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### STORY OF THE YEAR

#### Ken Brock walks from Keystone Heights to Idaho for WWP

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Ken Brock shared the last few steps of a remarkable 2,650-mile journey from Keystone Heights to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho with his six

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Army veteran Ken Brock returns home to Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights after walking 2,650 miles to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho in five months to raise awareness for the post-traumatic stress disorder programs at Wounded Warrior Project.



## YEAR IN REVIEW 2019

### January

- The Orange Park High band brought home a plaque for first place in Division AA for Field Show Competition for its "Out of the Woods" program at the Sugar Bowl. The band also received five trophies, one each for Outstanding General Effort, Out-

From left, Clay County Superintendent Addison Davis stands with Spelling Bee winner Erik Williams, second-place finisher Maddy Justino and third-place speller Ameera Usman.



standing Music, Outstanding Drum Major, Outstanding Auxiliary and Outstanding Percussion in the Field Show Competition.

- It took a seven-woman, five-man federal jury 105 minutes to convict Trumaine Devone Muller, 33, of Orange Park for selling fentanyl that killed 18-year-old Ariel Jade Brundige. Muller received a mandatory life sentence.

- With poise, Erik Williams took to the microphone, asked the word's country of origin and how it could be used in a

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grandchildren.

"We made it!" Brock said as a group of fans stood in the rain to welcome him six days ahead of his self-imposed deadline of July 4.

"It's been a journey. It's been a long time. There have been a lot of ups and downs. The support has been amazing. I couldn't have done it without everyone."

It was a walk to bring support and attention to post-traumatic stress disorder programs at Wounded Warrior Project.

It became an expedition of self-awareness.

His trip started on Feb. 1 from Amvets Post 86 in Keystone Heights. He walked through two deadly weekends of tornadoes in Alabama, historic flooding in the Midwest, a snafu by the Veterans Administration, snow, rain, fatigue and bears.

He never lost sight of the finish line: join his son, daughter and grandchildren for the Fourth of July parade in Northwest Idaho.

"When I first started out planning this, I had no clue what I was doing or what I was getting myself into," Brock said. "It's a journey that spanned over 2,650 miles, but it's a journey I'll never forget: the people that touched my heart along the way, the different outlook that I got – before I left and what I've got now. America is beautiful. It really is."

Each step seemed an endless road for the Army veteran. Cars and trucks left blasts of wind and sandy spray in their wakes. His solitude often was interrupted by a honking horn or a stereo so loud it blurs his vision.

But Brock keeps walking. And walking.

His 100-pound supply cart, which carried his support dog, Pam, was struck by a tractor-trailer that skidded off the road in Scribner, Nebraska. The town's fire department rallied to his rescue by fixing his cart and ordering parts to be replaced in the next town.

When he got to St. Joseph, Mo., on April 12, he was met by deputy sheriff Jeff Wilson, who escorted Brock to the town's high school. Waiting on the baseball field were school children and a television crew. Everyone wanted to hear his story.

After that, he rounded up Pam, and the students suddenly started walking with him. If for only a few hundred yards in a 2,650-mile journey, they wanted to be part of Brock's voyage.

"It was an honor to have the entire town rally around me," he said. "I told them how this 53-year-old came up with the crazy idea to walk."

Sheriff deputies and state patrolmen seem to be waiting for Brock at every



Workers at Wounded Warrior Project in Jacksonville cheer as they watch Ken Brock arrive to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho following a 2,650-mile walk to promote WWP's PTSD programs.

state, county and city line. Apparently, they've created their own message hotline to make sure everyone's keeping an eye on Brock and he pushes along back roads and busy highways.

"When I got to the Nebraska state line, there was a deputy [Sgt. Jonathan Kirkendall of the Richardson County Sheriff's Office] waiting there to welcome me to the state," Brock said. "It's like that everywhere I go."

His journey was sidetracked by the VA when it demanded that he return to Central Florida for a routine checkup. He rented a car and drove from Wanblee, South Dakota in May and attended his 15-minute checkup. Brock also was invited to make a quick stop at WWP headquarters in Jacksonville before returning to his trip. His brother, Terry, drove him back to South Dakota, and he resumed his walk from the exact spot where he was interrupted.

After pushing hard to average 10 miles a day in the first month, Brock was logging more than 30 in the final five weeks.

A caravan of nine police cars met Brock 1.5 miles from town. Led by Brock's son, Kootenai County Sheriff deputy Arek Brock, the escort led the 54-year-old veteran to a city park where other family members were waiting.

He walked in the parade at Coeur d'Alene. He was celebrated as a hero when he got home to Keystone Heights. By then, U.S. Con. Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) already had read a proclamation honoring Brock into the congressional record.

Brock said his walking days were done when he got to Idaho. Since then, however, he's starting to feel the itch again.

"I have to be doing something," Brock said. "I'm not going to fall back into that trap of sitting around."

The next destination: Maine.

## Donald Davidson gets the death penalty

**Sexual predator kills Middleburg mother, rapes her 10-year-old daughter**

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Donald Davidson arrived on Florida's Death Row on Sept. 25, seven days after Judge Don Lester sentenced the sexual predator for one of the county's most-disturbing murders.

Davidson's life will end behind bars, far away from a public that was repulsed by his actions of Dec. 1, 2014, when he cut his GPS monitor from his ankle, entered a home in Middleburg to strangle 37-year-old Roseann Welsh and rape and kidnap her 10-year-old daughter.

The State Attorney's Office found more relief than satisfaction after being steadfast in its conviction that Davidson must die for his actions.

"He deserves to be on Death Row," said State Attorney Melissa Nelson. "Whenever we make the decision about capital cases, I believe, we all believe, every murder is not the same as the next murder. Some are heavily mitigated; some are very aggravated. This was the worst of the worst. That's what the highest court in the land said the death penalty is reserved for. We all feel this defendant was the worst of the worst."

L.E. Hutton was the lead prosecutor for the state. His case seemed like a slam-dunk. Davidson admitted to most of his crimes. He pled guilty to avoid a trial with the hope of earning some leniency with a life sentence.

Hutton never flinched. He remained committed and unapologetic. Nothing, he thought, could explain Davidson's actions horrific deeds.

"He offered to plead guilty for a man-

datory life sentence. It was rejected. That wasn't an option," Hutton said. "I have two daughters the same age as the victims in this case. Obviously, I have a wife. I cannot imagine coming home one day from work and being presented with this situation and try to deal with it.

"My thought was, this is what this guy deserves. This is what the law says. This is what the facts demand. He deserved the death penalty."

Davidson, a registered sexual predator, showed little emotion when Lester said: "the appropriate sentence is death" during his sentencing on Nov. 13.

Davidson's defense painted a picture of a man who was surrounded by other sex offenders, being abused for years by an older cousin, having mental issues created by his upbringing, drug abuse and a low IQ.

Welsh's aunt and uncle, Kim and Michael Hajaistrion, drove from Tampa for



Davidson had no response when Judge Don Lester sent him to Death Row.

the sentencing. They also were in the courtroom when Davidson pleaded guilty in May, and they spoke on behalf of their niece during the sentencing phase.

"There's closure because he can't do this to anyone else," Michael Hajaistrion said. "We have a hole in our heart that will never heal. We might have an ugly scar that will form over a really long time but it's never going to go away."

Neither the aunt nor uncle spoke of Davidson by name. Tiffany Lagasse fought tears when she heard the verdict. Davidson attacked her in 2010 while she was pregnant. He served time for attempting

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to strangle her, but he was released 72 days before he murdered Welsh.

Lagasse was relieved Davidson would soon be joining 341 other inmates on Florida's Death Row.

"He won't be allowed out to hurt anyone else's families. He finally felt today what he did to all of us," she said. "There was no choice, and he couldn't change his fate of what he got just like he did to every one of us. He didn't give any of his victims a choice. There's no fixing pure evil, and that's what he is."

## School District creates its own police department

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Superintendent Addison Davis first floated the idea of the school district creating its own police department during a school



New officers with the Clay County School Police Department were sworn in on Aug. 1, less than two weeks before students head to class.

board workshop in January.

That put into motion a plan that pitted the school board against the sheriff's

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## My 15 Resolutions for the New Year

By Jack Levin  
4Generations Institute

Traditionally, New Year's resolutions are about making a commitment to do something different in our lives, perhaps going in a new direction from that of the past.

I'm thrilled to share these 15 resolutions. You're welcome to adopt a few as your own.

In 2020 I resolve...

- To appreciate my family, friends, and colleagues for who they are, what they mean to me and others, and to gracefully overlook some things they do (or don't do!). None of us is perfect and accepting that reality helps relationships flourish.

- To act upon wrongs that need righting, crass statements that require correction, and offenses that demand just responses. We set a positive example by not accepting negativity in others.

- To be a valuable teammate and to trust others to do their best. Each of us should know what position we play, and regularly practice our skills to be our personal best.

- To actively listen to the voices of children and elders. Accepting the wisdom of innocence and experience is both free and priceless.

- To accept that I don't know everything. By collaborating with others who know much more, together we can create a great brain trust and blend expertise.

- To pleasantly surprise someone every day with a genuine smile and unexpected kindness in word and deed. Life's subtle gifts of compassion and concern are cherished.

- To respect and celebrate the diversity of faiths, feelings, and fashions. Differences are natural and honoring each other's perspectives creates mutual admiration.

