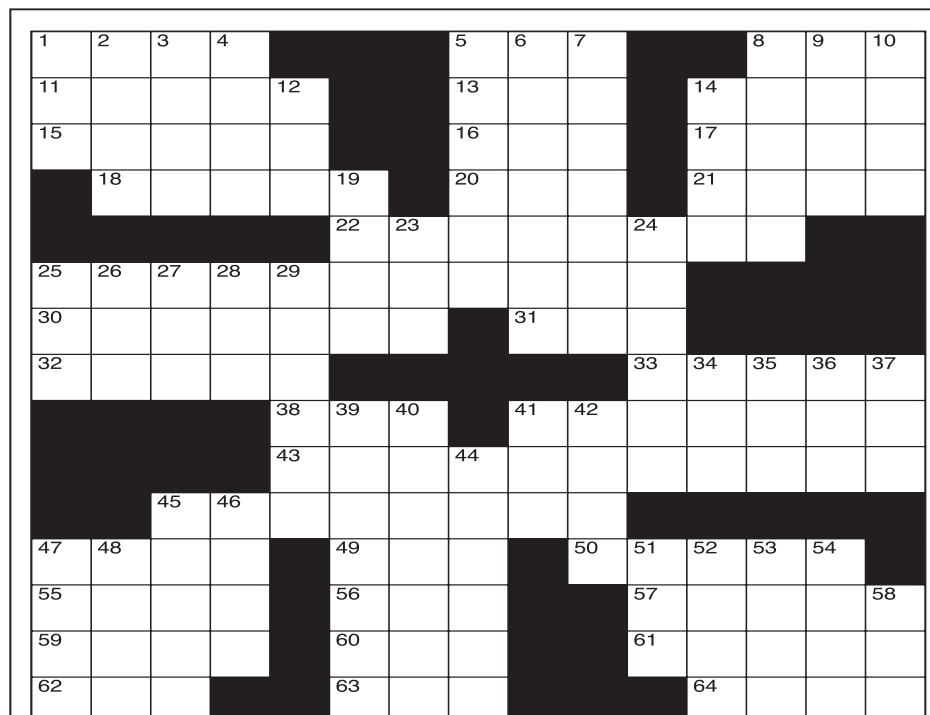
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you've never been there.

As the holidays approach, our community continues to wrap its collective arms around our fellow residents who are less fortunate.

There will be numerous acts of kindness. Toys and food will be donated. Hous-



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- In an early way
- Lied down in rest
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- Genus of mackerel sharks
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- Emerging
- Balkan body of water
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- Title given to a monk
- Partner to 'oohed'
- "Luther" actor Idris

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- Golden peas plant
- One point north of northeast
- Unit of measurement
- Where clothes hang
- Opposite of night
- A way to change color
- Korean independence proponent Syngman

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- The color of Valentine's Day
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- Bon ___: witty remark
- One's holdings
- Request
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- Mars crater
- Sports TV personality
- Taxi driver
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- The sick are sometimes on it
- Relating to olives
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- A way to engrave
- Where Coach K. works
- Midway between south and southeast

Fleming Island to rename field after longtime coach, athletic director

Coach Randy Warren Field will be home to Golden Eagles teams

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – A school's athletic field will soon be renamed in honor of a man known as "Mr. Fleming Island High School," who passed away just a few months ago.

Randy Warren was the athletic director of Fleming Island High for 14 years before he stepped down from the position in 2017 to spend some extra



Randy Warren

time with his wife. While faculty and students alike missed his daily presence, Warren's presence can be seen at every athletic home game. He passed away on Sept. 11. His legacy will be upheld by the field's new name: Coach Randy Warren Field.

"He would never have let us do this," Fleming Island Principal Thomas Pittman said. "He was too great and too humble of a guy. In fact, he's probably working on finding a way to come down and beat us up. It's going to be awesome though and it'll mean a lot."

Pittman's friendship with Warren goes far beyond their time at the school. The two met more than 20 years ago when they worked at Orange Park High. Pittman said Warren was a great friend, so when their work lives were reunited after Pittman was hired as principal at Fleming Island, it felt



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Fleming Island's athletic field soon will be known as Coach Randy Warren Field.

like old times.

While Warren held the title of athletic director, Pittman said he was so much more. Because he worked as a math

teacher before his athletic position, Warren could be seen coaching players in both sports and in mathematics like algebra.

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Obituaries

Mary Ellen (Thompson) – Solano

At age 80, on November 17, 2019 Mary Ellen (Thompson) – Solano passed peacefully from this world into the spiritual world of heaven and into the arms of her lord.

Mary was born on March 29, 1939 in Pedro, Ohio.

She is survived by daughter Julie Cade, grandson Mike (Casey) Warner, great-grandson Brett (Ashlynn) Warner, great great grandchildren Vanessa, Chief, Duke Warner, great granddaughter Brittanie (Brandon) McCarthy, great great grandchildren Braxton, Brandalynn McCarthy

Daughter Penny Cade (David), grandson Andy (Melissa) Warner, great granddaughter Danielle (Matt) Henry, great great grandsons Nash, Waylon Henry. Grandson Dillon Warner

Daughter Peggy Pineda, granddaughter Kristin(Gerry) Torres, great grandchildren Dominik, Dahlia, Derrick Torres – Pineda granddaughter Victoria (Alcides), great-grandchildren Kole, Vivianna Arauz – Pineda

Daughter Tammy (Ben) Solano, grandson Jacob (Amber) Blalock, great granddaughter Layla Blalock, Jim Cade & family, Mary (Charlie) Spinks, Sabrina, Wendy, Sandy, TJ & grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, November 23 between 1:30 to 3:30 pm The Party Place, 2156 Park Ave Suite 1, Orange Park, FL.

William J. Solomon

William J. Solomon, passed away Saturday, November 16, 2019.

A visitation will be held Friday, November 22, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. with a funeral mass at 11:00 a.m. both at St. Luke Catholic Church, 1606 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068.

Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073 (904) 264-1233 is serving the family.



Alice "Betty" Kemp

Alice "Betty" Kemp, 84 of St. Johns, FL-passed away November 13, 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



Casey Kyle Tucker

Casey Kyle Tucker, 25, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away November 15, 2019

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



Marjorie C. Peik McKay

Marjorie C. Peik McKay, 96, of Penney Farms, FL, passed away Nov. 12, 2019

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



Chris Reed

Chris Reed, 68, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away November 18, 2019

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



Mimi Niedert

Mimi Niedert, 87 of Orange Park, FL passed away November 14, 2019.

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Donald R. Shepard

Donald R. Shepard, 79, of Orange Park, FL passed away November 14, 2019.

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



Sandra Hanson

Sandra Hanson passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

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



Warren

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"He would help students however he could," Pittman said. "For all 24 years that I knew him, he was like that. He'd take on whatever responsibility he needed to take on to help someone else."

After Warren's death, support staff and head girls' soccer coach Frank Pontore, who was a friend of Warren's as well, met with Warren's wife to ask for her blessing in both an October memorial service and in renaming the school's athletic field after her late husband.

Pontore said the school is working through the design process for the field sign and hopes to have an official unveiling next year. Pontore and Pittman expect a massive community turnout of friends, students, alumni and faculty.

"He made an impact in so many peo-

Community Calendar

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNEY FARMS: will hear from guest speaker Robert Dews, a local historian, about the Battle of Halsey Plantation on Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at the Penney Farms Town Hall, 4100 Clark Ave. For more information, call (904) 529-1496.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB MEETING: on Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Cafe, 195 Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.

CLAY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. at the BCC meeting room, fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

AMVETS BINGO: is Nov. 21 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

NE FLORIDA AHFC LIVING HEALTHY PROGRAM: is Nov. 21, 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m., at Green Cove Springs Senior Center, 64 Walnut St. Free program includes: how to manage symptoms, discover healthy eating habits and learning new exercises.

ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB THRIFT STORE: open on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 130 Kingsley Ave. Sales support scholarship programs for Clay County high school seniors.

MIDDLEBURG CRAFTS SHOW: is Nov. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Middleburg Civic Association, 2102 Palmetto St.

ple's lives," Pittman said.

Pittman remembers how loyal Warren was to the school.

"He didn't have a clock," Pontore said. "He wasn't worried about punching a clock. He worked to get the job done and because he was proud of it. That field was his baby and it's only right that we name it in his honor."

Pontore is especially excited for the school's first soccer match on the newly renamed field next year. He said Warren always said Fleming Island was best known for its soccer.

Be it soccer, football, lacrosse or one of the school's many other sports that take place on the field, both Pontore and Pittman are excited for generations of students to play on the field in honor of Warren.

"He was a great friend and a great person," Pittman said. "You don't get many friends like that in life, but he was one of them and I'll never forget him."

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All Creations Intertribal Powwow headed to fairgrounds

By Nick Blank
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Preserving heritage and promoting history are the themes of the 2019 All Creations Intertribal Powwow.

The powwow arrives at the Clay County Fairgrounds Nov. 28-30. It features Native American food, drums, dances and vendors showcasing trades such as dreamcatchers, beadwork and flint arrows.

In the late 1990s, a powwow at Clay County Fairgrounds was rained out. Organizer William “Moon Wolf” said he was expecting more than 2,000 people when the powwow returns.

“With this powwow, it’s about open arms,” he said. “You’re family, that’s how we look at it. That’s how we were raised.”

Tammie “Shadow Woman” Meeks, William Meeks’ mother, is the Head Lady of the powwow. The Head Lady is seen as a role model for proceedings. Tammie Meeks wears a heavy buckskin with tassels and ornate beads.

The Meeks mostly descend from Oglala Lakota and Cherokee. Tammie Meeks said she urges people to trace back their family lines.

She said in Native American culture, they worshipped in the open rather than a building. Tammie Meeks said some pow-

wows in the south were referred to as “Native American flea markets.” The Meeks hoped to get away from that with a lively atmosphere of learning.

“Our powwow is our church,” Tammie Meeks said. “When we dance, we pray as we dance.”

An intertribal powwow is a gathering of several tribes across the country. William Meeks said he’s been contacted by tribes from South Dakota, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Canada.

“We’re taking this and making it a history event, that way we can continue to move forward,” William Meeks said.

Jamie “Silent Dove” Thompson said she had descendants from Iroquois Six Nations, a collection of tribes from the Northeastern U.S. She said new generations of Native Americans must be taught the dances and crafts to keep the traditions alive.

Thompson said it was common for families to hide their Native American ancestry. She said Native American children would get in trouble speaking out in class about the systematic extermination of their people, but things have changed.

“In school, kids didn’t learn the real history,” Thompson said. “Now it’s turning around. Schools invite us to do presentations and tell the stories.”

Steven “Strong Buffalo” Hammond is an adopted Cherokee and a former Marine.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK BLANK

From left, Steven “Strong Buffalo” Hammond, Jamie “Silent Dove” Thompson, Tammie “Shadow Woman” Meeks and William “Moon Wolf” Meeks will host the All Creations Intertribal Powwow.

Native Americans had a strong military presence in the 20th Century from the Navajo Code Talkers to Ira Hayes, a Marine captured in the iconic Iwo Jima flag-raising photo. Some powwow ceremonies have a head veteran and the flags of service branches are displayed with the tribal flags, Hammond said.

“They’re not just fighting for their

country they’re fighting for their ancestors. They’re fighting for their family and their tribe,” Hammond said. “When you see the commitment they have, it’s just overwhelming. We’re all brothers.”

More information about the 2019 All Creations Intertribal Powwow is available at acipowwow.com.

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There are a couple ways you can support: donate items to the silent auction; sponsor the event: \$100, \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500; sponsors at \$1,000 or more

will receive a full year worth of advertising inside the mall; register your pet for the best dress contest for \$25; and, bring a guest!

To attend simply bring a can or bag of dog food.

Best Dress Pet Contest and Donation buttons can be found at claycountyrotrac.org.

For More information visit about TLOV, contact <https://www.facebook.com/tlovrescue/>.

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Happy Thanksgiving from the
City of Green Cove Springs, Florida



Veteran's breakfast serves military parents, students extra helping of quality time

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

OAKLEAF – Military parents joined their seventh and eighth graders for Chik-fil-A chik-n-minis at the Oakleaf Junior High Veteran's Breakfast last Thursday to spend some much-needed time together.

Veteran's Day is celebrated on Nov. 11 and Clay County students are always given the day off, but not every student gets to hang out with their veteran or active-duty parents on that day. Oakleaf gave families the chance to connect over a free breakfast.

"We try to give Clay County School District families a sense of wellness, belonging and safety and this is just one of the many ways we try to make that happen," CCSD Military Student Support Specialist Trish Hunter said.

Dozens gathered at the Oakleaf library

to listen to special speaker, Kenneth Moreland from the NAS JAX Fleet and Family Support Center, who explained to families the many services offered by that support center. Those services include resume writing, stress and anger management, sponsorship training and family reintegration.

The Fleet and Family Support Center is made up of a number of other services like deployment support, referrals, crisis support, retirement transition assistance, financial readiness, new parent support and sexual assault prevention and response.

"We work for you," Moreland said. "A lot of families don't know about these services and they should because we offer a lot that military families are asking for and need."

Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Crystal Rachal and her 14-year-old eighth grade son, Trenton Jackson, enjoyed some



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Crystal Rachal and her son Trenton Jackson enjoyed chick-n-minis at the Oakleaf Junior High.

time alone during breakfast – something that doesn't happen as often as either want.

"I'm happy they make things like this happen," Rachal said. "It's not often we get to do something like this so it's nice to be here with him this morning."

Rachal said the school district is great about setting up events like this to connect military families. She also said its military support services are extensive and always helpful.

"This is just a really cool thing," Trenton said.

Hunter's position is a part of a larger military support service in the Clay County School District funded in part by the Department of Defense Education Activity. Hunter and her team work to provide services uniquely necessary to military families. If a student's parent is being deployed soon, Hunter can work with that student to prepare them for their parents' departure.