- To exercise artistic expression for its intrinsic value. The vitality of the instrumental, literary, dance, visual or vocal arts fuels the soul and expands the mind to new possibilities.

- To invest a thoughtful minute before I speak or act. Regret is often preventable. Reversing harm is one of life's most vexing challenges.

- To honor those who courageously sacrifice for us at home and abroad, care for our health, educate, protect us and perform the healing and helping arts so that our quality of life is improved.

- To share even if I think I don't have enough. Setting an example by giving to others in need is one of the best lessons

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## OPINIONS



## I resolve to use common sense in the new year - and beyond

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Resolutions are made to be broken. Let's face it, the number of times we've turned the calendar to a new year are the same number of times we've started, and broken, a diet.

This year I have one simple resolution, one that not only is achievable, but one that will bring life-altering results.

In 2020 – and beyond – I resolve to use common sense.

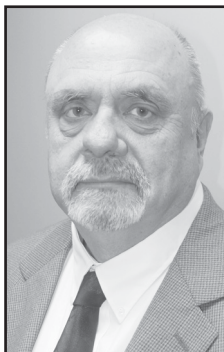
I remember being given words of wisdom when I was young. At the time, they seemed to be the ramblings of older people. Now those words ring true.

My grandmother used to tell me it's better to aim for the stars and hit the fence than it was to aim for the fence and hit the mud.

It's taken me decades, but I finally understand what she meant.

It's necessary to think big. We didn't find a cure for polio, invent devices smaller than a Matchbox toy car that has enough memory for 10,000 songs or create robots that can vacuum your house while you're at work by just doing what's necessary. We've excelled when we overachieve.

It's going to take more than social programs and spending to fix most of the challenges our community faces. We can't solve problems unless we address what creates challenges like drug addiction, mental illness and domestic violence.



Don Coble

Trust me, the secret to losing weight isn't the salad you eat today. It's avoiding yesterday's brownie. And the brownie before that.

Most of our answers can be found every night around the dining room table. If we can't get our own houses in order, it's not fair to expect government and non-profit groups, no matter how noble their intentions, to provide the answer.

Families have more power to effect change than a room filled with social workers. Like a disease, it's better to attack the cause than treat the symptoms.

Which brings me to another one of my grandmother's favorite sayings. She often told me relationships aren't 50-50. "If both sides aren't giving 100%, then you're only being half-hearted," she'd say.

Being a parent isn't a drive-by job. It's something that requires fulltime effort, and that's best done at the dining room table, not with a text message or a Facebook post.

Be involved in your child's life. Ask questions. Pay attention. Be interested. Reward accomplishments and create boundaries. Learn the word "no" also means love.

Use common sense.

My mother used to say good children aren't a matter of luck. It's a matter of hard work. She reminded me often that a child requires 98% effort by the child and 2% by the adult and that 2% is the difference between success and failure.

My children are grown and gone. One has a child of his own. So, my focus is to get my own house in order.

For me, that will mean saying no to a second helping of mashed potatoes. That

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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.

**Fulgent:** An adjective that means dazzlingly bright.

"A fulgent sun finally appeared from behind the clouds."

## This week in history

### Five years ago, 2015

- Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court Tara Green announces her office no longer will conduct wedding ceremonies.

- The Florida Department of Transportation will give Orange Park \$3 million to line the median on Park Avenue with trees.

- Ridgeview High graduate Caleb Hoffman wraps up filming as the character Jason on ABC's "Modern Family."

### 10 years ago, 2010

- A New Year's Eve fire destroys three businesses, including Good Samaritan Home Companion Services, SoBran Inc. and a Yellow Book phone directory office on Kingsley Avenue.

- Florida Chamber of Commerce president Dale Brill tells chamber members in Clay County it must change the way it does business to stay ahead of an economy that's becoming more reliant

- Franklin Estrada is born at 6:33 a.m. on Jan. 1 at Orange Park Medical Center to be the county's first baby of the year.

### 20 years ago, 2000

- The Clay County School Board hires former WJXT reporter Darleen Mahla as its new public information officer.

- Sixth-grader Marty Nemecek wins the Spelling Bee at Annunciation Catholic School.

- The Reinhold Community Service Awards is increased by \$15,000 to \$50,000.

### 30 years ago, 1990

- Memorial services for Dr. Robert Patterson, who served on the Clay County School Board for 24 years, were held in Green Cove Springs.

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### Opinions

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# FDLE: Statewide, local crime rates drop since 2018

By **Bruce Hope**  
Staff Writer

CLAY COUNTY – Overall crime is down 6.1% over the previous year in Florida, according to the Crime Florida Abstract, an annual report which breaks down total numbers and percentages of crime in the state over the fiscal year.

Total index crime was listed at 265,202 in the fiscal year 2019 as opposed to 282,281 in the fiscal year 2018.

In Clay County, crime dropped 6.7%, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement revealed. Those numbers include a 5.5% reduction for the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 5.7% reduction in Green Cove Springs and a 27.2% reduction in Orange Park.

Overall crime numbers across just

about every category were down from the previous year.

"I would have to say that at the state level I think a lot of is, we have very good training in the state of Florida for our law enforcement academies and our officers," said Green Cove Springs Police Department Chief Derek Asdot. "When you couple that with some of the technology advances that we've had in our field in the last 10 years, I think it's kind of the perfect storm to have people that are well trained, well placed with technology at their fingertips be able to utilize those resources to be able to deter crime and solve crime."

One of the technology items to which Asdot makes reference is the Mobile Data Terminals in the police vehicles which provide visual representation of individuals with a state ID as well as other infor-

mation such as possible outstanding warrants, etc.

Another is the automatic license plate reader, which provides detailed information on the vehicle, as well as sometimes on the driver.

"Information is much more readily available than ever before," said Asdot.

Asdot and his officers are very active in the community.

"In Green Cove, what have here, we have a very, very good relationship with our community," Asdot said. "We don't just go out and talk to people when we need them; we talk to them all the time. We're public servants. We serve the community, and we take great pride in that."

Sgt. Cody Monroe, the public information officer for the Orange Park Police Department, shares similar sentiments.

The OPPD is engaged in community events which they believe plays a key role in civilian cooperation to prevent and

solve crimes.

Endeavors like Coffee with a Cop are designed to make the public feel more comfort and trust in police.

Code enforcement is another method of crime reduction according to Monroe. Constantly attending to small items like improper signage, noise complaints and animal complaints increase the quality of life for residents and potentially cut down on future crime.

As for the overall decrease, police departments in neighboring areas share intelligence. This helps crime trends from spreading.

Even though overall numbers are down, violent crime has seen the smallest decrease. That seems mainly to be due to domestic violence increasing by 0.9% compared to the previous year. The biggest jump was in the category of fondling, which saw a 25% increase.

## Resolutions

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will be a more-realistic approach for me to finally getting fit. Common sense tells me I can't lose until I stop gaining.

And while I don't like resolutions, I do have new goals for the future – not just the new year.

I want to make a difference – not only to myself, but to my community. Whether

it's saying hello and making a stranger smile, helping someone get back on their feet so they can provide for themselves or making time to take a walk and be healthier, I realize I will make a more impactful difference if I use common sense and become a better person.

And that leaves me with another common sense saying from the character Sam Malone on "Cheers." He often said there are no bad boys, just bad haircuts.

I don't know why, but I still don't get that one.

## History

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- Green Cove Springs City Council votes 4-0 for a survey of Foster Street to find ways to open the dirt road for emergencies.

- Clay High choral director Ana Snyder is selected Teacher of the Week.

### 40 years ago, 1980

- Wendy Christine Hawthorne is the first baby born in the year.

- Silver Spurs 4-H Club interviews county department heads and administrators.

- Mr. and Mrs. Palmer English celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Perseverance is an attitude that exemplifies leadership, attracts allies, and creates meaningful change.

- To speak truth to power, but to be both polite and persistent. There's a fine line between persistence and pestilence. Resist aggressiveness, but advocate with assertion, confidence and commitment to the cause. Advocating for prevention policies and programs that keep bad things from happening is the most important of all investments.

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for children to observe.

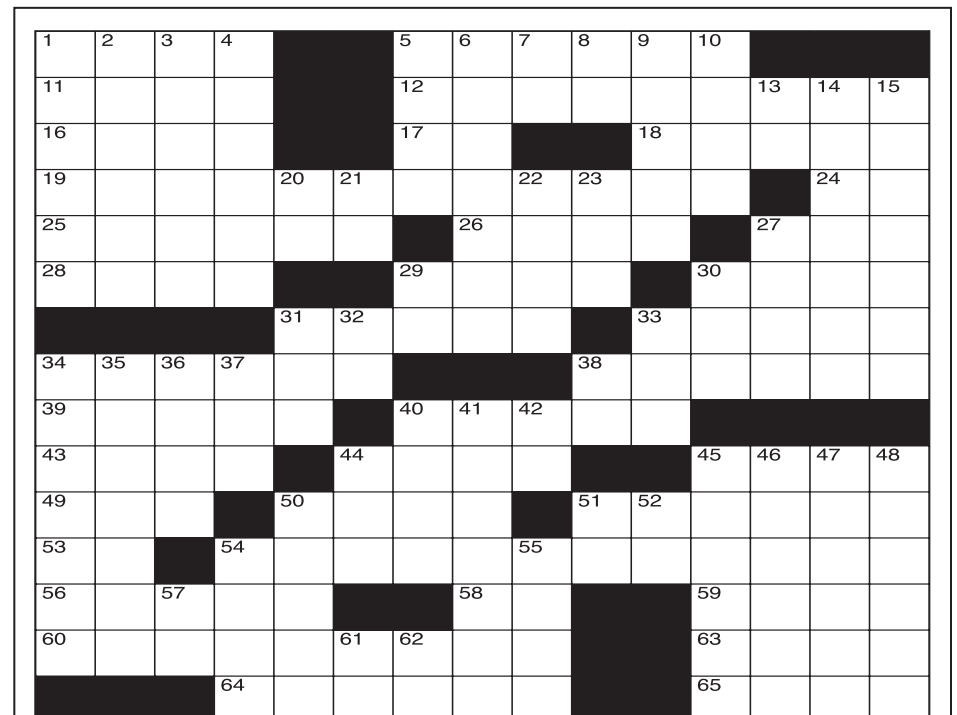
- To protect, defend and advocate for people who rely on me. Give special attention to the needs of others of every stage of life who may not know how to find their own voice.

- To preserve natural environments for their beauty and bounty. Natural settings are home to plant life and species which are too often victims of our wants, not our needs.

- To never give up on a person or a cause, despite the challenges we face.

## Correction

A recent story on the death of Orange Park Town Councilman Ron Raymond incorrectly reported the last time somebody on the council died. It should have been 1992 with Mayor Carl Bedsole's death. Clay Today regrets the error.



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- Geological times
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- Indicates position

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office, and it ended with a force of 47 school police officers patrolling the hallways at the county's schools.

"Every option does lead to hire a police chief and to start to file the paperwork [to create a law enforcement agency] just in case there ever arises a need to do so," Davis said ahead of the board's 4-1 vote to push forward with its own force.

Schools had been protected by deputies from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments. CCSO charged about \$100,000 for each officer.

That set up a contentious back-and-forth between Sheriff Darryl Daniels and the school board.

Daniels was at the February meeting, but he didn't speak. He did, however, said he didn't not believe the school board



Clay County Schools Police Chief Kenneth Wagner walked his friend, Emily Monroe, to class on her first day of school for the eighth consecutive year.

put much thought into the decision with a Facebook post.

"I don't think the Clay County School Board thought this through," Daniels' post

reads. "There's an investigative side to law enforcement that they're not thinking about. The jurisdiction will belong to the school board police department, with coverage being needed 24 hours a day."

In the same social media post, he said CCSO won't allow the school board to fail.

"That said, the Clay County Sheriff's Office won't let the school board fail, because allowing them to fail will be all of us failing our children," the post reads. "We will do anything we can to help. We will continue to be here for the school board and especially for our community, as we are every day."

The school board formally approved the plan in April shortly after the FBI and Florida Department of Law Enforcement approved Clay's request.

Former CCSO Lt. Kenneth Wagner was hired as the first police chief.

Daniels, Wagner and Davis eventually

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# Obituaries

## Linda Faye Moore

(March 20, 1944-December 22, 2019)

*"Faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains" –Matthew 17:20*

Linda was born to parents Henry and Charlotte Oney on March 20, 1944 in Kanawha City, WV, just outside of Charleston. She passed away at Haven Hospice on December 22, 2019 surrounded by her family.



Linda Faye Moore

She was 75 years old. She graduated from Butler High School in Butler, Indiana in 1962. She married her soul-mate Gary Moore on October 18, 1963.

She was a woman of many talents, working alongside her beloved husband Gary in a business they started in Brandon, FL.

She proceeded to work in various settings, but eventually found her way back to working with Gary in Tennessee.

She moved to Keystone Heights, FL in 2004 where she found her way to the service industry, working for Clay County Council on Aging for eight years, then became a nanny to two families that were very special to her.

Linda enjoyed renovating and construction with her husband, and spending time with her beloved family and grandchildren, especially boating and attending any of their extracurricular activities.

She was a strong woman, self-less, giving and caring. She enjoyed cooking and sewing, but could also drive a tractor, use a saw, and loved history.

She was preceded in death by her father Henry Oney in 1999 and her mother Charlotte Oney in 2014.

Linda is survived by her husband Gary Moore; their children-Andrea Garner (Joe), Gary Moore II (Sonya Dominguez); four grandchildren –Morgan Lambert (Lee), Ashley Norris, Devon Moore, Gabriella Moore, and her siblings Dann Oney, Don Oney, Wendy Kaufman, Richard Oney, 10 nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

The family would like to thank the St. Vincent's Clay County physicians, nurses, and chaplains, Sr. Pastor Mike

McDonald, Haven Hospice, Dr. Elizabeth Kent, and especially her Family Physician Dr. Matthew Todd Braddock for the exceptional care and love he provided to Linda and our family. They would also like to thank Mr. Kyle Wehner and Mr. Rob Eccles for the gift of the music that Linda loved. Thank you to all of our friends who have prayed and supported us as we celebrate Linda.

In lieu of flowers please donate in the name of Linda Faye Moore to the Grace Anglican Church Memorial Fund. You can mail the donation to 5804 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003.

## Damon Doyle Tucker

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father and a devoted friend. The only thing larger than his life was his loving heart. He had a green thumb and poured love and passion into he greenhouse because it mad his mom smile.



Damon Doyle Tucker

He always tried to make everyone laugh.

His love for his family was beyond word, and his loving legacy lives and thrives to so all that he leaves behind.

He leaves his best friend and mother, Betty Tucker and his father Doyle Tucker, He is proceeded in death by his brother, Jason Tucker.

He leaves behind his children Bryson, Brittney Anne, Taron, Taralynn, and Laura. He also leaves behind his grandchildren Jonah, Jade, Layla, Exavier, and Juan, The man, the myth, the legend. Always in our hearts.

His celebration of life was on Monday December 30th, 2019 at 10:00am at Crosspoint Church in Fleming Island. The address is 1871 County Rd 220 Orange Park Florida 32003.

## Harold Vaughn

Harold Vaughn, 71 of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 26, 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



## Bertha W. "Barbie" Baker

Bertha W. "Barbie" Baker, 74 of Middleburg, FL passed away December 22, 2019.

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## Kay A. MacKenzie

Kay A. MacKenzie, 75 of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away December 24, 2019.

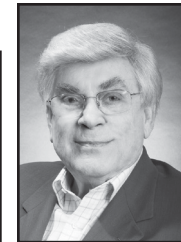
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William P. Register

### NEW THINGS

A baby is born. A couple marries. A family moves to another state. A young person graduates from college. There are always new beginnings. And another segment of the future stretches before us.

It seems natural to think of things like these at this time in our calendar. We call the beginning of every year the "new year." It is not only at the beginning of another year that we can start over. God looks at our lives and is always ready to help us "start over again."

Someone said "He is the God of a second chance." And He is. He is also the God of third chances ... fourth chances ... fifth chances. In fact, His "love allowance" for us is unlimited.

He permits us to forget the past. I don't mean He just allows us to forget. I mean He enables us to forget the troubles and treacheries of the past and serve Him with a new start!

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This is the Apostle Paul telling us that the Lord gives us a new start or new beginning when we come to Christ. This same servant of the Lord wrote, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me." (Philippians 3:13-14)

Forgetting the past. Pressing forward to the prize God has for us. That is the direction we are being given by the Spirit of the Lord every day.

"The future is as bright as the promises of God." When you accept a new start in your life and begin the pursuit of God's will, plan and purpose for you, you are walking into a bright new light.

"Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." (Ephesians 4:24 NLT) This is not just a self-help resolution. This is a calling of the Spirit which He enables us to fulfill. Walk in the Spirit this new year!

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the job when the school doors opened on Aug. 13.

Wagner said his officers quickly created new bonds with students.

“So far, it’s been really great,” Wagner said. “We’ve already started building those partnerships with our students. We’re becoming mentors – we encourage people to look at our Facebook page because you can see it – and we’ve been actively engaged in every aspect of school to ensure the transition from the sheriff’s office to us goes well.”

The department’s Facebook page shows a department that’s received notes of encouragement and appreciation from students, moments of “paying it forward” at drive-throughs and engagement at school sporting events. When CCSSO were posted at schools, they received the same type of support from the county.

## 2019 Notable deaths

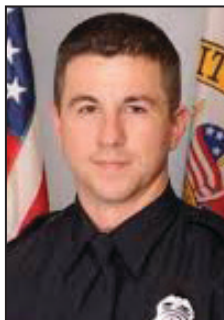
*The year also brought grief and tears. Here are some of the notable residents who passed way.*

### Sean Tudor

● Police officer Sean Tudor, who graduated from Fleming Island High, was killed in the line of duty while serving an arrest warrant in Mobile, Alabama.

Tudor was shot while trying to arrest Marco Perez for breaking and entering.

Officer Tudor’s family lives in Fleming Island and Middleburg. The family provided a handwritten statement that said: “Sean loved his family and this country. He is our hero and a patriot.”



Sean Tudor

Alabama prosecutors have since announced they will seek the death penalty against Perez.

### Ron Raymond

● Orange Park City Councilman Ron Raymond died unexpectedly in October. Town Mayor Connie Thomas issued the following statement:

“The Town is deeply grieved to announce that Councilman Ron Raymond passed away unexpectedly yesterday evening. Ron was a trusted leader and cherished friend to so many in our community and this news comes as a heavy blow. The prayers and sympathies of our entire Town go out to Ron’s wife Karen and their family. Arrangements are pending at this time and flags in the Town are being lowered to half-[staff] in Ron’s honor.”