"If someone needs help, we do everything we can to give them the help they need or point them in the right direction," Hunter said. "We really are a one-stop shop for any military family in our district."

Hunter said she's focused on making an impression in the lives of military families in a way that lets them know their school district supports them. Because November is Military Family month, Hunter has worked hard to show students from military families that they serve, too.

"They might not be flying out overseas or being deployed somewhere but they are serving too," Hunter said. "They're going through something most students don't have to go through and it's not easy. They're fighting hard like their parents and this month we want them to know that they aren't alone."



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in Duval County, keeping tabs on more than 80 schools to ensure they all perform as they should. She's not a last-resort for the elementary school – she's the district's secret weapon.

She monitors every aspect of student activity and performance at Bennett, as you'd expect any principal to do, but turning around a school from a D to at least a C requires more and because of that, she brought in an incentive program that she's used at every school before Bennett: Cagle Cash.

"This is less focused on grades and more focused on teaching students to do the right thing," Cagle said.

Anyone with a child knows how successful incentives can be – children love to chase the carrot at the end of the stick –and that's exactly what Cagle Cash aims to do. Students can earn Cagle Cash and at the end of each month, spend this cash in the Cagle Store on items like candy, chips, model cars and more.

Cagle gives Bennett teachers the freedom to dole out this cash however they see fit but she encourages her staff to reward students with great and positive behavior.

"If a student drops their tray of food and another student rushes to help them out, we'll give that student some cash to show them that what they did is behavior we encourage at (Bennett)," Cagle said. "This is all-encompassing too because a student with positive behavior will show better discipline which in turn leads to better performance for them during school."

The Cagle Cash doesn't end there. On days where it's rainy or especially cold outside, Cagle will ask all students over the intercom to stand up if they walked to school. Because they walked to school despite those conditions, she'll award each student with 40 Cagle dollars on the spot.

"It creates an excitement in the halls and teaches the students what can happen when they make positive changes," Cagle said.

When Achieve data is released at the end of each month, Cagle rewards the top three students in each grade with 300, 200 and 100 Cagle dollars, respectively.

Beyond the self-discipline and model behavior Cagle Cash teaches students, it also gives them an early start on learning the importance of saving. Students can use their Cagle Cash at the end of each month in the Cagle Store or they can save it for the Field Day at the end of the year.

This field day costs 200 Cagle dollars



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Students at Charles E. Bennett Elementary can use their Cagle Cash to buy goodies.

just to get in and each thing during the event, like popcorn, candy, or getting a chance to dunk Cagle in water via a dunk booth, costs Cagle dollars, too.

"So, the students have to decide if they want to save for that or spend it each month, or they can choose certain dollars to go toward the event at the end and others to go toward the store each month," Cagle said. "It teaches them to save and that's an important lesson to learn early on."

The December Cagle Store will be unique in that instead of purchasing items for themselves, students will be purchasing items for special people in their lives. Instead of going home with a candy bar and a model car, they might purchase a flower vase for their grandmother.

"This gives us a chance to teach them the importance of giving and using their own money to give to someone else in their life," Cagle said. "You'd be surprised. It's very moving to see how excited they get

at the chance to do something like this for someone they care about."

This Year 1 at Bennett for Cagle and her cash rewards, but there is tangible evidence Bennett is improving. Month to month, compared to last year, less referrals have been handed to students. Start-of-the-year assessments known as iReady assessments demonstrate a general desire to perform better across almost every grade level. Even just a stroll through the hallways of Bennett come with an air of positivity that might not have been felt over the past few years.

"This can be done," Cagle said. "It just takes everyone. It takes the parents, the students, the teachers, the community — all of us have to be behind our students and making sure they're getting what they need."

"Students will do what we ask them to do so we have to make sure we're asking them to do the right kind of work."

Seat

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linked to it through that connection. Nichols said he's done nothing but serve his entire life and holding Seat 1 on the town council would allow him to continue his life's mission.

"I've done nothing but serve my entire life," Nichols said. "First in the military, then working in journalism, and then volunteer organizations. If I stop serving, I die, so this is another way to give back to the community."

Nichols served in the military for 30 years, both active duty and reserve, before opening a mental health counseling facility that employs 14 counselors that serve more than 1,000 patients.

He was followed up by Chuck Lindholm, who has lived in the town, off and on, for 18 years.

Lindholm has 25 professional years working in executive and management positions across a number of boards. In those positions, he focused on strategy planning, visioning, marketing and product development analysis and it is that experience that he thinks would benefit the town council.

"That bleeds over into some of this visioning we've been looking at," Lindholm said. "I think we can give this town a sense of destination and a purpose for being. I've done quite a bit of that and I think those skills would lend well to what you guys are looking for."

Lindholm said he excels in defining problems, driving consensus and getting

solutions and he hopes to showcase in Seat 1.

Bruce Jones, who's lived in the town for three years, was the final potential candidate interviewed by the council Friday and he has experience at three different major manufacturers, including IBM, that he believes would help him do well seated in seat 1 of the council. He was hired by IBM to work in philanthropy in Florida and that brought him into a close relationship with Jacksonville, where he's worked with mayors to create city-wide programs that extend beyond politics.

Jones wants to help the town build a new sense of community that caters to younger crowds to extend the lifeblood of Orange Park.

"As we continue the way we are, we have some challenges to maintain relevance in Clay," Jones said. "We don't want to get sideswiped and become an afterthought of Clay. Building a sense of community won't be done the way it's been done over the last 100 years. Talking about millennials, I want to see and enable families who want to come to Orange Park for the reason families care: children. That's the greatest aspect ... and I'd build a sense of community with that."

The council did not make any formal motion nor did they select a candidate. They simply listened to what each candidate had to say and asked them questions as they saw fit. Anderson said it's especially important that the council handle this process with care as it's a process that hasn't occurred in the town since 1964.



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From left, Jon Kinney, Sgt. Cody Whiddon, Jennifer Everett, Sheriff Daniels, Joanna Bramlitt, Diane Pickering and Chief Tona Chatmon are honored after they re-wrote the agency's policies.



Sgt. Perry Ward is recognized for 20 years of service with the department.



Sgt. Robert (Mike) Lane is honored with a promotion.



Glen Doroski is promoted to Sergeant. His wife Cheryl, pins his new badge.

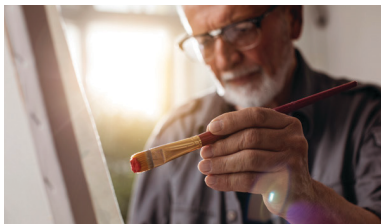
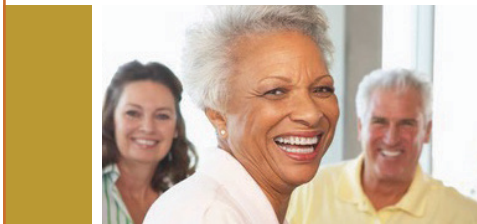


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Roger Morgan was promoted to supervisor.



Wally Tennant earned the Innovation Award.



Jeffrey Anderson was signaled out for his work on solving three-year-old drug case.



From left, Crystal Wimberly, Jennifer Everett, Tammy Foor, Alyssa Rosenbaum, Michael Trafagander, Danielle Crowdus, Dep. Michael Benton, Sheriff Daniels, Sgt. Thalantha Jones, Tiffany Benton, Dept. Colavito Terry, Mike Anderson and Dep. Emmett Matthews all received certifications of commendations.



Jerrold Houldson and Sean Holmes were honored for saving a suicidal man who jumped into the St. Johns River.



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Clay County libraries launch two family reading programs

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

ORANGE PARK – November is National Family Literacy Month and the Clay County library system has launched two new programs to encourage family engagement at their local library.

To get more families involved in reading, Clay County libraries have launched Read Squared and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Read Squared, which is a software app that allows users to track their total books read down to the minute and earn digital awards while doing so, is meant to encourage additional reading from all ages. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is meant to get caregivers more actively involved with their children's literacy education.

"Both of these programs accomplish different things but at the end of the day, they're meant to encourage us as a community to read more," Orange Park Library Volunteer Coordinator Victoria Wagner said. "Reading is the foundation of everything we do and this fosters a lifelong, positive relationship with reading."

Signing up for Read Squared is as simple as obtaining a library card, which requires a Clay County ID or a parent's library card. From there, Read Squared is an app that connects to your library ac-



count and can be used as any app on your phone would be used. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is even easier to take part in — simply read a book to your child every day before leading up to their first day of Kindergarten.

"We caregivers are a child's first teacher and reading to them this much before Kindergarten builds their vocabulary, increases their attention span, stimulates brain activity and ensures they're up to speed when they start school," Wagner

said.

Both of these programs go beyond simply reading to one's child or allowing them to read books from the library. Wagner said it's important for caregivers to read, too, as it's important for children to see their parents or guardians reading.

"It shows them that reading is a lifelong skill," Wagner said.

Once a caregiver is logged into the Read Squared app, they can create their own account as well as their child's account to

track book progress, minute progress, digital badges and certificates. It's a one-stop shop for keeping up with all things reading through the Clay County library system.

The app's goal system is especially useful for caregivers, according to Wagner, as it allows them to set goals for their children.

The best part about both of these programs is that they're included for free with a Clay County library account. Clay County residents with library cards gain access to these two programs as well as five expansive book libraries across Middleburg, Orange Park, Fleming Island, Keystone Heights and Green Cove Springs. They'll also gain access to DVDs, computer programs, 3-D printers, sewing kits, laser cutters, training courses and classes.

"Libraries are so much more than they used to be," Wagner said. "We're more a community center now than the place where a librarian tells you shhh over and over."

Whether it's Read Squared or 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten or one of your local libraries many free programs that gets you and your family in, the Clay County Library system just wants to see families connect through literacy, Wagner said.

"Family that read together, succeed together," she said.

McRae rallies to raise money, support for stricken teacher

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – McRae Elementary students, parents and faculty came together to raise money for the school's physical education teacher who's been battling cancer for more than six years.

Cristin Chason was named teacher of the year in 2018, and she earned that title while working with a rare cancer in her leg that eventually spread to her lungs, lymph nodes, chest and brain. Oral and IV chemo

treatments had been quite regular in her life, but eventually the tumors previously kept at bay by the chemo returned.

"My doctors are continuing new trial meds to hopefully shrink and ultimately get rid of the tumors," Chason said.

Chason has never asked for anything more than positive thoughts and prayers. But friends, some who are also teachers, got together to raise money to help cover the costs of Chason's pricey medicine.

Those friends – Rachel Brinson, Amanda Wagner and Jessica Thomas – recently

held a fundraiser with a 12-team co-ed softball tournament. Brinson, Wagner and Thomas sold chicken dinners and T-shirts, held a silent auction and hosted multiple raffles – all for Chason.

"It was great," Chason said. "So many people in the community and surrounding areas showed up to support. It was planned perfectly with lots of smiles and laughing, fellowship and good food."

A one-mile fun run for children took place before the event that started at 8 a.m. The fundraising lasted until 9 p.m. The





Cristin Chason


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The Keystone Heights community surrounding McRae Elementary showed up in droves to raise money for the school's physical education teacher Saturday, Nov. 9.



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Middleburg's Monro's morale, welfare lifted on Atlantic Ocean

ATLANTIC OCEAN – Master-at-Arms 2nd Class John Monro of Middleburg, assigned to USS Gerald R. Ford's (CVN 78) security department, participates in a weightlifting competition hosted by the ship's Morale, Welfare and Recreation in the ship's hangar bay. Ford is currently underway conducting an independent steaming exercise.

Chasin

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teams that registered knew there wouldn't be a trophy or a grand prize to win. They simply wanted to support Chason. Chason said the amount raised was more than she could ever imagine and for that, said she's forever grateful. All of the money will help cover some of her medical bills.

The money came at a critical time since she's currently on leave for her subsequent treatments. Chason has battled cancer for more than six years and plans to defeat it with the help and support of friends and family. When things get rough, she turns to a phrase on the shirts sold in her name at the recent fundraiser: "We don't know how strong we are until being strong is the only choice we have."



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Clay County Fair reveals its list of 2020 performers

38 Special, Charlie Daniels Band, Gretchen Wilson, Sir Mix-A-Lot, Vanilla Ice among the headlining acts

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Fair finalized its list of performers for next year’s event, headlined by the returns of 38 Special, John Michael Montgomery, the Bellamy Brothers and the Charlie Daniels Band, as well as appearances by Gretchen Wilson, Pam Tillis, Sir-Mix-A-Lot, Vanilla Ice and the Curt Towne Band.

“This will be the biggest 90s party in

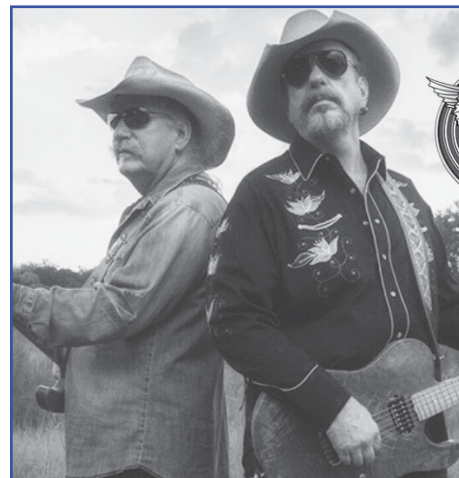
Clay County,” said fair general manager Tasha Hyder. “We’re really excited about this year’s lineup.”

The fair will run from April 2-11 next year. 38 Special will be on stage at the Cattleman’s Arena on opening night at 7.

“There’s a little bit of something for everybody,” Hyder said. “It’s going to be a great year. It’s incredibly hard to put together a lineup like this. But it will be worth the effort.

Tickets, including VIP and reserved seating, go on sale Dec. 7.

For more information, contact the fair at www.claycountyfair.org.