Eddie Henley was selected to replace Raymond. He will be sworn in during the council’s first meeting in 2020.

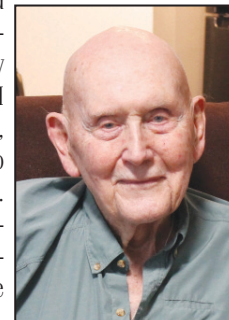
### Ned Broyles

● Navy veteran Ned Broyles, who was 104 when he died in September on Fleming Island, was remembered for fighting with the Marines during battles at Iwo Jima and Okinawa.



Ron Raymond

“I had no idea the seriousness of the operation we were headed into,” Broyles said. “We arrived off Iwo the day before [Pacific] D-Day on 18 February. I was carrying a rifle, sidearm, ammo, two canteens of water. We had to be self-sufficient. The mission was to guide aircraft for bombing.”



Ned Broyles

The battle at Iwo Jima lasted 24 days. It was an important early step in stopping Japan’s march across the Pacific.

From there to Okinawa, the bloodiest battles of the war. Counting Okinawans and Japanese, more than 200,000 died during a battle that lasted two months and three weeks.

### Lee Ledbetter

● Lee Ledbetter’s legacy will be felt for decades, if not longer.

Ledbetter joined with three local doctors to create what’s now known as Orange Park Medical Center. Ledbetter, who died in July, was the hospital’s first CEO.

The hospital unveiled a plaque last week near the entrance to honor his service.

“This hospital really represents the legacy of Lee Ledbetter and that legacy is

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continued today by the 1,500-plus employees that serve our patients and serve our community every day – day in and day out, 24 hours a day,” said OPMC board member and longtime friend David King. “Yes, today we honor him with a plaque. However, we really honor him by continuing his legacy today and into the future.”



Lee Ledbetter

## Jeremy J. McKay

● Clay County Engineer Jeremy J. McKay, 45, died earlier this month after battling a form of Stage 4 stomach cancer for nearly 14 months. McKay joined Clay County Fire and Rescue in 2006, and he was an engineer on Engine 24 near Green Cove Springs.

## Larry Junstrom

● Larry Junstrom, 70, was a founding member of Lynyrd Skynyrd and a long-time Clay County resident before he moved to Putnam County. Junstrom, affectionately known as “LJ,” left Skynyrd to join Donnie Van Zant’s 38 Special, where he played bass guitar on all 12 of the group’s studio albums. He joined 38 Special in 1976 and was with the band until 2014 following wrist surgery.



Larry Junstrom

Clay Today reporters Wesley LeBlanc, Nick Blank, Bruce Hope and Don Coble collaborated on a month-by-month look at the biggest stories in Clay County from 2019.

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# Review

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sentence. He said he knew how to spell "Piazza," – a public square or marketplace in a town, usually Italian – but he wanted to check. By doing so, the St. Johns Country Day School sixth-grader won his second Clay County Spelling Bee title in a row after 17 rounds at Discovery Oaks Elementary.



Fleming Island's Michael Milone, of Troup 25, achieves the rank of Eagle Scout. Malone and 46 other boys made the highest rank in Boy Scouts, to surpass 1,000 Eagle Scout mark in Clay County.

## February

- The Clay County School Board voted to create and staff its own police department one week before the one-year anni-



Katie Payne, who teaches AP Computer Science at Keystone Heights High, led her class to the College Board Advanced Placement Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high girl representation in AP Computer Science Principles. Keystone Heights was one of 685 out of 18,000 nationally to be recognized.

versary of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High shooting in Parkland, where 14 students and three staff members were killed. Later in the month, the board hired Kenneth Wagner as its Chief of Police.

- Members of the Save Our Lakes Organization swamped the Keystone Heights City Council meeting to praise the effects of the Black Creek Restoration project, which takes water from the oft-flooded Black Creek and shifts it to depleted lakes like Lake Brooklyn.

- Lake Asbury Junior High chorus and drama teacher Evan Gould and Orange Park Elementary student records secretary Deborah Lineberry are selected as the county's teacher and school-related employees of the year.

- The Town of Orange Park got closer to owning and operating its own fire and rescue service by approving the purchase of two EMS vehicles after the county approved the town's Certificate of Need to operate its own unit.

## March

- Two of Clay County's leading hospitals announce major expansion projects. Baptist Health unveiled plans to build a \$23 million 20-bed, adult and pediatric emergency care department at the Oakleaf Town Center near the corners of Argyle Forest Boulevard and the First Coast Expressway, while Orange Park Medical Center said it will spend \$126 mil-

lion on a five-story tower that will add 48 new patient beds and plenty of room for future growth.

- Keystone Heights High earned the College Board Advanced Placement Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles, being selected as one of 685 out of more than 18,000 that applied.

- Fleming Island High senior Briar Jackson won his second state wrestling championship. After winning the 113-pound class in 2018, Jackson beat a wrestler from Miami Columbus, 10-2, to win this year's 120-pound division.

## April

- Clay County Emergency Management Director John Ward left his position to become the Clay County School District's Director of Operations, Safety and Security. Ward will help create the district's first police department.

- The Clay County Agricultural Fair pumped more than \$52 million into the local economy, said Kimberly Morgan, the director of county tourism. Morgan estimated each visitor spent \$100. The 10-day fair set an overall attendance record at 135,575, breaking last year's mark of 115,000, as well as a single-day record of 26,000 on the next-to-last day, according to fair general manager Tasha Hyder.

- The Way Free Medical Clinic in Green Cove Springs was awarded \$10,000 with the Paul E. Reinhold Community Services Award as part of Celebrate Clay, the top honor given annually by the Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, after helping more than 3,000 residents with free health care.

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Members of the Save Our Lakes Organization appeared at a Keystone Heights City Council meeting to support the Black Creek Restoration project to pump life back into area lakes.



The Clay County Agriculture Fair generated more than \$52 million for Clay County, but for most, it was a time to have fun.

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Ridgeview High junior Michael Chen, left, and Fleming Island High sophomore Gavin Baker combined to win \$14,000 in scholarships at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix.

## Review

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### May

Discovery Oaks Elementary principal Tracy McLaughlin was selected as the National Distinguished Principal for Florida

by the Florida Association of Elementary School Principals. According to the FAESP, McLaughlin is a "passionate principal is known as an inspiring leader with a clear, comprehensive plan for improving student achievement. Under her leadership, Ridgeview Elementary moved from a "C" to "A" school. It had the highest learning gains in Clay County, moving from 406 points to 540 points.

Two Clay County students won big at the 2019 International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Ridgeview High junior Michael Chen, 16, and Fleming Island High sophomore Gavin Baker, 16, came home with \$14,000 in scholarships. Chen was awarded \$10,000 from Ricoh USA for sustainable solutions to global problems, while Baker was awarded \$4,000 from the Arizona Public Service for solutions on energy consumption.

The Board of Directors of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce selected Chip Dobson as its new Chamber President. In his capacity Dobson will lead the chamber staff in executing the organization's programs and activities to support the Chamber members and the business community and residents of Clay County. He took over following the retirement of Tresa Calfee.

retirement of Tresa Calfee.

## June

With more than \$300 million in facility improvements needed in 41 schools, the Clay County School Board asked the Board of County Commissioners to put a half-cent sales tax increase on a special election ballot to get ahead of House Bill 5, which went into effect this week, which only allows referendums during general elections every four years.

The Board of County Commissioners ask for more details why Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels needs \$68 million to run his agency for the next fiscal year. According to the proposal, Daniels' budget

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

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request is \$10.2 million more than what was budgeted this year because it addresses the challenges of future growth.

- The new Veteran's Administration clinic that will open this year will be named after a Chief Andrew K. Baker, a Navy combat search and rescue swimmer who died during a training mission on March 13, 1997. Antisubmarine Warfare Chief Baker died with his Trident 615 H-60 Seahawk crashed off the coast of North Carolina while trying to land on a frigate to refuel during a SEAL training event. All four on board were killed. Baker was attached to HS-3 homeported at NAS Jacksonville and he served on the USS Carl Vinson and USS Coral Sea as a Ship's Serviceman.

## July

- The Clay County School District recently received another overall grade of an A by the Florida Department of Education for the 2018-19 school year, with an additional seven schools getting an A-rating compared to 2017-18. Overall, 27 out of 44 schools received A grades.

- U.S. Marshals captured a man in Norfolk, Virginia who was wanted in connection with the April 1 murder of 26-year-old former Clay High wrestler Dylan McCurdy, who was doing construction work at Mayport when his body was found on the 1100 block of Featherwood Drive South. He died of a gunshot wound.

- The 2019 preliminary taxable value of Clay County property was estimated at approximately \$11.4 billion – an increase of more than \$790 million – according to the Certification of Taxable Value submitted to the Clay County taxing authorities and the Florida Department of Revenue.

The preliminary taxable value was slightly higher than the estimate reported on June 1.



Clay County Sheriff's Office Detention Deputy Cortney Alstatt got a surprise visit from junior deputy Xander at the jail. Alstatt had double-mastectomy surgery on April 11 after she was diagnosed with State 3 breast cancer. Alstatt returned to work and was given Xander's favorite gifts – flowers and doughnuts.

## August

- Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy and public information officer Chris Padgett stepped away from the backdrop of flashing blue lights and yellow crime scene tape to help others find ways to deal with stress that comes with wearing a badge.

While he left the sheriff's office, he knew the job won't ever leave him. He saw the very best, and very worse, of human behavior. He's received hugs from children and consoled families of the dead. He helped put some of the most-despicable criminals behind bars, and he's helped organize neighborhood block parties.

"I'm a minister at heart," Padgett said. "That's what I did before law enforcement. I never intended to become a police officer. As someone who never intended to go into law enforcement, I've got a decade in it. It's time for something else."

- County officials greeted the return of Camp Chowenwaw's pier and a new

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Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy Chris Padgett, who served as the public information officer, retires to fulfill his lifelong dream of being a pastor. Since leaving, Padgett has become a regular speaker at police and motivational groups.

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kayak launch following back-to-back years of hurricane damage throttled the "Jungle Trail." Uprooted trees are still visible from the 780-foot boardwalk.

The county acquired a \$276,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant for the boardwalk and pier. Construction began in January and was finished in June.

- The Clay County Tourism Development Council awarded \$142,620 to local events for various festivals, fairs, chili cook-offs and other local events.

The Soul Food Festival was granted \$3,500, the Military Museum of North Florida \$8,730 for three different events, the CalaVida Music & Arts Festival \$2,470 and the Clamour Theatre \$5,290 for two productions. The annual Christmas on Walnut Street was granted its usual \$2,500 while the Concert on the Green was granted \$3,370, which could help it move to a new venue in Orange Park.

Keystone Heights was granted \$5,840 for its two Our Country Day celebrations and the Orange Park Kids Fest was granted \$3,500, which is the same amount granted to the annual BASCA 5K marathon. The Moosehaven American Pride festival was granted \$3,500 and finally, the Green Cove Springs Memorial Day River Fest, which includes a large fireworks show, was granted \$2,500.

These numbers pale in comparison to the grant money allocated to Clay County's four signature events, which each bring in at least 20,000 attendees.

The Orange Park Fall Festival was granted \$15,000, and the Moosehaven Chili Cook-off was granted \$5,000. Tourism Director Kimberly Morgan said ESPN is interested in hosting and filming the cornhole championships at the chili cook-off, giving the county an opportunity to show off one of its signature events on a nationally-televised broadcast.

The Scottish Games were granted \$30,000 and the county's biggest signa-



Residents in Green Cove Springs filled sandbags ahead of a possible landfall of Hurricane Dorian. The hurricane, once a Category-5 storm, was responsible for at least 80 deaths in the Lesser Antilles, Puerto Rico and The Bahamas, turned and spared Florida of severe damage.

ture event, the Clay County Agricultural Fair, was granted \$45,000. The fair attracted a record crowd of 135,575 visitors during its 10-day run last April.

## September

- Although Hurricane Dorian made a turn northward and away from Florida, residents still heeded the warnings and quickly collected the necessities to ride the storm out.

Residents swamped grocery stores, hardware stores and gas stations for last-minute supplies.

The Clay County School District also worked ahead of the storm by canceling classes on Tuesday and Wednesday. St. Johns River State College called off classes on Tuesday.

The Clay County Courthouse also was closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

- Keondre Moss, a junior at Oakleaf High, was killed while riding home from school. Moss was a passenger when his

car veered off the road and struck a tree in the median. Moss, who apparently wasn't wearing his seatbelt, was thrown nearly 20 feet. The accident happened about two miles from the school.

The tree snapped in two and was uprooted by the impact.



Kaitlyn Ludham, a senior at Fleming Island High, won a nationwide prestigious award for girls in engineering.

Taj Richey's left leg was amputated after the crash and Brian Ransom also sustained injuries.

- The Orange Park Town Council learned preparing for the water of a 100-year event like 2017's Hurricane Irma was cost-prohibitive.

The council commissioned Jacksonville-based engineering agency Jones-Edmunds to create a flow model to understand how the town could prevent the damage created by Irma. They learned it's not economically feasible.

A 100-year event is based on probability, not a timeframe. A 100-year event means there's a 1% chance of a crippling storm like Irma every year.

Icerman said Orange Park should focus on conveyance for 10-year events and storage for 25-year events.

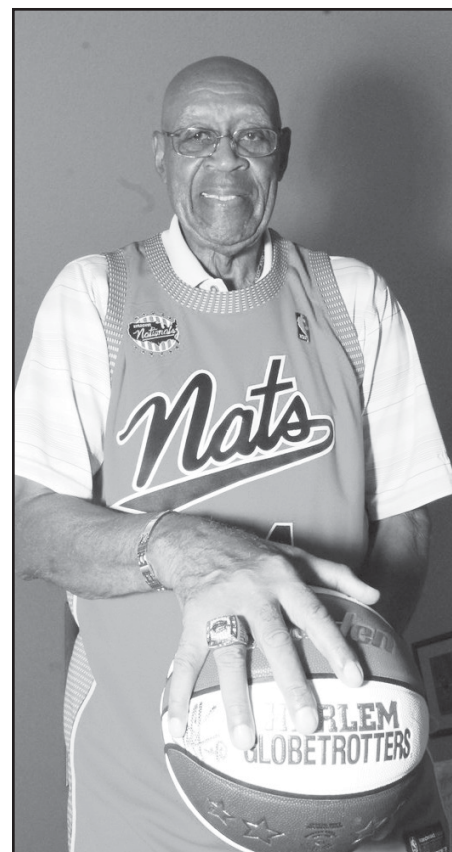
## October

- A pair of residents with Clay County ties won Emmy Awards.

A documentary on former NBA player and Eagle Harbor resident Jim Tucker was honored by Mid-Atlantic Emmy Chapter.

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

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A documentary on former NBA player and Eagle Harbor resident Jim Tucker was honored by Mid-Atlantic Emmy Chapter.

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championship. Also, former Orange Park High graduate Carlton Batten earned an Emmy as the animation director for "The Simpsons." The show won for Outstanding Animated Series.

● Kaitlyn Ludham, a senior at Fleming Island High, was awarded a nationwide prestigious award for girls in engineering.

She was recognized by the Society of Women Engineers. She was recognized with the SWE Next Global Innovator Award.

Ludham worked with First Robotics little league teams to help children understand the design process behind robotics and how to create and program them.

She created a SWENext club at FIH in December, 2017, to serve as a home base for other girls interested in engineering.

● The threat of a tropical storm af-

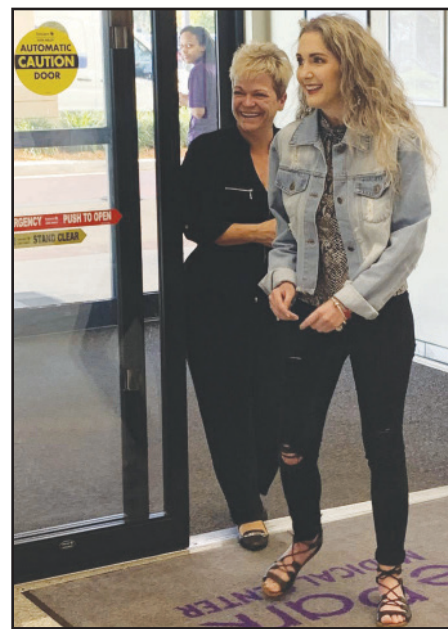
fect attendance and made the return of the First

Despite being one of the biggest events in Clay County, the on-again, off-again music and barbecue festival ran into a different, and certainly more formidable, obstacle – Mother Nature. The closer Tropical Nestor got to Florida, the more dire the forecast came. Solid rain and possible tornadoes were expected across Northeast Florida on opening night.

Nestor did create some havoc for two days with sporadic rain and hail, but the fast-moving storm gave way to clear skies by early afternoon for the final two days. By then, however, it was too late.

## November

● With an explosive breaststroke leg by Emma Grimm, the Fleming Island High girls 200 medley relay swim team won the Class 3A swimming and diving champion-



Mary Magnes, left, escorts her daughter, Gabriella, into OPMC to meet with first responders and emergency personnel who worked to save her life after a car accident.

ship in Stuart.

She was joined by sister Sarah Grimm, Abree Clark and Christine Johnson in earning the school a gold medal.

● Gabriella Manges wasn't expected to live, much less walk, after suffering critical injuries last June in a car crash on the on-ramp of Interstate 295 and U.S. 17.

The 20-year-old from Green Cove Springs doesn't remember the accident or spending a month in the Intensive Care Unit at Orange Park Medical Center. She does recall being told it may take a year to get back on her feet after sustaining a significant brain injury, as well as a broken jaw, cheek and eye socket.

But she survived and returned to the hospital to thank the emergency medical technicians, trauma team, surgeons and specialists who saved her life.

● After nearly three hours of public comment and board member discus-

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sion, the Board of County Commissioners voted to reaffirm their commitment to upholding the Second Amendment.

Councilman Gavin Rollins originally wanted to make Clay County a gun sanctuary county. Sanctuary may be open to interpretation, but what Rollins wanted to make clear the county would be exempt if federal laws change and citizens would be required to turn in certain weapons. Clay County would use the results of *Printz v. United States* to keep federal law from overruling.

The lawsuit states the federal government cannot force local law enforcement to enforce federal law. In the context of this situation, if a federal law forcing citizens to turn in certain weapons was passed, the local law enforcement can't be forced to enforce that law.



Volunteers at the Salvation Army load up cars with new toys for 400 children the organization targeted in its Angel Tree program.