Bellamy Brothers



Pam Tillis



Curt Towne Band



Vanilla Ice



Sir Mix-A-Lot



Jessie G



John Michael Montgomery



Zack Williams

Clay's controlled open enrollment expands to 11 schools

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County School District's controlled open enrollment plan reveals there are 11 eligible schools which can accept students not living in a particular district. That's one more school compared to last year.

Open enrollment provides parents an opportunity to choose a desired school for their children based on hardship and career academics.

The district is mandated by the state legislature to release an open enrollment plan each year that shows which schools are accepting students through open enrollment while remaining under the 85% threshold capacity.

The plan includes five elementary schools, three junior high schools and three high schools with seating availability ranging from 55 students to more than 300.

"We will launch this from Jan. 27 to Feb. 27 and Jan. 27 will launch National School Choice Week," Superintendent Addison Davis told the school board at their Nov. 19 agenda workshop meeting. "This will allow caregivers to understand that we do have options and availability within our school district."

Coppergate Elementary will have 90 available seats, Montclair Elementary 64,



The district is mandated by the state legislature to release an open enrollment plan each year that shows which schools are accepting students through open enrollment while remaining under the 85% threshold capacity.

RideOut Elementary 61, S. Bryan Jennings 68 and Thunderbolt Elementary 55. Lake-side Junior and Orange Park Junior will both have 100 seats available while Oakleaf Junior will have 64.

Clay High will have 69 seats; Ridgeview

High will have 100 and Orange Park High will have 380 open seats. If a school receives more applications than seats available, a lottery system will be enabled to ensure fairness for caregivers who wish to see their child taught at a specific school.

A selection committee will begin to work its way through applications beginning the first week of March and parents can expect to hear from a desired school after this process.

Most of the schools in this year's plan have been a part of open enrollment before but the 2019-20 school year marks the first year that Oakleaf Junior High has been on the list.

In other business, Keystone Heights High is set to receive some much-needed maintenance work next month.

After an underground leak that requires what amounts to a parking lot overhaul for the school occurred earlier this year, the school staff and students have been hoping to see some fixes come soon.

After months stuck in the bidding process, the project is set to begin over Christmas Break, according to Asst. Superintendent Michael Kemp. Gainesville-based construction company Scorpio won the bid and while an official contract with a price has not yet been signed, the company is set to begin work in the coming weeks.

Kemp said the project is cheaper than originally anticipated after some irregularities changed the scope of the project. The design changed in such a way that less work is required, bringing the total price down from the original cost.

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Clay union to join Tallahassee march for greater education funding

By Wesley LeBlanc
Staff Writer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Education Association is heading to Tallahassee next year to push for funding the future of public education.

Gov. Ron DeSantis announced in October plans to hike teacher salaries across the state, citing a teacher shortage felt throughout Florida. The National Education Association reported earlier this year Florida ranked fourth-lowest in average teacher salaries in the country. It ranked only above New Mexico, West Virginia and Mississippi. CCEA President Rena Lee Paiva and dozens of others in and around the Clay County School District will be heading to the state capitol in January to let their voices be heard.

"We are the third biggest economy in the United States and the state of Florida," Paiva said. "Florida has billions in reserves and they have to start funding education or the state of Florida is going to be in serious trouble."

Paiva describes the current teacher shortage across the state as a silent strike and she hopes to end this shortage by going straight to legislators in Tallahassee. The last time CCEA did something like this, they

sent one bus full of teachers, parents and like, according to Paiva. CCEA is hoping to send four buses this year full of teachers, parent groups and administrators.

"This isn't a political move," Paiva said. "This is about funding our future. When did things like funding public education ... cease becoming American values?"

Paiva said she's concerned that the American public has forgotten that public education is a value of America.

Signs that say "Fund Public Education" will be carried in Tallahassee and they hope legislators will increase funding for education.

"Fund Public Education" isn't political," Paiva said. "Public education is the great equalizer. John Kennedy said that and Eisenhower said that."

Paiva hopes the Clay County School Board will join CCEA in Tallahassee and that Superintendent Addison Davis will allow principals to attend.

"We hope to have 50,000 teachers and advocates of public educators to be marching in Tallahassee," Paiva said. "That's 15% of every teaching body in every county in the state of Florida."

"That's the goal. It's very ambitious but that's our goal."

Paiva said the march is public educa-



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Teachers met Tuesday night to plan their march in Tallahassee in January to impress the Legislature to spend more money on education.

tion's last stand, citing certain bills that have come across Florida legislator desks that seek to remove certified teachers altogether and use adjunct teachers instead.

"We'll never come back from that road,"

Paiva said. "You won't have to worry about school boards or who is what on it because it won't matter anymore. You won't have public education."

Elf on the Shelf hits stage Sunday at Thrasher-Horne Center

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Straight from the enchanted world of Santa's North Pole, comes an all-new musical treat for all ages, THE ELF ON THE SHELF: A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL!

For the first time, The Elf on the Shelf Scout Elves are taking center stage in a new live musical debuting this holiday season, and it is destined to be a classic that

the whole family will enjoy.

The curtain goes up at 6 p.m.

Inspired by the beloved box set The Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Tradition, this touring stage production will give families an exclusive glimpse into the magical world of Santa's North Pole through unforgettable song and dance numbers weaved throughout a heartwarming tale about Christmas spirit – sure to delight theatergoers.

The musical will be making just two stops in Florida during its 14-state tour, including Sunday night at the Thrasher-Horne Center on the St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr.

This toe-tapping tale tells the story of one particularly impressive Scout Elf who must help his new, human family overcome a personal loss and remember the importance of Christmas cheer. Can this tiny elf, along with a host of North Pole pals, make

Christmas joyous for his family once again? Featuring an original story and score, dazzling sets and costumes, and wondrous moments that make even the most cynical believe, this momentous celebration of the season leaves spirits high and captivates all with the splendor of Christmas.

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Police Briefs

Fleming Island man charged with molesting boy for 8 years

FLEMING ISLAND – A Fleming Island man was arrested Nov. 15 after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies said he molested a boy for more than eight years.

Charles William Boggs, 56, was charged with three capital counts of molestation of a child 12 years or younger. He was arrested at the Orange Park Medical Center after deputies said he tried to commit suicide by cutting his wrists in a local hotel room.



Charles Boggs

A victim said the assaults started when he was 10 and lasted until he moved away when he was 18.

Boggs apparently tried to kill himself after he was ordered to stay away from the victim's family during an investigation by the Department of Children and Families, CCSO said.

Boggs was being held inside the Clay County Jail without bond.

Local man a 'person of interest' in missing Fleming Island woman

FLEMING ISLAND – The Clay County Sheriff's Office needs help locating Corey Binderim from the Margaret's Walk neighborhood on Fleming Island.

The agency said Binderim is a person of interest in the Oct. 24 disappearance of Susan Mauldin from her Harbor Island home.

"There's definitely mysterious circumstances associated with it," said CCSO Homicide Det. Howard Fryer. "The facts and circumstances developed during the course of this investigation led us to believe an individual identified as Corey Binderim has pertinent information related to this case. Mr. Binderim has cooperated through the course of this investigation, but until recently he left the area suddenly with no explanation. His whereabouts are unknown at this time."

Fryer said Binderim was hired to remodel Mauldin's bathroom. When he didn't complete the job, she reportedly demanded her deposit back. She was reported missing shortly after that.

If you have information about Mauldin's disappearance or Binderim's location, contact Fryer at Clay County Sheriff's Office at (904) 264-6512.

Couple caught trying to get loan with stolen identification

ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville couple were caught trying to get a loan while using someone else's identification, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

Zip-Po 'Ran Car'Mel Peters, 30,

and Charles Cornelius Smith, 34, were charged with possession of another person's identification without permission and trying to defraud a financial institution after they tried to get a loan a One Main Financial, 868 Blanding Blvd., on Nov. 13. Peters also was charged with possession of methamphetamine, heroin and hydrocodone.

Peters and Smith were attempting to borrow money using a driver's license and other banking information, including pay stubs, from another woman from South Carolina, CCSO said.

Deputies said Peters used the fake identification to rent a car from AVIS on Wells Road.

In addition to the drugs, they found \$5,000 and six \$500 gift cards from Navy Federal Credit Union in the driver's door console.

Peters' bond was set at \$150,020.

Two face drug charges after stopped for running red light

MIDDLEBURG – A couple face several drug charges after they were pulled over for turning right on a red light without stopping.

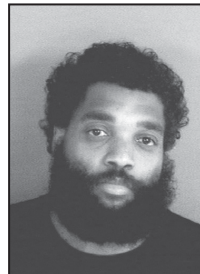
Joshua Luke Douglass, 38, and Jennifer Haase, 50, both of Orange Park, were charged with possession of methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop turned into a drug bust. Douglass also was charged with possession of cocaine.

According to the arrest report, Haase was stopped for turning onto County Road 220 at Henley Road at a red light without first stopping at the light. Once deputies approached the car, they noticed passengers "shuffling around" inside the car. A drug-sniffing dog, K9 Chief, alerted deputies to the likely presence of drugs.

Deputies found 10.24 grams of methamphetamine, .52 grams of cocaine, 1.16 grams of marijuana and a cut straw with "white" residue on it.



Zip-Po 'Ran Peters



Charles Smith



Joshua Douglass



Jennifer Haase

Passed out man arrested for drugs after passing out behind wheel

ORANGE PARK – Concerned residents alerted the Clay County Sheriff's Office of a man who seemed to be passed out for four hours in his car. Deputies then charged Brandon Corey Thomas, 34, of Orange Park, with driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana, Alprazolam, fentanyl and methamphetamine.

According to the arrest report, Thomas was asleep behind the wheel of his car with his engine running in a fast-food restaurant when they found him.

Thomas refused to participate in a field sobriety test, and he refused to blow into the Intoxilyzer 8000 to provide a sample to test his blood alcohol level.

His bail was set at \$106,513.

Pair caught with drugs, trying to destroy evidence during stop

FLEMING ISLAND – Two men were charged for possessing several illegal drugs and trying to destroy evidence following a routine traffic stop on Nov. 18.

Ryan Donald Thompson, 21, and Drew Maynard Cox, 21, both of Orange Park, were charged with tampering with evidence and possession of cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia after a drug-sniffing dog alerted Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies to the drugs inside Cox's car. Cox also was charged with improperly concealing a weapon.

Deputies originally stopped Cox for making several improper lane changes, CCSO said. They found two silver spoons with burned residue, a bag of cocaine and a sports drink bottle also containing cocaine, according to the arrest report.

Three from Clay among 11 indicted for conspiracy, receiving kickbacks

JACKSONVILLE – Eleven people, including three from Clay County, were indicted for conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud related to kickbacks involving compounded medications for military soldiers and dependents, the U.S. Attorney Maria

Chapa Lopez said.

According to court documents, \$43.5 million was taken, with Carter pocketing \$30 million.

Greg Carter, 62, of Fleming Island, and Pablo Ortiz, 51, of Middleburg, were charged with conspiracy for receiving and paying kickbacks, along with money laundering.

Qualla Miller, 42, of Orange Park, was charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud for soliciting and receiving kickbacks.

Others indicted included: Scott Balotin 49, of Saint Johns, Thomas Jones, 50, of Jacksonville, John Clark Walton, 49, of Jacksonville, David Stevens, 40, of Callahan, Sam Todd, 40, of Jacksonville Beach and Derwin Allen, 50, of Jacksonville.

All were charged with multiple counts of receiving and paying kickbacks and/or money laundering.

The maximum penalty for the conspiracy count and each count of money laundering is 10 years in federal prison. The maximum penalty for each count of receiving and paying kickbacks is five years in federal prison.

The indictment also notifies the individuals that the United States intends to forfeit the proceeds traceable to the offense, as well as items and properties purchased with proceeds traceable to the offense, including a 2015 Cadillac Escalade, a 2015 Ford Thor Motor Coach and two residences.

In a related case, a grand jury returned an indictment charging Miller, Earl Smalls 57, of Jacksonville, and Mario Correa Jackson, 35, of Jacksonville, each with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and separate counts of soliciting and receiving kickbacks.

In addition, Smalls and Jackson were each charged with paying kickbacks, and Miller and Smalls were each charged with money laundering.

The maximum penalty for the conspiracy count and each count of receiving and paying kickbacks is five years in federal prison. The maximum penalty for each count of money laundering is 10 years in federal prison. The indictment also notifies the individuals that the United States intends to forfeit the proceeds traceable to the offense.

According to the indictments, Balotin owned and operated Casepark, a marketing firm in Jacksonville that utilized sales representatives to market compounded medications, including creams for pain and scars, to health care benefit program beneficiaries. The creams had very high reimbursement rates, ranging from approximately \$4,000 to \$17,000 for a one-month supply.

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Arrests & Bookings

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Tuesday, Nov. 19

Samantha R. Todd, 24, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Jeremy I.A. Verde, 18, Green Cove Springs, petit theft, providing false identification
 Bobbie R. Nicholson, 33, Orange Park, retail petit theft, possession-methamphetamine with intent to sell, possession/use drug equipment, introduction/removal of contraband into jail
 Daniel C. Brumley, 37, Middleburg, non-support
 Carrie A. Vicente, 40, Orange Park, retail petit theft
 Travis D. Jackson, 36, Orange Park, DWLSR-habitual offender
 William R. Haley, 41, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Devin S. Griffis, 29, Orange Park, battery on police officer, retail petit theft, possession-concealed weapon by convicted felon
 Rudy M. Duvivier, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control

Monday, Nov. 18

Jana L. Morgan, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control
 James E. Angove, 49, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery
 Amanda L. Thomas, 35, Middleburg, DWLSR
 Kristopher K. Hunt, 25, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
 Lester Bell, 47, Orange Park, trafficking heroin more than 14g
 Melanie J. Murphy, 38, Orange Park, scheme to defraud/obtain property
 Steven L. Price, 55, Orange Park, trespassing
 Nicole M. Johnson, 32, Middleburg, two counts VOP-domestic battery
 Robert B. Hatcher, 49, Middleburg, simple battery
 Adam J. Schierman, 47, Green Cove Springs, DUI
 Stacia M. Sygowski, 32, Orange Park, grand theft
 Drew M. Cox, 21, Fleming Island,

tampering/fabricating/concealing/destroying evidence, concealed weapon violation, possession-cocaine, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Tracy L. Stratton, 43, Fleming Island, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Ryan D. Thompson, 21, Fleming Island, tampering/fabricating/concealing/destroying evidence, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession-cocaine, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Tracy L. Stratton, 43, Fleming Island, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Ebony Richards, 32, Orange Park, disorderly intoxication, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer
 Tracey L. Johnson, 40, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery on person 65 or older, simple domestic battery

Sunday, Nov. 17

Clay R. Coates, 33, Middleburg, attempting to flee/elude police with lights/siren active, DWLSR, operating motorcycle without license
 Matthew J. Collins, 22, Orange Park, FTA
 Jason A. Hiers, 43, Middleburg, VOP-domestic battery
 Donielle M. Fothergill, 35, Green Cove Springs, FTA-VOP hearing
 Kelly M. Ford, 42, Middleburg, retail petit theft
 Kush R. Dave, 24, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA
 Jeffrey J. Vochatzer, 54, Green Cove Springs, DUI
 Christina Navarro, 31, Orange Park, domestic battery

Saturday, Nov. 16

David G. Mount, 42, Middleburg, attempting to flee/elude police with lights/siren active, DWLSR
 Dawn M. Farmer, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Kyle S. Morris, 20, Orange Park, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher with passenger 18 or young
 James E. Thompson, 54, Orange Park, fugitive from justice
 Tammy L. Bugely, 37, Green Cove Springs, non-support, VOP-possession-heroin
 Derrius B. Bauer, 25, Oakleaf, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana less than 20g,

FTA
 Demetrius A. Martin, 26, Middleburg, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession-cocaine with intent to sell, DWLSR
 Marcus A. Chamblin, 25, Orange Park, VOP-community control
 Fred L. Chapin, 47, Middleburg, domestic battery

Friday, Nov. 15

Joshua L. Douglass, 38, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Jennifer L. Haase, 50, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Sarah J.M. Drawdy, 24, Keystone Heights, FTA-possession-cocaine
 Jennifer A. Deal, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-cocaine
 Naji A. Jones, 27, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-marijuana less than 20g, FTA-possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Xavier J. Hart, 23, Green Cove Springs, VOP-petit theft
 Charles W. Boggs, 56, Fleming Island, sexual battery on child 12 or younger, four counts lewd/lascivious conduct against child 12 or younger
 Jessica L. Williamson, 41, Keystone Heights, petit theft
 James T. Brimhall, 37, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession/use drug paraphernalia
 Michael D. Karraker, 32, Orange Park, retail petit theft, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, providing false identification
 Brian A. Frye, 39, Orange Park, retail petit theft
 Alexis D. Johnson, 32, Orange Park, retail theft
 Leroy S. Sessions, 49, Orange Park, retail theft

Thursday, Nov. 14

Brandon C. Thomas, 34, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia, possession-controlled substance without prescription, possession-controlled substance, DUI
 Johnny O. Perry, 41, Middleburg, DWLSR
 Luke E. Thrasher, 25, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR-Duval

Joshua M. Kinion, 25, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR
 Jerri F. Mullins, 53, Orange Park, trespassing
 Kristen D. Leino, 34, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine
 Skyler K. Knight, 21, Middleburg, simple domestic battery
 Michael L. Foster, 39, Middleburg, possession-ecstasy
 Donavan D. James, 18, five counts VOP-community control
 Etorial S. Plant, 32, Orange Park, retail theft
 Miranda A. Malone, 23, Orange Park, retail theft
 Richard L. Pate, 48, Green Cove Springs, possession firearm/ammunition by convicted felon
 Jonathan B. Salaz, 35, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Samantha M. Congdon, 33, Middleburg, non-support
 Zipp-po'ran C. Peters, 30, Orange Park, two counts possession/use of another person's ID, using false ID to obtain loan from financial institution, possession-hydrocodone, possession-heroin, providing false ID
 Charles C. Smith, 34, Orange Park, possession/use of another person's ID, using false ID to obtain loan from financial institution
 Jamie L. Ward, 51, Middleburg, two counts out of county warrant
 David R. Prevatt, 40, Middleburg, simple battery
 Clay R. Coates, 33, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, DWLSR, riding motorcycle without license
 Francesco Franzese, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-unlawful act by someone 24 or older against child 16-17
 Garhett A. Miller, 25, Orange Park, utter forged instrument
 Dustin W. Seidel, 36, Orange Park, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling
 Tyrese E. Griffin, 18, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g
 Joseph W. Cunningham, 28, Orange Park, possession-marijuana less than 20g
 Kenneth W. Howell, 38, Green Cove Springs, uttering forged instrument/counterfeit bill, domestic battery
 Kenneth F. Thomas, 60, Melrose, non-support-Alachua

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would pay claims for these compounded medications.

The indictment alleges that a large number of the prescriptions generated for the recruited TRICARE beneficiaries were directed to Park and King Pharmacy, owned and operated by Greg Carter. Casepark received approximately 55 percent of the after-cost amount of each claim paid by a health care benefit program to Park and King Pharmacy for each prescription filled.

Casepark, and Park and King, paid the sales representatives a percentage of the

paid claims they received from the pharmacies.

To induce beneficiaries to provide their TRICARE information and obtain prescriptions for compounded creams from various doctors, patient recruiters (Jones, Walton, Stevens, Todd, Allen, Ortiz, Miller, Smalls, and Jackson) agreed to make, made, and caused to be made illegal kickbacks in the form of cash payments to the beneficiaries. Those prescriptions were filled at Park and King and other pharmacies and resulted in commission payments being made to Casepark and its sales representatives, including the defendants.

An indictment is merely a formal

charge that a defendant has committed one or more violations of federal criminal law, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Marshals Service. It will be prosecuted by Asst. U.S. Attorney Julie Hackenberry.

Orange Park man uninjured in crash with Flagler Sheriff's cruiser

PALM COAST – An Orange Park walked away without injuries after his pickup was struck by a Flagler County Sheriff's Office cruiser at The Hammock.

The Florida Highway Patrol said Deputy Kyle Gaddie, 28, was stopped at East 16th Road at the intersection of State Road A1A. As a tractor-trailer attempted to turn onto 16th, Gaddie pulled out onto A1A and veered into the path of a pickup being driven by Jack Nichols, 48, of Orange Park.

Gaddie was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries.

Give the gift of kindness this holiday season

ORANGE PARK – As a town center and goodwill ambassador of the community, the team at Orange Park Mall is sparking the spirit of giving in a meaningful way this holiday season.

Beginning on Nov. 29 with a grand opening and running through Dec. 28, guests are encouraged to Gift Kindness to others for a chance to win a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice.

Whether it's holding the door open, handwriting a note to a loved one, or paying off a stranger's layaway, kindness is the gift to give this holiday season.

Guests can select a random act of kindness in the form of a gift tag at the Gift Kindness activation, located at Orange Park Mall inside the Food Court.

For a chance to win the ultimate prize in support of charity, guests are encouraged to share their act of kindness on their public Instagram feed.

To qualify for the contest, they must also follow and tag @OrangeParkMall tag the charity they love, and use the hashtag #GiftKindnessContest.

A very worthy #GiftKindnessContest winner will be chosen and notified in January.

Randy Bowman, General Manager of Orange Park Mall said: "This holiday season, we are encouraging guests to give the gift of kindness to friends, family, partners, team members, acquaintances or strangers.

Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give, and we hope this campaign will spark the spirit of giving in our community, one act of kindness at a time."

Gift Kindness illustrates Orange Park Mall's commitment to celebrating the community with events and activations throughout the year.

For additional information on the Gift Kindness campaign, visit giftkindnesscontest.com/rules.

To learn more about upcoming holiday events at Orange Park Mall, visit www.orangeparkmall.com/events.



Fraternal Order of Eagles get Christmas season off to flying start

The Orange Park Eagles 4365 donated more than \$1,300 worth of toys to local Marine Corp League for their Toys for Tots drive. Thanks to all for this worthy cause!

Community Calendar

MY BEST FRIENDS ZANY CHARITY WALK: is Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fleming Island High track, 2233 Village Square Pkwy. Purpose of walk is to create new friendship and raise money for the Safe Animal Shelter.

ELF ON THE SHELF: is Nov. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center on the Orange Park campus of St. Johns River State at 283 College Dr. Tickets are available by calling (904) 815 or online at THcenter.org.

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ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB THRIFT STORE: open on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 130 Kingsley Ave. Sales support scholarship programs for Clay County high school seniors.

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HENRY FORD'S INNOVATION NATION: is at Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, on Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Tickets start at \$19 and are available at THcenter.org or by calling (904) 276-6815, ext. 1.

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 4 KIDS: is Dec. 7 from 9 a.m.-noon at Camp Chowenwaw, 1517 Ball Road, Green Cove Springs. Hosted by Clay County Parks and Recreation and the Jacksonville Audubon Society, the event celebrates the wonder and beauty of birds in their winter habitat. Suggested ages are 8 and older. Registration is free and required at CHRISTMASBIRDCOUNTFOR KIDS6.eventbrite.com.

LIGHTS AND TAILS HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT: is Dec. 7 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Safe Animal Shelter, 2913 County Road 220, Middleburg. Vendors, onsite adoption and Santa pictures will be available.

CLAY COUNTY TOY RUN: benefiting J.P. Hall Children's Charities is Dec. 8 at noon at First Coast Biker Gear, 1429 S. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs. Registration is a new, unwrapped gift or \$10 donation for each rider. Ride ends at Whitey's Fish Camp on Fleming Island.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: is Dec. 8 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at River Christian Church, 5900 U.S. 17, on Fleming Island. Bring the family for cookies, cocoa and Christmas carols.

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GCS: Residents may get \$125 fee to fund overdue stormwater projects

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Many residents may get a new \$125 fee on their next tax bill to fund much-needed, long-overdue stormwater projects.

The Green Cove Springs City Council held a special session Tuesday night to figure out how to fund \$7.5 million worth of infrastructure projects during the next 10 years, including areas that have been targeted for repairs or replacement for more than five years.

“It becomes the responsibility (of the city) to provide stormwater services to your residents,” said Robert Walpole, president of CHW, an engineering firm hired to help the city find solutions to its longstanding problems.”

CHW used 30 random single-family homes to calculate average square-footage inside city limits.

That figure helped the company determine Green Cove Springs would need to collect \$209 a year to fully-fund \$750,000 a year to fully-fund projects during the next 10 years.

The city council asked CHW to expand its control group to 200 homes. The cur-



Robert Walpole

rent standard was set at 2,400-square feet.

Councilman Van Royal quickly argued at \$209, residents would feel “sticker shock.” Councilman Mitch Timberlake then made a motion to start the fee at \$125 a month with three annual increases of \$30 each

to eventually reach the amount needed to make repairs.

That motion wasn’t seconded.

The council then voted 5-0 to approve a \$125 fee on top of current \$42 fee for normal utility operations. The proposal will be heard at a future council meeting, with

possible approval set for January.

If approved, the council said it would re-address the fee in a year after CHW re-evaluates average square-footage and the city calculates how many residents are eligible for credits.

Repairs, however, can’t be ignored any longer, Timberlake said.

“We’ve got to go forward with this,” he said. “We’ve been pushing off these projects for years. There’s not a question in my mind these infrastructure projects have to be done.”

The city has a list of stormwater projects – many of which have been noted for more than five years. The are: West Street, Julia Street, Clay Street storm basin, St. Johns Avenue North, Ferris Street storm basin, Esplanade Avenue, Roberts Avenue, Highland Avenue South, Oakridge Avenue North and Vermont Avenue South.

In business during regular session, the council approved a 17% increase in wastewater rates and a 3% increase in water rates.

The council also approved an ordinance that regulates short-term rentals in residential areas by limiting capacity and establishing minimum insurance standards.

SafetyNet

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wants to take the group to the next level by mirroring Lake County’s wildly successful Shared Services Network.

Lake County’s program was modeled after federal program where groups like the Clay SafetyNet report to an executive roundtable made of prominent government, legal, professional, faith-based and nonprofit officials who have the resources to complete projects.

“The executive roundtable can use their influence by bringing the whole county together,” Van Heerden said. “The goal is to bring the county together as one force to take on projects together. We have a new highway (First Coast Expressway) coming in and a lot of development happening. Our needs will grow. We need to be ahead of the game.”

Lori Humphrey is the project manager in Lake County. She told the Clay SafetyNet last month her county found greater success by working in unison to solving issues.

“We talk about collaboration, cooperation, coordination and information sharing,” Humphrey said. “None of that costs money. We need to get together. The money is there. We all have to work together to find it. We found we had the resources. It was a matter of tapping into them.”

Lake County’s Executive Roundtable has 16 members, including the county’s sheriff, superintendent, county commission chairman and administrator of the health department. The board also has

several court officials, local and state politicians and publisher of the local newspaper. Van Heerden has made the four-hour roundtrip drive “six or seven” times to create a foundation for Clay’s program.

According to Lake County’s website, the Shared Services Network helps a community meet the multiple education, health, and social service needs of children in a collaborative way. It’s brought projects in front of decision-makers to the table to encourage coordinated service delivery through interagency agreements, shared funding and policies that encourage shared services. The Lake County project was established in 2003 and was funded through a grant from the Department of Education IDEA. The project is currently funded through community partners.

The Shared Services Network process links the school district with other education, support and social service agencies in the community.