More than 500 bicycles were given away at the J.P. Hall Christmas party at the Clay County Fairgrounds.



Circuit Judge Don Lester finds peace in his office between cases by playing guitar. He was a longtime lawyer and friend to members of Lynyrd Skynyrd and 38 Special before being appointed to the bench.



Former Middleburg High athlete Josh Montoro, right, is joined by fellow rescuer Blake Ortagus and lost siblings Braxton and Bri'ya Williams on a ride to the hospital after the children were found in the woods after being reported missing for 50 hours.

# December

● There was a time Don Lester dreamed of playing heavy-handed guitar lick for Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" or the melodic introduction to Yes' "Roundabout."

"I briefly entertained that idea when I was in my 20s," he said, "but I realized I wouldn't be good enough. I decided to get a real job and went to law school."

Now a Circuit Court Judge for Clay County, Lester still plays in-between court sessions and reading case law. He tries to spend an hour a day with his acoustic guitar, picking music that brings him a moment of inner peace in a job of difficult decisions that comes with determining justice for society and its criminals.

● Lt. Josh Montoro of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department is a hero.

The former athlete at Middleburg High and resident on Fleming Island was one of two rescue searchers to find missing Jacksonville siblings Braxton and Bri'ya Williams Tuesday after they were missing for more than 50 hours.

"For kids to be lost for three days, at this time of year, it just doesn't happen," said Montoro of the unusual situation which led to his meteoric rise in notoriety.

As a member of the Urban Search and Rescue Team, Montoro and the firemen he works with are some of the best trained in their field. Some of the disciplines in which Montoro is certified are high angle rescue, confined space rescue, trench rescue, vehicle and machinery extrication and structural collapse. He also is K-9 search and rescue certified.

● Local charities joined forces to provide toys and meals for local families in need during the holidays.

The annual J.P. Hall Children's Charities Giving the Gift of Hope celebrated its 38th year Saturday and welcomed more than 1,500 families with free gifts ranging from dolls to action figures to bikes.

● The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program targeted 141 families and 400 children to provide toys.

And at the Clay County Courthouse, the Clerk of Circuit Court organized several county offices to provide toys for children currently in foster care.

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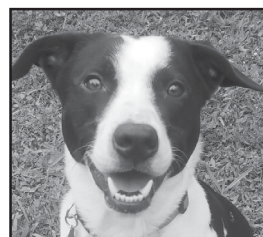


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## Tournament Champs!!

SJCDS girls basketball defeated Bronson High, 46-31, to win the Cedar Key School Holiday Beach Ball Tournament. Kendall Sage scored 19 points, Lea Hartwell had 8 and Semaj Williams finished with 7. For the tournament, St. Johns also beat Dixie County, 54-17 with Sage scoring 21 and Hartwell 13. SJCDS also beat Cedar Key, 56-10.

## Eagles torch South Carolina hoops tourney; lose in final

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

COLUMBIA, SC – Fleming Island High basketball took a lesson from their 60-48 championship loss on their home court last week against still-unbeaten Andrew Jackson High at the Battle of the Island tournament and made a long, contemplative trip to South Carolina.

"I was wondering how they were going to respond after the Jackson loss," said

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ANTHONY MONTGOMERY/MY GAME DAY PHOTOS

Fleming Island High guard Sebastian Astor makes strong move to get past defender from Lugoff-Elgin High in South Carolina during tournament play.

## Nix second at Knockout

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE – Fleming Island High senior wrestler Chad Nix lost in the 220 pound final of the rugged Knockout Christmas Classic wrestling tournament at Osceola High Saturday afternoon in Kissimmee.

Nix, 29-2 now and a senior who recently committed to Campbell University, lost to unbeaten (33-0) and defending Georgia Class 4A champion Chase Horne of West Laurens, Ga., as Fleming Island and Clay high schools both took diminished lineups to the annual grappling slugfest; Fleming Island with nine wrestlers, Clay with just five.

Knockout's team lineup featured a Who' Who among southeastern United States powerhouses from Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

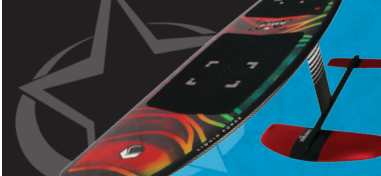
Fleming Island produced two champions two years ago in Paul Detwil-

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Fleming Island High 220-pound wrestler Chad Nix finished second at rugged Knockout Christmas Classic in Kissimmee.



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Fleming Island coach Traavis Chandler, via phone just before playing in the championship game of the Brookland-Cayce Roundball Classic. "I'm pleased to see that they did not fold. We are in South Carolina and beating some pretty high rankings teams up here."

Fleming Island responded with a 62-49 win over Lugoff-Elgin High in their tournament opener, then dispatched of previously undefeated (10-0, now 10-1) Westwood High of Blythewood, SC, 61-58 in overtime, to set up the championship game against Lower Richland High of Hopkins, SC, late Saturday afternoon. Lower Richland was 7-2 before the game and ranked fourth statewide in all classes and number one in Class 4A.

*Note: Fleming Island lost 65-57 to Lower Richmond.*

### Orange Park Raiderdome Classic Bracket Buster

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3-4, Orange Park High will host the Raiderdome Classic Bracket Buster with four games on Friday starting at 2pm and four games on Saturday starting at noon.

**Friday:** 2 p.m. Godby vs. Bishop Kenny; 3:30 p.m. Lincoln vs. Masters Academy; 5 p.m. Orange Park vs. Bartram Trail; 6:30 p.m. Windermere vs. Providence.

**Saturday:** Noon Terry Parker vs. Godby; 1:30 p.m. Rutherford vs. Windermere; 3 p.m. Orange Park vs. Columbia; 4:30 p.m. Bolles vs. Lincoln.

"They (Westwood) was ranked seventh in the state in South Carolina 4A (14th all classes)," said Chandler. "Steele Perry has upped his game for us and we are playing well around the lineup."

Perry, with 14 points, led the Golden Eagles scoring against Lugoff-Elgin with Nick Mas coming off the bench to add 11. Elias Martin snagged 10 rebounds in that game.

Against region semifinalist Westwood, Perry again had a solid scoring night with 11 points with Ahman Greenidge also hitting for 11 points with seven rebounds. Martin had 12 rebounds with 10 points with guard Sebastian Astor dishing for nine assists.

Against Westwood, both defenses kept the game withing a point or two to the final whistle where the score was tied at 52-52 before Fleming Island won with a 9-6 overtime period. Against Lower Richmond, Chandler commented that Fleming Island got as close as 56-52 late in the game, but missed on a steal to layup.

"That was the number one team in the largest class in South Carolina," said Chandler. "It was a good, hard fought game."

Perry and Astor both were chosen to the National Bracket All Tournament Team.

# Seymour hooks ignites Clay overtime win

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay High junior forward Valdez Seymour hit two left-handed hooks at timely moments as the Blue Devils won an overtime 64-57 clash with Seacoast Academy to earn a third place finish at the Clay High Christmas Basketball Invitational.

"Valdez stepped up for us with a couple of guys nursing injuries on the bench in this game," said Clay coach Jared Moses. "He is the ultimate team player that stays within his game and just plays solid ball. Those two shots were big for us and will hopefully catapult our season."

Moses, who had just one previous win for the season, noted that Seacoast came into the tournament undefeated and suffered their first loss, a 43-41



Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky, with daughter Makenna off left shoulder, had rough time in finals' loss to Hawthorne.

game, to Orange Park High in the tournament semifinals. Orange Park lost to Hawthorne 54-25 in the championship game. Hawthorne, unbeaten, beat Clay 55-33 in the opposite semifinal.

"I told the guys at the half that we had to be worthy of being in the third place game," said Moses. "The five main guys are starting to gel together and hopefully this kind of win can get us a better second half."

For Clay's win, Seacoast opened with a halftime lead at 36-28 with Clay guard Tre Griner keeping the Blue Devils within striking distance with aggressive drives through the middle of the Seacoast defense. A three pointer by Seymour put the score at 36-28 at the halftime buzzer.

In the third quarter, it was a Seymour layup and a three pointer from Brandon Peavy that closed the score to 50-40 for Seacoast with Seacoast three 3-pointers in a row to close the



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High center Valdez Seymour had his best offensive performance in Blue Devil upset overtime win over Seacoast Academy, who came to Clay 7-0 and left 7-2.

stanza.

"Brandon and I wanted to come through with Dylan (Griffin) hurt," said Seymour.

Griner opened the fourth with a 3-pointer and a drive to push Clay to 45 points with Seymour and Griner hitting back-to-back layups to 50-49 before Seymour hit a left handed hook to put Clay up 51-50 with 4:28 left in the game.

"He's getting more confidence with that shot," said Moses. "We needed him to add more offense to his game because of our injured guys."

Both teams volleyed from there with Griner driving twice to keep the game at 57-57 as the clock ran out.

In the overtime, Peavy grabbed an offensive rebound, but missed the shot. Peavy sank one of two free throws after the bound to put Clay up 58-57. Peavy answered again a minute later with a three pointer to put Clay up 61-57.

Seymour slid across the lane with his second left handed hook to put Clay up 63-57 with Jarvis Lee hitting a free throw for the final 64-57 score.

In the girls championship game, unbeaten University Christian beat Robert E. Lee with a second half explosion after a tight first half. Andrew Jackson finished third with Oakleaf, after a rugged near-miss against unbeaten Hawthorne, lost to Jackson in their consolation game.