This way of work utilizes a representative group of policy makers supported by a steering or implementation group.

This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and community problem solving, encourages shared decision making and shared accountability at the policy level and maximizes the use of resources available.

There were 101 people at last month’s Clay SafetyNet Alliance meeting. Van Heerden said the group now needs work more closely with state, county and city officials who are in position to make things happen.

Keystone Heights created its own SafetyNet Alliance and met for the first time two weeks ago.

“There are a lot of unmet needs in the county,” Van Heerden said. “We need to share our resources and make strategic partnerships. We can’t keep stating our needs and then nothing happens. We need the support of elected officials.”

Inadequate public transportation, mental health issues, day care and addiction are a few of the many issues plaguing Clay County, Van Heerden said.

Shared Services Network does a lot more than finding clothes for a needy child or providing a safe refuge for a victim of domestic violence, Humphrey said. Lake County’s group has programs called “Know the Law” and “Gaining Appreciation by Adjusting Perspective” to narrow the divide, real and perceived, between teens and the police.

“We educate youth and parents about laws and consequences about offenses

most-committed by juveniles,” she said. “We want them to know the long-term effects, how that can stay with you for the rest of your life.

“We also create discussion groups between the police and children between 7-and-12 years old so both sides have a greater understanding of each other.”

Some Lake County schools dedicate one classroom for faith-based programs and Bible study. “They’re not baptizing people in the hallway,” Humphrey said. “It’s just another outlet for students to feel comfortable.”

One of the biggest successes in Lake County was an effort to educate parents on infant deaths. The Shared Services Network worked to remind parents of the dangers facing infants, and it resulted in an 80% reduction of deaths.

“You see the great needs of Clay County,” Humphrey said. “Remember, change doesn’t happen with one person.”

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- Van Royal, Franchisee with EXIT Magnolia Point Realty in Green Cove Springs was honored with the Bronze Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing 25-plus real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2018 to June 30.

- Linda White, Sales Representative with EXIT Real Estate Gallery in Orange Park was honored with the Bronze Award



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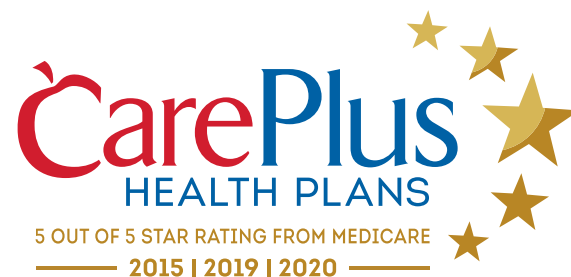
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Clay Chamber of Commerce supports Small Business Saturday

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Clay County Chamber of Commerce announced that, as a member of the American Express Neighborhood Champion Program, and in honor of the 10th Annual Small Business Saturday, it will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Orange Park Mall on Nov. 30 at 10 a.m., to spotlight small businesses and the impact they have on communities, and to encourage shoppers to Shop Small this holiday season.

Created by American Express in 2010,

Small Business Saturday is marking a decade of support from American Express for local business owners. Since its inception, consumers have reported spending an estimated \$103 billion across all Small Business Saturdays combined. That's \$103 billion toward helping communities thrive, spent over just nine days alone.

An average two-thirds of every dollar (\$0.67) spent at a small business in the U.S. stays in that local community. That means shopping small could help bring things like better schools, smoother roads, and new jobs to neighborhoods across the country.

Clay County celebrates its strong business community and acknowledges that small businesses make up 99% of all new businesses in the U.S. and employ 47.5% of the country's workforce. Small businesses also create unique experiences that make people want to live and visit an area. The Clay County Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with the Clay Tourism Department to promote and serve the small business community. A web page has been developed, Exploreclay.com/Experiences, dedicated to small Business Saturday participants.

The Clay County Board of County Commissioners will be presenting a proclamation during the Nov. 26 board meeting in honor of Small Business Saturday and encouraging Clay County residents to support the small business community that makes our county unique and help strengthen our local economy by shopping small all year.

Merchants and consumers can learn more about Small Business Saturday and how to get involved by visiting ShopSmall.com.

Community Calendar

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB MEETING: at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 at Johnny's BBQ, 7411 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.

AMVETS BINGO: is Dec. 12 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

FAIRTAX VOLUNTEERS: meets on Dec. 17 at the Orange Park Library, 2054 Plainfield Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Meeting is open to the public.

MIDDLEBURG STREET SELF-DEFENSE: seminar is Dec. 18 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Middleburg Martial Arts, 2360 Blanding Blvd.

AMVETS BINGO: is Dec. 10 at Post 86, 6685 Brooklyn Bay Road, Keystone Heights from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

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WHITEY'S BOAT PARADE: is Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220, Middleburg. Registration is \$30 with benefits going to Safe Animal Shelter. Go to whiteysfishcamp.com for more information.

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CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor, Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

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FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES: will host a flea market Dec. 21 at 8 a.m. at 1932 Long Bay Road in Middleburg. Table space is \$10. Reserve a spot by calling (904) 413-7542 or (904) 449-9716.

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HEALTH CARE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS: is Feb. 4 at the North Florida Community Action Agency, 1543 Kingsley Ave., Suite 10, Orange Park. Veterans are served on a walk-in basis from 10 a.m.-noon.

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ship Chairman, on or before the deadline of Feb. 21. Scholarship documents will be provided to each public high school guidance office in Clay County and St. Johns Country Day School as of Jan. 3. The instruction sheet and application form provide all of the information a student needs in order to apply. They are also available by clicking on Sophia Fleming Scholarship at <http://www.sophiaflemingchapter.org/>.

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A blistering breaststroke leg from Emma Grimm gave the Fleming Island High girls 200 medley relay team the advantage and the gold medal in the Class 3A championships.

Fleming Island girls team wins gold in relay

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

STUART - With an explosive breaststroke leg by Emma Grimm, the Fleming Island High girls 200 medley relay swim team followed in the footsteps of their boys swim team that lit up opposing relay squads for three consecutive gold medals as the girls relay team stormed to their first gold medal at the Class 3A swimming and diving championships held Saturday in Stuart.

"The medley race was incredibly close," said Fleming Island coach Jordan Bright. "The top three teams finished within .53 seconds of each other. Sarah Grimm got us out quickly with a great backstroke lead leg. Emma Grimm built a lead with a blistering breaststroke leg, Abree Clark main-

tained our advantage with her excellent 50 Fly leg, and Christine Johnson anchored it masterfully and brought us home with a perfect finish."

Fleming Island reclassified to Class 3A this season with the boys golds in the 200 free relay coming in Class 4A.

"The legacy of the boys' 200 Freestyle Relay '3-peat' will be hard to match," said Bright. "The boys' put Fleming Island 'on the map' and now it's the girls turn to be a force to be reckoned with"

For Bright and assistant coach Jacqueline Kroggel, a former collegiate swimmer, the results of the meet were not quite a surprise as Bright has quietly noted the his quartet of Sarah and Emma Grimm; both

SEE GOLD, 30

First score no help as Golden Eagles end season

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

NICEVILLE - A fourth and one penalty flag led to a 41 yard touchdown, but the highlight effort was not enough as the Fleming Island High unbeaten season came to a crashing halt Friday night with Niceville handing out a 47-28 loss in the region 1-7A semifinal played on a cold, blustery Friday night in football-crazy Niceville.

"It takes a lot of hard work to get where we are this year," said Fleming Island coach Damenyum Springs, who finished at 10-1 and earned his second deep region run in three years after an 11-3 record and region finals berth in 2017. "I thank Broden Domenico, Jeremiah Jackson, Zack Payne and Dean Hyams and all

the four year players for being great kids as well as great athletes. Those seniors gave us all they could."

Fleming Island ends their season at 10-1 while Niceville, now 12-0, will travel to face top-ranked Edgewater, a 23-17 double overtime winner (17-17 at end of game) over Tallahassee Lincoln, in that region 1-7A semifinal.

"I learned a lot about this kind of football in this area," said Fleming Island High coach Damenyum Springs. "We just got to get back to our gym and get back to work. They came out stronger than us."

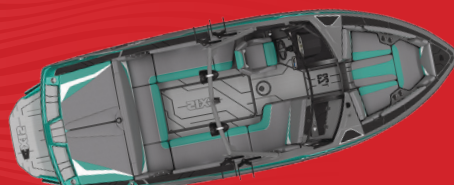
On the Golden Eagles first offensive series, an encroachment flag on a fourth and one put the Dean Hyams-led offense back on the field and, with the flick of a

SEE EAGLES, 31



Fleming Island High School football teammates Cameron Longmire, left, and Jeremiah Jackson share a final moment on the sideline after the Golden Eagles lost to Niceville in the region 1-7A semifinal Friday night in Niceville.

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Scholarships

Big Four sign big college tickets
Dobson, Skinner, Godfrey, Durden ink scholarships

By Randy Lefko
 Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – Four athletes from Fleming Island High School signed off on athletic scholarships on National Early Signing Day last week with all four going to national championship level programs.

Eric Dobson, a lacrosse standout for the Golden Eagles, signed to play Notre Dame lacrosse.

“Notre Dame lacrosse, plus the Notre Dame academic standards, makes Eric signing one of the toughest scholarships to come from Fleming Island High School,” said Fleming Island High coach John Hawley, a U.S. Naval Academy standout in his day. “He has worked hard on both ends to accomplish today.”

Notre Dame is an annual NCAA Division I tournament and Final Four team for the last 10 years under coach Kevin Corrigan with runnerup finishes in 2010 and Final Four finishes in 2012 and 2015.

“I started playing lacrosse at two years old with the Screaming Eagles program,”



Fleming Island High lacrosse ace Eric Dobson will bring his explosive game to Notre Dame next year after signing athletic scholarship on National Early Signing Day on Wed., Nov. 13.

said Dobson, who also played basketball, football and swim. “It’s been a dream of mine to sign to Notre Dame one day. Notre Dame has won four of the last six Atlantic Coast Conference championships. This has always been my choice school.”

Dobson sees his skill set at the Notre Dame level to be tested with a jump in the speed of the game.

“It’s faster, but the guys who can see the game slower are the best players,” said Dobson, who cited a win over Bolles as the top highlight of his career as a Golden

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO



Lia Godfrey, center, with parents Tim and Stefannie, smile before signing to play soccer next at the University of Virginia.



Alia Skinner, center, with parents Eric and Soheila, smile before signing to play soccer next at Virginia Tech University.

Eagle. “I scored like eight goals and we dominated all aspects of the game.”

Dobson joins a handful of Fleming Island players; Patrick Schreiber (at University of Florida), Hayden LaVangie (at Jacksonville University) and Korbin Hamilton (at Limestone College) who have helped to put the Golden Eagles program on the same competitive level as nearby St. Johns County where Ponte Vedra; 2A champs and Final Four in 2018, has been the perennial target.

“Coach John Hawley has shown all the players the level that we would see at the college level,” said Dobson. “Coach Hawley wants each year for the program to get better and more competitive. The program used be known as a bunch of goons years ago and coach Hawley changed all that.”

Also signing from Fleming Island, two soccer standouts that are part of the Clay County Soccer Developmental Academy and numerous national age-group teams over the past four years, Lia Godfrey, a forward, signed to play at Virginia, and Alia Skinner, a goalie, signed to play at Virginia Tech University.

“It’s a really exciting day because of all the years of just playing soccer with these girls that are here,” said Godfrey, who was joined by nine other Clay County



Rayna Durden is thumbs up as she signs to play volleyball at the University of Tampa.

Developmental Academy team (United Soccer Alliance) players from teams such as Ponte Vedra, Providence, Bartram Trail, Nease, Mandarin and Bluffton (SC) at a ceremony at the Holiday Inn Express in Fleming Island. “We recently returned from a camp in California where we played a team from Japan. My highlight playing with this team was making the Final Four of the D.A. League this year.”

Godfrey was the U.S. Soccer, Girls Development Academy East Region player of the year after scoring 19 goals with 16 assists in 21 games. Godfrey also was called up to the US Under-20 National team in late August.

Godfrey was a 14 year old sensation on the 2016 FIFA Under-17 World Cup team that played in Amman, Jordan. At 14, Godfrey became the youngest ever soccer player on the Under-17 team replacing U.S. Olympian Morgan Brian, who played as a 15 year old in 2010.

“That was scary because all those girls were older than me,” said Godfrey. “My speed on the field has always been a plus and I just played my soccer when I got in.”

Virginia, a perennial soccer power pro-

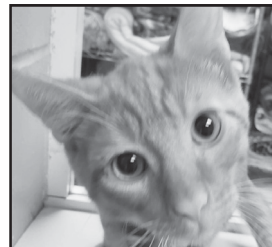
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Scholarships

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gram presently the top regional seed in the San Jose region of the NCAA tournament, has 32 appearances in the NCAA Womens championship tournament. Virginia was Atlantic Coast Conference champion in 2004 and 2012, plus runnerup to Florida State in 2014 (also NCAA runnerup to FSU) and 2015. Last year, Virginia was NCAA runnerup to North Carolina. Virginia won the ACC title in 2012 over Maryland with U.S. Olympian and a Clay County Soccer Club and Florida SOL former player Morgan Brian.

Last year, Virginia was second seeded and lost in the third round of the NCAA tournament to Baylor.

Virginia Tech, who lost in the San Jose 2019 regions to Xavier in their opening game, has, in the last 10 or so years, made some improvement to being ACC contenders as well as NCAA tournament invitees with an NCAA Sweet 16 finish last year where they lost to North Carolina. FSU beat North Carolina for the NCAA title.

"The coaching we get from coaches Luis Torres and Wale Leyumi at Clay County is what makes us able to slide right into college play," said Skinner, who played with Godfrey at Lakeside Junior High School. "We have both played at Clay County Soccer since we were four or five and it was a natural progression to stay with the program."

Skinner, who played in Italy in 2018 for the United States in an international tournament, noted that a U.S. Olympic team shot is in the back of both player's ambitions. Skinner has played on the U.S. Under-16 and Under-18 teams in her career.

"That (Olympics) is always the goal," said Skinner. "That's a lot of hard work. It's sometime in the future and I would love that to happen. I think that's a dream for both of us."

For Durden, a standout at volleyball (230 kills in 2018) and basketball where she has been instrumental in deep region runs for both sports, volleyball at University of Tampa; the 2018, 2014 and 2006 NCAA Division II champions, will be the next stop after missing most of 2019 with a rehabilitating knee injury. Durden made some late season appearances for Fleming Island coach Amy Walker, but saw mainly limited playing time.

Hodges signs with Flagler baseball

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns Country Day School baseball coach Tom Lucas thanked his senior third baseman Jack Hodges for his play and "being a great teammate" on Wed., Nov. 13 during National Early Signing Day as the Spartan fielder inked a scholarship offer to Flagler College.

"Jack came in with me as a seventh



Middleburg High School volleyball and basketball standout Britany Range, center seated, celebrates with teammates her signing to continue to play basketball at Big East power Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

MHS Range signs to Seton Hall hoops

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG – Middleburg High girls basketball forward Britany Range signed a scholarship to continue her playing at Seton Hall University in New Jersey in a ceremony on Fri., Nov. 15.

Range, who was instrumental in the Lady Broncos 21-7 record and region semifinal playoff finish (Lost to Nease), averaged 18.6 points per game with six rebounds per game. Range, at 5'-9", also had

a four assists per game average. Range also hit 44 three-pointers for coach Michael Hayward and shot 74 percent from the free throw line.

On the defensive side, Range snagged 159 rebounds; 90 off the defensive glass, 69 off the offensive glass, handled 3.5 steals per game; 91 total, and at least one blocked shot; 34 total.

In her prior three seasons, Range has steadily averages points per game of 12.3, 16.7 and 18.6.

Range was also a standout volleyball player for coach Carrie Prewitt.

Seton Hall, currently 4-1 in 2019, finished at 15-16 last year and plays in the Big East Conference with the likes of con-

ference champions DePaul University and such basketball powers as Connecticut, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, Xavier and Villanova.

In 2015, Seton Hall made the NCAA championship tournament with a first round exit after losing to DePaul in the conference championship game. Seton Hall lost in the conference semifinals to Creighton in 2016, but advanced to the NCAA tournament; losing in round one.

In 1994 and 1995, Seton Hall lost in the conference finals to powerhouse Connecticut.

In 1984, Seton Hall lost to St. Johns in the conference final.

grader in my first year," said Lucas. "He immediately got recognized for working hard. He was going to be overmatched in varsity baseball. Because we had so little numbers, we kind of threw him at third base. He'll be a six year player on the varsity baseball team."

For Hodges, going to the NCAA Division II Flagler program has been a long-time coming.

"This is a very big day for me," said Hodges. "I went to their camp when I was 14 and loved it. Honestly, that was my first camp and they gave me an offer when I went on a visit. I love the school."

Flagler, a storied Division II program with plenty of Clay County connections including Ridgeview High athletic director John Sgromolo, who made the Los Angeles Dodgers; Middleburg High's Bobby Bassler and Major Leaguer Kyle Bird, now a pitcher for the Texas Rangers. Kyle Morton, a Fleming Island High grad, is presently on the Flagler roster as a right hand pitcher along with Nathan Henderson a pitcher from Middleburg High School and Steven Rodriguez, a freshman from Keystone Heights High School.

Hodges, a .250 hitter last year with nine runs batted in, pushed the Spartans to a region final finish; an 11-1 loss to North Florida Christian, with a 19-8 overall record.



St. Johns Country Day School third baseman Jack Hodges, with dad, Dan, younger brother Brad, and mom, Amy smile as he finishes up signing to play baseball at Flagler College next year.

Hodges noted coach Lucas' strategy of scheduling plenty of higher class teams during regular season play as part of steeling the Spartans approach to games in general.

"When we first started playing teams like Fleming Island and Creekside, we took our lumps, but coach told us to learn from those games," said Hodges. "We got beat up in 2018, but that helped us last year."

Adding to the mix of preparing Hodges to next-level playing is his father, Dan

Hodges, an Ed White High player, a left handed pitcher, and Liberty University pitcher with limited minor league ball before a shoulder injury.

"It's awesome," said Dan Hodges, who was with wife Amy and Brad Hodges, 16, also a St. Johns baseball player. "He really just kind of loved Flagler."

Lucas currently has two players; Connor Moore, a junior, and Jordan Taylor, a sophomore, with commits to Florida State University.

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juniors, Abree Clark, also a junior, and sophomore Christine Johnson would be in the mix for at least a top three finish, if not the top spot.

“Six titles in the last five years; four of them were relay titles,” said Bright. “Our girls also finished second to a very strong Chiles team in the 200 Free Relay. Our boys fought their way into the Top 8 to secure a spot in the Finals as well.”

In 2018, the same quartet finished eighth at the Class 4A championships with a 1:50.12 finish and a seed time of 1:49.98.

The Golden Eagles’ winning time Saturday was 1:48.35 just a hair ahead of Fort Myers as runnerup in 1:48.85.

In the race, Fort Myers held the early lead with Sarah Grimm staying close to Fort Myers’ Olivia McMurray, the eventual 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle state champion, in the opening backstroke leadoff; 26.74-27.02.

In leg two, the breaststroke, with Grimm sister Emma rallying the Golden Eagles to first place with a 30.48-32.02 split to set the stage for a dramatic finish.

Grimm’s lethal breaststroke leg was enough of a cushion for Abree Clark in butterfly and Christine Johnson in freestyle to hold off a late charge by Fort Myers for the win with Gainesville High third at 1:48.88.

Fleming Island registered the fastest time in prelims with a 1:48.68 with



Fleming Island High swimming relay anchor freestyler Christine Johnson finished off the Golden Eagles gold medal 200 medley relay that won gold at the Class 3A championships.

Fort Myers cruising into the final behind Gainesville with a 1:50.23. Gainesville timed in at 1:49.29.

The same Fleming Island quartet would take second to Chiles in the 200 free relay with a 1:38.48 time to Chiles’ 1:36.69.

“Our girls squad is a powerhouse right now, and we will be stronger next season,” said Bright. “The entire squad is pumped up by this success and the FIHS girls’ version of the “Four Horsemen” will be bettered by new and improving teammates next season.”

Fort Myers, with three of the four swimmers in the 200 medley relay, would finish the meet with a gold medal in the 400 free relay. Chiles was team champion for the girls with 240 points, Fort Myers fourth at 136.5 and Fleming Island sixth at 127.

23.10 and also 11th in the 100 backstroke in 1:07.47 to winner 1:03.87; Ashlynn Niewenhuis finished 14th in the 200 freestyle with a 1:58.07 split to winner’s time of 1:49.35 and Christine Johnson finished 13th in the 100 butterfly with a 59.76 split to the winning time of 54.95.

Sarah Grimm finished fifth in the 100 backstroke in 58.22 with Chiles’s winning in 55.87 and also finished ninth in the 100 freestyle with a 53.91 split to the winner’s 51.37.

For the Fleming Island boys, the 200 free relay finished eighth; Alec Bilyeu, Joseph Cannon, Ernest Jones and Justin Lebesch, in 1:30.22 to the winner Fletcher at 1:25.38.

In the Class 4A swim championships, where Oakleaf was the lone county team, freshman Haylie Pinola finished 22nd in the 50 free; the girls 200 medley relay (Pinola, Kelsie Craig, Kylie Loving, Lauren Galloway) finished 15th and sophomore Kylie Loving finished 13th in the 100 breaststroke.

“Class 3A was a good move for us as we are now competing against schools our size,” said Bright. “It is still fiercely competitive with new rivals already established very quickly with Chiles, Gainesville, and Fletcher.”

In individual events, Emma Grimm finished fifth in the 50 freestyle with a 24.38 split behind a 1-2 finish of 23.00 and



Fleming Island High senior freestyler Ernest Jones was part of eighth place 200 free relay squad that competed at Class 3A championships in Stuart on Saturday.



Oakleaf High freshman Haylie Pinola got 22nd in the 50 free and was part of the Knights’ 200 medley relay at the Class 4A swim championships held Friday in Stuart.

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Fleming Island defenders Jeremiah Jackson, left, and Tyler Cross take down Niceville quarterback Will Koch. Niceville beat Fleming Island Friday in region semifinal to end Eagles season.

Eagles

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wrist, Hyams found wide receiver Kaleb Seybolt off the Niceville sideline for a solo score of 41 yards. The quick strike caused a collective "What the heck?" from the Niceville crowd as Fleming Island looked to take the overwhelming crowd out of the picture.

"We just didn't play very well as a team tonight," said senior quarterback Dean Hyams. "We are a lot better than what the scoreboard says and I just wish everyone could see that."

On the Niceville initial series, Fleming Island allowed just one yard in the Eagles first three downs; a sack by Jeremiah Jackson and two quick tackles on quick-out passes by Shaq Magwood and Isiah Blair, as Niceville was testing the outside defense of Fleming Island with little success.

After the initial salvo, and after the corners' shutdown on their second series, Niceville simply pushed their way through the middle of the Fleming Island defense with authority with a sets of scoring runs of 68 yards and 12 yards with a blocked

punt squeezed in between to leave the field at the half up 21-7.

"They made adjustments after the first score and were more physical up front," said Springs. "They took care of us in that first half."

Hyams, on the run for the better part of the first quarter, was forced to throw on the run on most tosses with two sacks leaving a second punt and a startup from their own 23 before Niceville's first long touchdown run. Niceville had seven sacks on the night.

"He never got to setting his feet in the pocket because their guy was chasing him most of the game," said Springs. "He was scrambling all night."

After the long scoring run, Hyams again got snagged on a pass play with a 10 yard loss to the Golden Eagle 19. Punter Garrett Godfrey was overwhelmed at the five yard line and the ball was recovered in the end zone for a quick reversal of the game's momentum.

With Jackson and middle linebacker Zack Payne on the sprint to slow down the Niceville attack, a quick out pass netted 23 yards to the Fleming Island 13 with quarterback Will Koch slamming in from the



Fleming Island wide receiver Kaleb Seybolt caught a 45 yard touchdown pass on the Golden Eagles first offensive series that stunned the Niceville defense, but the Golden Eagles lost in their region 1-7A semifinal.

one yard line for a 21-7 halftime lead.

Payne and defensive end Zack Little bashed in for two sacks to send Niceville into the lockers thinking the second half may not be so easy, but Hyams was intercepted on a long pass attempt that ended the half.

In the third, Springs tried to get the ball to his senior playmaker, Broden Domenico, to generate some room, but a nifty pass breakup on a hurried throw forced a punt that Niceville returner Luke Unterseh outmaneuvered six tacklers before hitting paydirt to push the lead to 26-7 with 6:40 left in the third.

"Dean never gave up," said Springs. "He's a competitor all the way and he played all night."

Niceville would get another score with a midfield start leading to a 16 yard scoring run for a 34-7 lead.

After a Fleming Island series with two incompletions and a punt, Niceville against started at midfield and took just two plays; 18 yards and a 49 yard scoring run to push the score to 40-7.

Injecting a bit of speed to his offensive strategy, Springs put in freshman tailback Sam Singleton for a spark and the shifty Singleton put together a 24 yard kickoff return, a nine yard run off tackle and a 21 yard blast to wake up the Fleming Island offense.

Passes to Domenico and wideout Will Stephens led to a toe-tapping, back of the end zone scoring snare from Domenico that gave Hyams and the offense a reprieve to a blowout.

"Everyone played their hearts out and that's all that matters at the end of the day," said Domenico. "We embraced the grind."

Niceville again answered with runs of 18, 15 to the Fleming Island 17 before Niceville scored for a 47-14 lead with 8:51 left to play.

Domenico punched in with a 25 yard kickoff return with Stephen snatching two slant passes as Hyams got some pocket time. Singleton got loose for a 15 yard sprint to the Niceville 22 before crashing through the middle of the Niceville defense for a 15 yard touchdown and a 47-20 score with 6:07 still to play.

An onside kick and a sack from Tyler Cross got Hyams one final shot to close the scoring gap and the final drive showed off some resilience on the offense despite a 42 yard pass play to the two yard line by Domenico getting nullified with a penalty flag. The Golden Eagles refused to leave without finishing with a flurry with Hyams finding Seybolt for a 25 yard strike on fourth and 12 at midfield to set up a second score from Singleton to end the game.



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Fleming Island High football coach Damenyum Springs consoles senior Broden Domenico as final seconds tick off in region 1-7A semifinal loss ending season at 10-1.



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Fleming Island grapplers back to the grind

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert, the architect of three consecutive second place finishes in Class 3A, suggested that his 2019-2020 boys will be a year more seasoned and summer more ready to take another stab at perennial powerhouse South Dade High School.

"Last year, we took a whole bunch of young pups to the state tournament with hopes of getting a few surprises, but the nerves caught up with some of them," said Cobbert. "This year, we have a big team of returners, some new faces and some upcoming young guys that have been in this room; the Warehouse as Cobbert calls his Magnolia Point headquarters."

Fleming Island's three consecutive runnerup finishes have come with scores of

240.5-106.5 in 2017, 230.0-140.0 in 2018 and 197.5-96.0 in 2019.