For the boys, University Christian finished third.

For the Raiders against Hawthorne, the Hornets, 10-1, came out storming to a 14-8 first quarter lead and a 27-15 half-time lead before throttling up to the eventual 54-25 win.

"We will go back to our gym and work on our weaknesses," said Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky, now 8-2. "They were obviously the better team."



Orange Park guard Kadin Elmore soars to the basket against Hawthorne in Clay High Christmas Tournament in championship game won decisively by unbeaten Hawthorne.

# Clay Today to go back-to-back bowl games

By Randy Lefko and Doug Deters  
Clay Today sports staff

JACKSONVILLE - With the college football bowl games in full-tilt-go mode and two championship game playoff spots now set with No. 1 LSU pounding No. 4 Oklahoma 63-28 in their semifinal and No. 3 Clemson getting a win over No. 4 Ohio State, Clay Today sports editor Randy Lefko and Clay Today sportswriter Doug Deters will be going back-to-back football bowl coverage with Lefko going to his treasured Alabama against Michigan on Wed., Jan. 1 in Orlando's VRBO Citrus Bowl then returning to Jacksonville to join Deters and his beloved University of Tennessee Volunteers in the Thurs., Jan. 2 Taxslayer Gator Bowl in Jacksonville's TIAA Bank Field.

Alabama, for the first time since 2014, will play in a non-playoff bowl game under coach Nick Saban, who lost to Clemson in last year's national championship game. The 13th ranked Tide (10-2) lost key games to LSU and Auburn to get bumped out of the playoff picture.

Michigan, 9-3, has never been in the college playoff since its inception in 2014 and has won only one bowl game. Jim Harbaugh is the coach.

The Citrus Bowl is only the fifth time the two teams have faced off with the slate at 2-2 making the game a tiebreaker.

The Tennessee Volunteers, who beat Iowa 45-28 in 2015's Taxslayer Gator Bowl, come back to Jacksonville as one of the hottest teams in the Southeastern Conference. The Vols are riding a five game winning streak and six of their last seven games with their lone loss on the road at then number one ranked Alabama. Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt was second in SEC Coach of the Year voting behind the obvious choice of LSU's Ed Orgeron.

The Volunteers started their season 1-4 with losses against Georgia State (Yes, I said Georgia STATE), BYU and were then outscored by a combined 77-17 in losses to Florida and Georgia. It seemed Tennessee was destined for another losing season and another likely coaching search. After the loss at Florida, head coach Jeremy Pruitt



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay Today sportswriter Doug Deters looks like he's getting a chuckle from Alabama football coach Nick Saban. Saban was photographed at Bama practice Saturday at UCF. Deters called a team meeting after they landed in Knoxville following a 34-3 beatdown by the Tigers. Senior defensive back Nigel Warrior recalls. "It really turned our season around. We came together. We became one."

"The message was if you are here, are you really going to be here for us?" Tennessee

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

One of the keys to Alabama taking on Michigan in the VRBO Citrus Bowl is the line of scrimmage, including 360-pound center Evan Neal.

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**Valdez Seymour**  
Clay High | Junior | Forward

Seymour hit two left-handed hook shots; one to tie the game, the other to put the Blue Devils ahead, in an overtime win for Clay over Seacoast Academy of Jacksonville, 63-57 for third place in the Clay Christmas Basketball Invitational. Seacoast lost 43-41 to Orange Park to fall to 7-1 before losing to Clay.



**Hannah Roney**  
Belmont Abby College | Junior

Hannah Roney, a Middleburg High graduate now a junior at Belmont Abbey College, scored a career-high 17 points in a huge Conference Carolinas win over Barton on December 20 to push Abbey to a 10-1 overall record. Roney also had two rebounds, six assists, two steals and one blocked shot.

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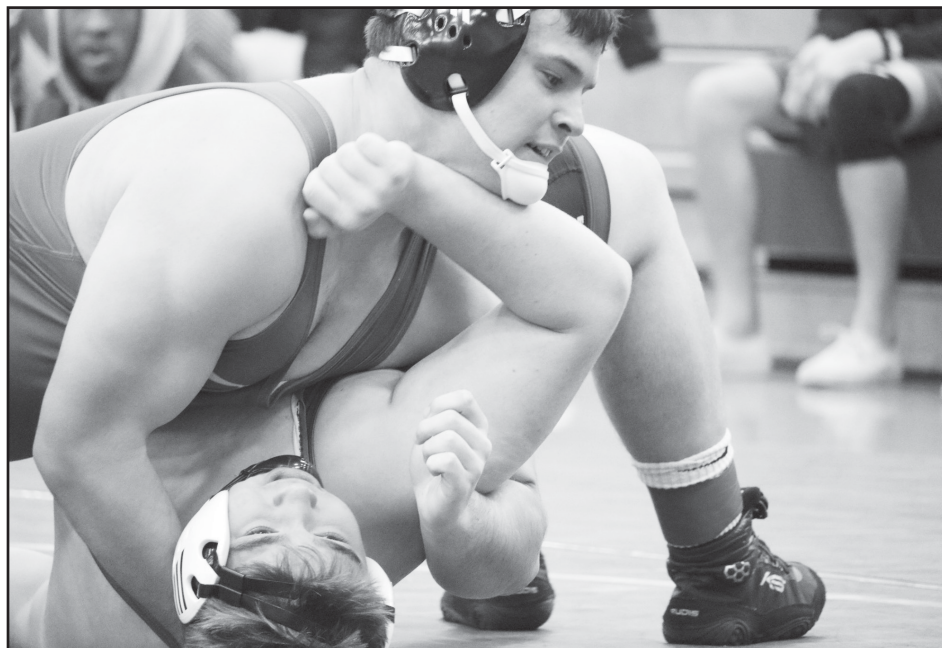
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Fleming Island 285 pound wrestler Raul Gonzales finished strong third at Knockout.



Clay High's Cale Hoskinson was top Blue Devil finisher with Third round finish and two consolation matches at the Knockout Christmas Classic. Hoskinson, a sophomore, wrestled at 152 pounds.

## Wrestling

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champions two years ago in Paul Detwiler and Jaquan English, both still wrestling at the college level.

Nix, who made the semifinal for 220 along with training partner and vastly improved Raul Gonzales at 285, advanced with two first period pins and decisions of 10-3 and 10-5 while Horne, 33-0, had three pins to the semifinal before moving to the final via an injury to Woodland

County (GA) opponent Bryce Shedd.

For Gonzales, who has followed Nix into a handful of finals' matches in recent weeks, used two pins and an overtime win to get to the 285 semifinal before Tampa Jesuit's Mason Arnold, 2A runnerup at 220 last year, won 8-1 to put Gonzales into the consolation rounds.

Gonzales won his consolation semifinal 4-3 before taking third with a third period pin over Ethan Vergara of Mater Lakes Academy (FL). Arnold lost 5-1 in the final to Seminole's Curtis Ruff. For team points,

Lake Gibson, the defending Class 2A champion, out-dueled Georgia defending 5A champion Woodland Academy 218.5-204.5 with Tampa Jesuit, 2A runnerup last year, third with 203.0 and 3A defending champion South Dade fourth at 153.0. Fleming Island, second in 3A last year, finished 11th with 97.0 points with Clay 39th with 13 points. For Clay, sophomore Cale Hoskinson (152) and junior Luke Davis (120) lost in their round three preliminary matches and then went 1-1 in the consolation rounds to finish out of the top six. Clay had

Marvin Rainwater, Luke Boree and Garrett Tyre as their other three wrestlers.

Fleming Island had four wrestlers make their respective quarterfinals along with Nix and Gonzales; Gannon Janssen at 145, Tanner Hill at 152, Luke Chop at 160 and Gavin Smith at 170, with all four losing the quarterfinal. All four won their first consolation round match, but lost the second to place out of the top six.

Fleming Island also had Ryan Hobson, Riley Holton and Isaac Padgett on their roster.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NC A&T ATHLETICS

Former Fleming Island High stat Ronald Jackson is steady force for Aggies of NC A&T.

## FIHS' Jackson shoots fifth double-double

Courtesy of North Carolina A&T Athletics

WINSTON-SALEM – Senior forward Ronald Jackson recorded his fifth double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds, but North Carolina A&T's upset bid against Wake Forest fell short, 76-64, Saturday afternoon in LJV coliseum.

Jackson is a graduate of Fleming Island

High School in Florida. He is a 6'-8", 205 pound post player with a 12.7 points per game average with 8.7 rebounds per game.

N.C. A&T (3-10) came into the game 0-5 against Wake Forest and had lost by an average of 28 points in those games. But with three minutes into the second half, sophomore Tyrone Lyons hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 44. A minute later junior



PHOTO COURTESY OF BELMONT ABBEY ATHLETICS

Former Middleburg High star Hannah Roney, left, had best scoring night in one of biggest games for Crusades in key conference win over Barton.

Kameron Langley hit a free throw to give the Aggies the lead. N.C. A&T and Wake traded the lead six times over the next seven minutes.

The Aggies went on a 7-2 run over 2:06 to tie the game at 59 as senior guard Andre Jackson hit a 3-pointer with 7:42 to play. The Demon Deacons retook the lead on a Chaundee Brown layup before a Fred Cleveland, Jr. steal and fastbreak layup tied the game again with 6:22 to play. The Deacs (7-5) took the lead for good on an Isaiah Mucius jumper to make it 63-61.