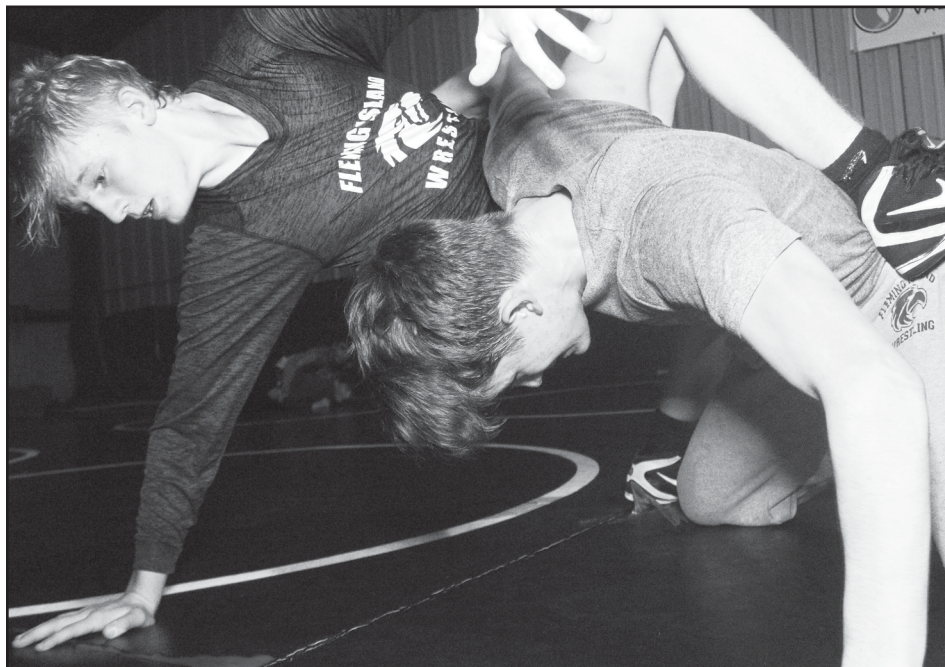
"They (South Dade) are the gold standard, but we'll keep working to close that score," said Cobbert. "We had a great summer and a great trip to Michigan to toughen up some guys."

Fleming Island stays in region 1, district 1-3A with the likes of Creekside (42nd in 2A), Bartram Trail (23rd in 2A) and Nease (50th in 2A) from 2A last year with Atlantic Coast, Mandarin, Oakleaf and Sandalwood returning from 3A. Buchholz and Fletcher, former district foes, are now in district 2-3A with Flagler Palm Coast for Buchholz and district 3-2A for Fletcher.

On the floor for Cobbert for returners are Chad Nix, third at 195 last year who was a medalist in Michigan and Luke Chop, third at 152 last year, with two-time champion Briar Jackson now at Life University. Nix and Chop are both seniors. Cobbert's



Heavyweight Raul Gonzalez appears to have control of teammate Chad Nix. Nix was a third place state meet finisher last year.



Lower weight wrestlers Hunter Herrington, left, and Ryan Hobson roll around in practice session for Fleming Island High School.



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Fleming Island state medalists Luke Chop, left, and Gavin Smith tug around in practice session as area wrestlers ramp up preparation for the 2019-2020 season.

lone graduate is Anthony Breeden, a state qualifier at 182.

"Those two guys will be the leaders in the room," said Cobbert. "Luke is like Paul Detwiler (170 state champion in 2018), just a strong guy out there that is tough to move. Chad is wrestling to avenge his third place from last year with a bit more intensity."

On the mat with Cobbert and returners from last year were Hunter Herrington, who was a state qualifier at 106 last year, but did not make weight; Riley Holton, a junior state qualifier at 113 last year; Ryan

Hobson, a senior state qualifier at 126 last year; Dalton Baysinger, a junior state qualifier at 132 last year; Gannon Janssen, a senior state qualifier at 145 last year; Tanner Hill, a senior state qualifier at 160 last year; Gavin Smith, a junior fifth place state medalist at 170 last year, and Jeffrey Lascano, a senior state qualifier at 220 last year.

Holes to be filled will come from graduated Anthony Breeden, a state qualifier at 182 and heavyweight Raul Gonzales, a junior who lost in the region consolations last year.



Fleming Island's Nick Janssen, had tight grip on teammate Tanner Hill in roll around practice session last week,

Fleming Island boys soccer

District 3-6A
 Fletcher (1-0)
 Fleming Island (1-0-1)
 Creekside (0-1-1)
 First Coast (0-1)
 Atlantic Coast (0-0)

Nov. 11: Fleming Island 2, Eastside 2
Nov. 13: Fleming Island 4, Gainesville 2

Tues., Nov. 19: Fleming Island at Mandarin
Tues., Nov. 26: Fleming Island at Nease
Wed., Dec. 4: vs. Creekside
Fri., Dec. 6: at Bartram Trail
Tues., Dec. 10: at Fletcher
Mon., Dec. 16: vs. Ponte Vedra
Wed., Dec. 18: vs. Oakleaf

Oakleaf boys soccer

District 1-7A
 Sandalwood (1-0)
 Bartram Trail (1-0)
 Mandarin (2-0)
 Flagler Palm Coast (1-1)
 Nease (1-2)
 Oakleaf (0-2)

Nov. 13: Oakleaf 1, Nease 3
Nov. 15: Oakleaf, 1, Flagler 3

Tues., Nov. 19: vs. Oakleaf
Fri., Nov. 22: at Creekside
Wed., Dec. 4: vs. Bartram Trail
Thurs., Dec. 5: at Sandalwood
Sat., Dec. 7: at Spruce Creek 1pm
Tues., Dec. 10: at Ridgeview
Wed., Dec. 11: at Episcopal
Mon., Dec. 16: at Wolfson
Wed., Dec. 18: at Fleming Island

Ridgeview boys soccer

District 3-4A
 Baker County (2-0, 1-0)
 Ed White (0-2-1, 0-1)
 Clay (1-0, 0-0)
 Menendez (1-0-1, 0-0)
 Palatka (0-0-1, 0-0)
 Ridgeview (0-1, 0-0)

Nov. 12: Ridgeview 2, Bishop Kenny 4
Mon., Nov. 18: at Middleburg
Wed., Nov. 20: vs. SJCDs
Thurs., Nov. 21: at Ponte Vedra
Mon, Dec. 9: at OPHS
Tues., Dec. 10: vs. Oakleaf
Thurs., Dec. 12: at Menendez
Wed., Dec. 18: at Clay
Fri., Dec. 20: vs. Bishop Snyder

Clay boys soccer

Nov. 18: Clay 4, Duval Charter 0
Goals: Wendy Charles, Jacob Upchurch, Christian Hunter, Matthew Carlton
Tues., Nov. 19: at Ed White 6pm
Wed., Nov. 20: at Ed White 6pm
Thurs., Nov. 21: vs University Christian
Mon, Dec. 2: at Duval Charter 6pm
Tues., Dec. 3: at Baldwin 6pm
Fri., Dec. 6: vs. Baker County
Mon., Dec. 9: vs. MHS
Fri., Dec. 13: vs. Bishop Snyder
Mon., Dec. 16: at KHHS
Wed., Dec. 18: vs. RHS

Orange Park boys soccer

District 2-5A
 Stanton (1-0)
 Westside (1-1)
 Middleburg (0-1)
 Orange Park (0-2)
 Robert E. Lee (0-1)

Nov. 14: OPHS 1, SJCDs 3
Nov. 15: OPHS 1, Palatka 1
Tues., Nov. 19: vs. Lee
Wed., Nov. 20: at MHS
Thurs., Nov. 21: vs. Yulee 6:30pm
Tues., Dec. 3: vs. Stanton
Wed, Dec. 4: vs. MHS
Thurs., Dec. 5: at Bishop Snyder
Mon, Dec. 9: vs. RHS
Tues., Dec. 10: at Creekside
Tues., Dec. 17: at SJCDs 530pm
Wed., Dec. 18: vs. Crescent City 6pm
Thurs., Dec. 19: vs. Crescent City 720pm

Middleburg boys soccer

Nov. 12: MHS 0, St. Augustine 2
Nov. 15: MHS vs. Clay
Mon., Nov. 18: vs. RHS



Left: Back on the sidelines for Fleming Island High is legendary Frank Pontore, architect of a state title for the Golden Eagles boys team while, right, St. Johns Country Day School power forward Julia Boaventura has been top scoring threat for coach Mike Pickett in back-to-back 8-0 wins over Trinity Catholic and Eastside High Schools.



Wed, Nov. 20: vs. OPHS
Fri., Nov. 22: at P.K. Yonge 6pm
Mon., Nov. 25: vs. Palatka
Tues., Dec. 3: vs. Lee
Wed., Dec. 4: at OPHS
Fri., Dec. 6: at Duval Charter 530pm
Mon., Dec. 9: at Clay
Tues., Dec. 10: vs. Stanton
Thurs., Dec. 12: at Palatka
Mon., Dec. 16: vs. Westside
Tues., Dec. 17: at KHHS

Keystone Heights boys soccer

District 4-3A
 Keystone Heights (3-0, 2-0)
 P.K. Yonge (2-1, 0-1)
 Fort White (0-1, 0-1)
 Crescent City (1-1, 0-0)
 Interlachen (0-1, 0-0)
 Newberry (1-0, 0-0)

Nov. 11: KHHS 5, The Rock 1

Dean Hogg 3 Goals, 2 Assists; Chris Truman, Chris Anderson 1 Goal each; Carson Eatman 9 Saves
Nov. 12: KHHS 8, Fort White 0
 Dean Hogg 5 Goals, Landon Ricketts 2 Goals, Chris Anderson 1 Goal
Nov. 15: KHHS 4, P.K. Yonge 1
 Colby Townsend 2 Goals, Dean Hogg 1 Goal; Chris Truman 1 Goal
Tues., Nov. 19: vs. Newberry 4pm
Thurs., Nov. 21: at Fernandina Beach
Fri., Nov. 22: at Palatka
Mon., Dec. 2: vs. St. Francis 7pm
Tues., Dec. 3: at Crescent City
Fri., Dec. 6: at Interlachen 7pm
Tues., Dec. 10: vs. Columbia 7pm
Thurs., Dec. 12: vs. P.K. Yonge 7pm
Fri., Dec. 13: at West Nassau
Mon., Dec. 16: vs. Clay
Tues., Dec. 17: vs. MHS
Thurs., Dec. 19: at Newberry 7pm

Boys soccer action

Above left: Clay High opened with a 4-0 win over previously unbeaten Duval Charter with goals from Jacob Upchurch, pictured, Wendy Charles, Christian Hunter and Matthew Carlton.

Keystone Heights, 3-0, is scoring big behind Dean Hogg, above right, and and defense from midfielder Landon Ricketts, left. The Indians have outscored their first three opponents 17-2.

SJCDs boys soccer

District 3-2A
 St. Johns Country Day School (3-0)
 St. Joseph Academy (0-1)
 Christ's Church (0-1)
 University Christian (0-0)
 Warner Christian (0-0)
Nov. 11: SJCDs 5, Trinity Catholic 0
 John Linge 3 Goals; Zion Dugan, Jackson Powers, 1 each
Nov. 12: SJCDs 7, Providence 1
Goals: Linge(2), Brafford(2), Powers(1), Stratton(1), Holmberg(1). Great job in the goal by Ryan Croft.
Nov. 14: SJCDs 3, OPHS 1
 Goals by John Linge, Luke Grafton and Landon Brafford
Tues., Nov. 19: vs. Maclay 530pm
Wed., Nov. 20: at RHS 6pm
Mon., Dec. 2: at Warner 6pm
Fri., Dec. 6: at Father Lopez 6pm
Sat., Dec. 7: vs. Nease TBA
Wed., Dec. 11: vs. St. Joseph 530pm
Tues., Dec. 17: vs. OPHS 530pm

Girls Hoops

Season opener

Tues., Nov. 19
Buchholz at Fleming Island
7 p.m.

The skinny: Back is three point bomber Avery Cannon with Emma Richard the all around leader for coach Joey Williams. Inside, it will be Catie Richard and Isabelle Flores handling the boards. Kennedy Williams is likely point guard candidate. Newcomer is freshman MyKayla Maddox, a strong-built power player that showed strong skills in preseason scrimmage play.

Ridgeview at Westside
6 p.m.

The skinny: New coach Amber Amato is no stranger to Panther sports. Makenna Miller, a three point shooter, returns from junior year at Fleming Island with 16 point production in preseason. Alyssa Sherman, a sophomore, is second shooter for Amato and top rebounder.

Orange Park at Providence
7:30 p.m.

The skinny: The senior-filled Lady Raiders want second district title, but lost supershooter Yoly Rosado with knee injury leaving Nayeli Williams as senior playmaker and Macie Faucett as top scrapper on defense. Coming from Ridgeview is speedy guard Treeny Gilford who was Panther leader last year that punched in with district final finish and playoff spot. Underneath is battler Sha'Mia Capers with Nia Brown (5'-11")



Orange Park forward Sha'Mia Capers is key player for paint play for Lady Raiders.



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Fleming Island vs. Fleming Island saw center Demarion Valmyr uncork a vicious shot block on Jordan Myles in preseason action



Above: Oakleaf High senior Isis Culver gets an elbow shot in battle for ball against Bartram Trail in preseason action at Orange Park High while, below, Fleming Island's Emma Richard retreats after steal in Green and Gold scrimmage Friday night.



showing some savvy in preseason clash with Creekside.

Andrew Jackson at Oakleaf
7 p.m.

The skinny: Oakleaf has coach Frank Jenkins on the hook for one more year, reportedly, and the wily veteran would like to finish with a flurry. Lady Knights hammered away at Bartram Trail in preseason match with Isis Culver patrolling underneath and senior Kennedy Williams controlling the flow at guard. Power player Daja Oden, a senior, returns for her senior year and is always a force in the paint.

Creekside at Middleburg
7:30 p.m.

The skinny: The Lady Broncos have just one team in mind; Nease, as they return with Seton Hall signee Britany Range alone without a Roney on her wing. Center Skylar Baltezegar improved much with her footwork toward season end last year and should be formidable at 6'-2" underneath.

Stanton at SJCDs
6 p.m.

The skinny: Spartans coach Yolando Bronston brings everyone back from her region playoff team of last year led by long-range scorer Kendall Sage with fiery Maggie Kent ready to rock the woodwork. Underneath, K?inley Hall was proficient last year with Kyla Hartwell on her side.

Thurs., Nov. 21
Eagles View at Ridgeview
6:30p.m.

Orange Park at Nease
6 p.m.

Oakleaf at First Coast
7 p.m.

Middleburg at Menendez
6 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 22
Clay at Oakleaf
6 p.m.

The skinny: Noted is new coach Shantal Tobler, a major player in her days as a Lady Blue Devil a few years ago.

Bradford at Ridgeview 6:30 p.m.

Ribault at Orange Park 6 p.m.

SJCDS at Aucilla Christian 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 23
SJCDS at Munroe 2:30 p.m.

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Kirsten Pavlisko is stellar defender for FSU.

Newton, Pavlisko combine for FSU soccer title run

Courtesy of FSU Athletics and Sports Editor Randy Lefko

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State soccer team (16-5) defended their home turf in the first round of the NCAA Tournament with a 2-0 win over South Alabama (16-4-2).

The Noles improved to 19-0-1 all-time in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and 45-1-1 at home in the NCAA Tournament.

The second goal of the contest came via an assist by LSU-transfer Abbey Newton, a graduate of Orange Park's St. Johns Country Day School.

On the Lady Seminoles roster are two St. Johns Country Day School standouts; Abbey Newton, a sophomore transfer mid-

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Clue: Distinctive appearance

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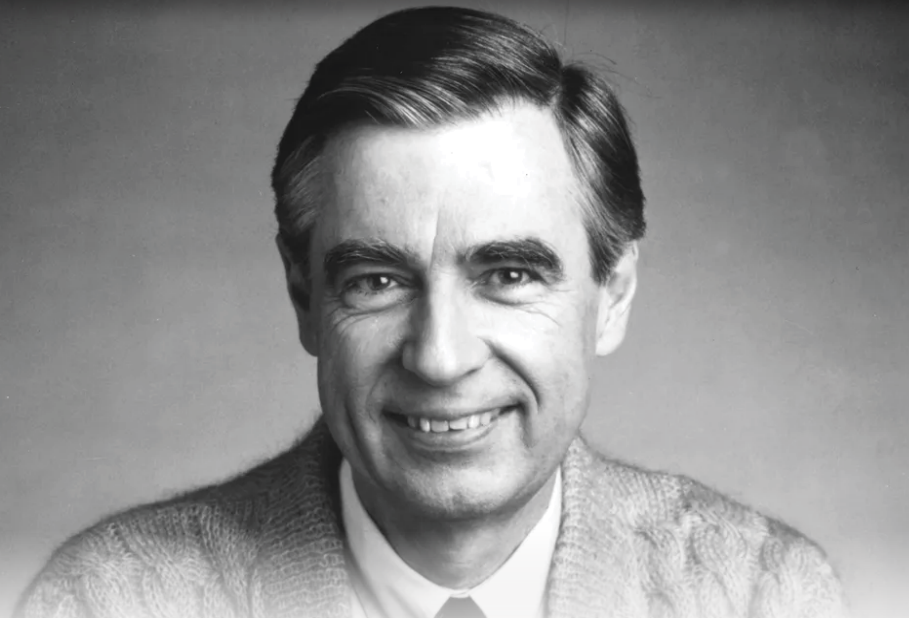


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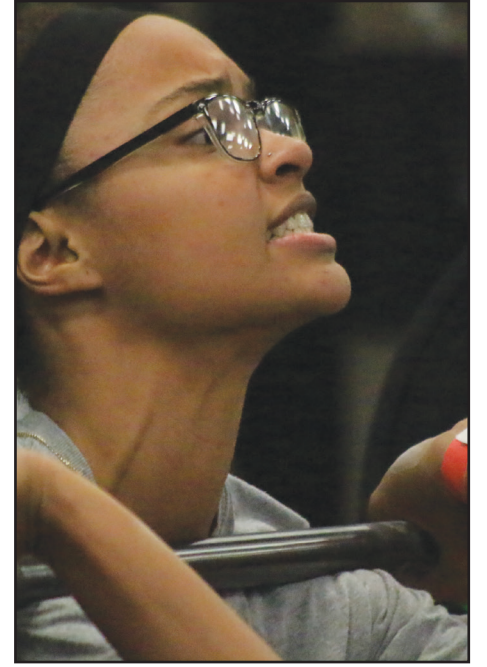
Panthers vs. Raiders weightlifting action

Iron clanks in Panther Den as Ridgeview hosts Orange Park in girls weightlifting action

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Panther teammates Aysia Hill and Sydney Porter are state contenders for Ridgeview.



Orange Park High's Kayla Saunders is strong softball athlete for coach Lee Taylor.



Ridgeview High's Vishwa Patel grimaces to get a clean and jerk weight over her head.



Ridgeview High's Kenyata Hogan helps tape up wrist of teammate Kylie Zinkus before both compete in recent dual match with Orange Park High School.

Soccer

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fielder from LSU, and Kirsten Pavlisko, a sophomore defender.

Newton, a Clay Today player of the year twice, had 24 starts for LSU with four goals and three assists before transferring to FSU. Pavlisko has been a starter since arriving at FSU and was a part of the 2018 NCAA championship team. FSU had 16 shutouts for the championships season with four more in the NCAA tournament.

Against South Alabama, the Seminoles got out of the gate hot scoring in just four minutes and 44 seconds with a Kirsten McFarland goal coming off of assists from Jaelin Howell and Yujie Zhao.

The Seminoles would go on to take seven more shots in the first half with multiple of them being blocked by the Jaguars defense before the ball could get to the net.

In the second half, McFarland earned her second goal of the night on another Seminole double assist. Florida State attacked the middle of the Jaguars defense as Abbey Newton passed it to Zhao who earned her second assist of the night as she passed it along to McFarland for her second goal.

With the win, Florida State advanced to the NCAA second round for the 19th time in program history. The Seminoles will take on Brown on Friday at 5 pm at the Seminole Soccer Complex in Tallahassee, Fla.

Newton's season stats include three



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Abbey Newton on the run for FSU.

goals, four assists off 13 shots; six shots on goal. Newton has two goals off two penalty kick attempts. Newton had goals against Samford (first goal) on September 8 in a 6-0 win, against Villanova on September 15 in a 5-0 win with a lone goal; a penalty kick, against Pittsburgh on October 5 in a 1-0.

Pavlisko has started all 21 games for the Lady Seminoles with one assist from her defense position off three shots; one shot on goal.

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Former Oakleaf High basketball standout Jonathan Bryant, left, has put up near 15-18 points a game in early going for University of Tampa as regular season play begins.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **ATCE II FLORIDA - A LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3984/2017**
 Legal Description: **L.O.T. 2 LAKESHORE WEST AS REC O R 3835 PG 1532**

Parcel ID No.: **\$11,572.07**
 Physical Address: **4782 LAKESHORE DR W. FLEMING ISLAND**

Classification: **VACANT**
 Name in which assessed: **VIVERE HOMES LLC**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **18th day of December, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Dated this **25th day of October, 2019.**

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

Legal 45143 published Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-001038
MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION
 Plaintiff,

vs
VERONA A. MCFARLANE, et al
 Defendant(s)

TO: **VERONA A. MCFARLANE**
 RESIDENT: Unknown
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
 625 CHERRY GROVE ROAD,
 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-4292

TO: **UNKNOWN TENANT**
 RESIDENT: Unknown
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
 625 CHERRY GROVE ROAD,
 ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-4292

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in CLAY County, Florida:

Lot 73, Country Club of Orange Park Unit One, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 21, Pages 29 through 40, in the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC, attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 2001 NW 64th Street, Suite 100, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Clay Today.

Dated: November 15, 2019.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: **Stacie Towns**
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564

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at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 45256 published Nov 21 and Nov 28, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper PH# 96515

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Dec 5, 2019 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

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 Legal 45262 publish Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **CAZENOVIA CREEK FUNDING II LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3403/2017**
 Legal Description: **W.P.T LOT J BLK 101 PALMER & FERRIS TRACT O R 68 PG 613**

Parcel ID No.: **380626-016669-000-00**
 Opening Bid: **\$4,515.88**
 Physical Address: **400 HIGHLAND AVE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS**

Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**
 Name in which assessed: **DIANA LUCILLE CONNER HEIRS ET AL C/O CAROL COOK**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **18th day of December, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Dated this **29th day of October, 2019.**

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

Legal 45152 published Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 FILE NO: 2019-CP-488
 Division

IN RE: ESTATE OF **JULIA ANN GRANT**
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Julie Ann Grant, deceased, whose date of death was August 23, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is November 14, 2019.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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Thomas C. Santoro
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar No. 0784915
 1700 Wells Road, Suite 5
 Orange Park, Florida 32073
 Telephone: (904) 278-8713
 Fax: (904) 278-8768
 tsantoro@santoro-law.com

Personal Representative:
 Julie Robson
 Legal 45197 published Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF MEETING SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agendas for these meetings may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Oliver
 District Manager
 Legal 45258 published Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **ATCE II FLORIDA - A LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3838/2017**
 Legal Description: **LOT 5 BLK 1 FOXRIDGE UNIT 4 AS REC O R 3822 PG 1392**

Parcel ID No.: **140425-020331-009-00**
 Opening Bid: **\$114,507.22**
 Physical Address: **2908 CIRCLE RIDGE DR, ORANGE PARK**

Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**
 Name in which assessed: **OWEN EDMOND MCDONOUGH JR & JACQUELINE L ELLAN MCDONOUGH**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **18th day of December, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Dated this **25th day of October, 2019.**

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

Legal 45141 published Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CIVIL DIVISION
 CASE NO: 2019-CA-000824
 Division: F

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
CARL J. CHAMPAGNE, et al.
 Defendants.
 TO:

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UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LOIS ALLI CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
 LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
 1806 LAKEDGE COURT
 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068
 You are notified that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

LOT 9, BLOCK A, REPLAT OF OAKHILL ESTATES UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGE 47, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

commonly known as **1613 TWIN OAK DR E, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068** has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Stacey-Ann Saint-Hubert of Kass Shuler P.A., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 800, Tampa, Florida, 33601, (813) 229-0900 within 30 days from the first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated: October 29, 2019.

(seal)
 CLERK OF THE COURT
 Honorable Tara S Green
 PO BOX 698
 GREEN COVE SPRINGS,
 Florida 32043
 By **Richelle Petty**
 Deputy Clerk

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 ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Legal 45205 published Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Clay County Local Mitigation Strategy Task Force will take place at 9:00 a.m. **Tuesday, December 10, 2019**, at the Clay County Emergency Operations Center, located at 2519 SR-16 West, Green Cove Springs, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Legal 45232 published Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME

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

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

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Located at 4080 Cap Lock Ct in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 13th day of November, 2019.
 Owner's name/corporation:
DEBRAND SOLUTIONS LLC
 Legal 45233 published Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on a resolution amending the 2040 Comprehensive Plan to provide for a residential density bonus for mixed-use development with a text amendment to the Future Land Use Element providing for findings of fact; findings of consistency; severability; and an effective date.

This public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019** in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park

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will consider the proposed text amendment and whether to authorize the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity ("DEO"). Copies of this resolution may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
 Legal 45260 published Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: **ATCE II FLORIDA - A LLC**, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3858/2017**
 Legal Description: **LOT 16 BLK 3 THE MEADOWS UNIT 3 AS REC O R 3545 PG 227 & 3691 PG 2041**

Parcel ID No.: **240425-020404-298-00**
 Opening Bid: **\$44,130.88**
 Physical Address: **2393 PERTH DR, ORANGE PARK**

Classification: **SINGLE FAMILY**
 Name in which assessed: **MELODY SUZANNE BELERY ET AL**

Said property being in the County of Clay, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the **18th day of December, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.** or any subsequently scheduled sale date.

Dated this **25th day of October, 2019.**

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

Legal 45142 published Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14 and Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO.: 10-2019-DR-001526-AX
 DIVISION: F

Caleb L Pierre
 Petitioner,
 and
Mayra Sarmiento-Diaz
 Respondent.

To: **Mayra Patricia Sarmiento-Diaz los pinos, Pena Blanca, Cortes, Honduras**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Caleb Luckny Pierre whose address is 641 SW Orange Ave., Keystone Heights, Florida 32656 on or before December 27, 2019 and file the original with this Clerk of the Court at Clay County Courthouse 825 N Orange Ave., Green Cove Spring, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against for the relief to amend the petition.

Copies of all Court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file a Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court approved Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the addressed on record at the clerk's office.

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pleadings.
 Date: November 12, 2019
 (seal)
TARA S. GREEN
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: **Jaimie Pippin**
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 45223 published Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 5 and Dec 12, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice Regarding Blanding Medical Center/Teddy Garcia MD: RECORDS TO BE DESTROYED

This practice is closed due to the death of Dr. Garcia, Dec. 5, 2017. All records are scheduled for destruction February 18, 2020. Last date to request records is February 15, 2020. To request medical records, send an email to Marsha Garcia at tgarciarecords@gmail.com.

Customary charges for production will be charged and ID is required.
 Legal 45224 published Nov 21, Dec 12, 2019 and Jan 16, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/06/2019, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

19UUA5669YA050698 2000 ACURA 3VWFF71K97M144681 2007 VOLKS 4TARN81A9NZ009972 1992 TOYOTA LC2U6A039DC000922 2013 KYMCO Legal 45261 publish Nov 21, 2019 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors' of the Cross Creek North Community Development District will hold a regular meeting on December 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Magnolia West Amenity Center located at 3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. There may be occasions when one of more Supervisors will participate by telephone. At the above location will be present a speaker telephone so that any person can attend the meeting at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by telephone communication.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to advise the District Office at (904) 436-6270, at least 48 hours before the meetings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that this same person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Leslie Gallagher
 District Manager
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