"I thought our guys competed for 40 minutes," said N.C. A&T coach Jay Joyner. "The game got away from us late. We

didn't capitalize on a couple possessions and when that happens, unfortunately, the game can slip away from you."

## Roney nails 17 in Barton win

Courtesy of Belmont Abbey Athletics

BELMONT, N.C. - Hannah Roney scored 17 points, including nine free throws, to tie her career high in Belmont Abbey College's 80-66 victory against Barton College on Fri., Dec. 20. The win puts The Abbey at 10-1 on the season, including a

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# Updates

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5-0 conference record. Barton is now 7-4 overall, with a 4-2 record in Conference Carolinas play.

Roney, a junior, is a graduate of Middleburg High School in Clay County. Roney finished with two rebounds, six assists, two steals and one blocked shot for the Belmont.

On the Barton squad, former Fleming Island High basketball player, Summer Baer, played 37 minutes and had seven points and two rebounds.

Right from the start, the Crusader defense came out strong, holding the Bulldogs scoreless for the first four minutes of play

Barton went 0-5 from three-point range in the opening period, though they led 14-9 when the quarter expired

The second quarter was all Abbey. Trailing 16-9, the Crusaders went on a 14-0 run to take a 23-16 lead. Barton shot 1-for-17 from the field in the period, including 0-7 from three-point range, as the Crusaders soared to a 34-20 halftime lead

The third was back and forth, as Barton kept getting close, though not taking the lead. The Crusaders led 50-44 heading into the final period

The fourth was also close, until it became a free throw shooting contest in the last six minutes of the contest. During that span, the Bulldogs committed 10 fouls, and the crusaders went 16-for-17 from the free throw line in the quarter, to wrap up the 80-66 win

On the night, Roney was the Crusaders' leader, with 17 points, six assists, and two steals

Allie Downing contributed 15 points and five rebounds. As a unit, BAC went 25-29 from the free throw line

Up Next

Belmont Abbey will visit Barton on Thursday, January 2 at 5:30 p.m.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cold weather. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = s)

A. 6 13 16 9 14

Clue: Cold covering

B. 10 23 10 23 26 25 9

Clue: Cylindrical ice

C. 9 26 10 23 22

Clue: Slippery

D. 7 8 9 14 4

Clue: Windy

Answers: A. frost B. icicles C. slick D. gusty

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cold weather.

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Answer: Drift

## Guess Who?

I am an actor from stage and screen born on January 2, 1971, in New Jersey. I made my television debut in an episode of "New York Undercover." But I'm perhaps better known for a role in a popular Broadway show about eclectic NY apartment dwellers.

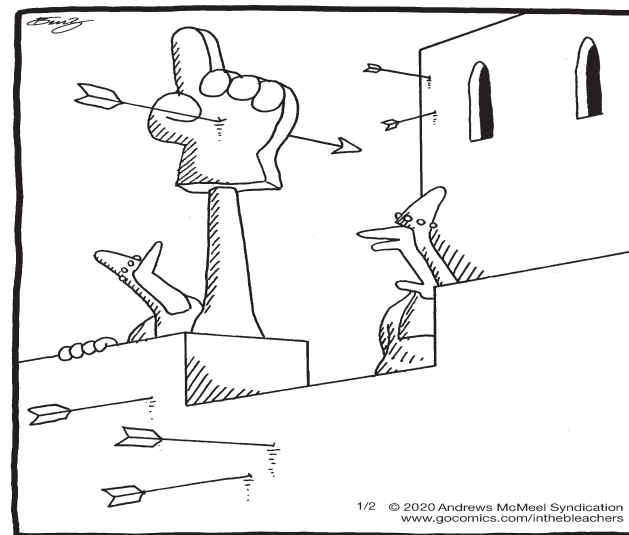
Answer: Taye Diggs

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"Put that down, you idiot!"

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## UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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6		9				5		8

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

# Bowl

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The Volunteers changed quarterbacks from redshirt Junior Jarrett Gaurantano to true freshman Brian Mauer. The Vols lost big to the third ranked Georgia Bulldogs but actually held a 14-13 lead late in the second quarter before falling 43-14 and showing some flashes of potential. The confidence gained helped springboard the Volunteers resurrection in 2019. The next week Tennessee defeated Mississippi State 20-10 in what most felt was a must win game. The Volunteers also woke up defensively, especially their defensive line recording 10 sacks in the win.

Tennessee traveled to play number one ranked Alabama in Tuscaloosa and went toe to toe with the Tide until a costly late game turnover turned a likely one possession game midway through the fourth quarter to a three possession game (It's too painful for me to put in print what transpired so you will have to google it or

contact our Sport Director Randy Lefko who probably has the play call as his ring-tone).

That would be the last loss in 2019 for Tennessee as they would go on a five game winning streak starting with a 42-21 win over South Carolina, then a 30-7 non-conference win over UAB.

The Hoosiers of Indiana are 8-4 and playing in their first ever bowl in Florida while the Volunteers are looking to extend their bowl winning streak to four games with a win in Jacksonville and their first post season game since a 2016 Music City Bowl win over Nebraska.

In two other bowl games, Oakleaf High linebacker Shaquille Quarterman played in his final game as starting middle linebacker for the University of Miami in a 14-0 loss to Louisiana Tech in the Walk-Ons Independence Bowl in Shreveport. Quarterman started in his new NCAA record 52nd straight football game for Miami. Miami finished at 6-7. Quarterman had 11 tackles against Tech.

"It was a closing of a chapter of my



Tennessee running back Jalen Hurd had banner game in Volunteers' 2105 45-28 Taxslayer Gator Bowl win over Iowa.

STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

life," said Quarterman, at a post game press conference. "I will be a Cane all my life. I liked finishing with my guys."

In New York's Yankee Stadium, Fleming Island High linebacker Ryan Smenda was a starter for the Wake Forest University

Demon Deacons who lost 27-21 to Michigan State in the Pinstripe Bowl. Smenda had nine tackles and an interception. Wake Forest finished 8-5 with their fourth straight bowl appearance.

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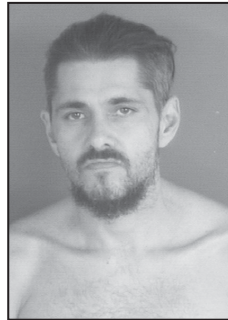
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# Police Briefs

## Man jailed following second drug raid in three months

MIDDLEBURG – A man was back in jail following a second raid in three months for selling drugs from his home at 2043 Blue Knoll Road.

Dale Arthur Holland, 38, was in jail after another drug raid by the Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT and Street Crimes units. Deputies found fentanyl and heroin. He also was charged with using his home to conduct illegal drug sales.



Dale Holland

Holland's house also was raided on Sept. 26 and he was charged with using the same house to sell methamphetamine and child abuse.

Agents were back at the house on Dec. 23. The home still had at least one window still covered with plywood from the September raid.

According to a social media post by CCSO, "Our Organized Crime Unit, Targeted Narcotics Team and SWAT served search and arrest warrants at a home on Blue Knoll Road for the second time this year, because apparently, they didn't get the message the first time around that they had options.

"Information from the community tipped us off that the folks there were maintaining a drug dwelling, in addition to the sale and delivery of narcotics. We found fentanyl and methamphetamine, and items that substantiated the home was used as a dwelling for drug use. This is the second time this year we served a search warrant and made arrests at this home for the same activity. The 'You Had Options' plywood we put up the last time we visited was still there, so they got more installed."

According to court records, Holland has been arrested at least 20 times in Clay County since 2000.

His current bond was set at \$325,006.

## Trio caught after trail of vacuum machine break-ins

FLEMING ISLAND – Three local residents were arrested after they were caught breaking into coin-operated machines at least nine businesses, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

Joyce Lajuan White Johnson, 31, of Orange Park, Mark Andrew Johnson, 55, of Orange Park, and Peter Said Qaoud, 47, of Jacksonville, all were charged with molesting coin-operated machines in Orange Park, Middleburg



Joyce Johnson



Peter Qaoud

Mark Johnson

and Fleming Island.

Deputies originally were called following a break-in of the vacuum and air pump machine at Circle K at 1091 Blanding Blvd., in Orange Park. The trio, along with a passenger who was released, eventually were stopped at the Circle K at 4305 U.S. Highway 17 on Fleming Island.

## Lake City man tracked down by K-9s while attempting escape

ORANGE PARK – A man's time on the lam didn't last long on Christmas morning.

William Lee Newham III, 40, of Lake City, briefly escaped at the Orange Park Medical Center after being arrested for retail theft at the Orange Park Mall and providing false identification.

Newham escaped while a CCSO deputy tried to place him in his squad car after he was examined at the medical center. Despite being in handcuffs, Newham was able to evade capture by running into a wooded construction area near a parking lot.

Sheriff's deputies used K-9s Ory and McRea to find Newham. He was bitten by one of the dogs during the apprehension.

Bradford County officials said Newham also was wanted for domestic battery by strangulation.

## CCSO: GCS man arrested for assaulting Jacksonville woman

ORANGE PARK – A Green Cove Springs man was arrested by Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies who were reacting to an arrest warrant issued by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Ivan Jacob Zecher, 26, was charged with felony battery, aggravated assault and domestic battery by strangulation.



Ivan Zecher

## CCSO: Woman choked while keeping guns from man

MIDDLEBURG – A 53-year-old man was arrested for reportedly choking a woman who was trying to keep him from opening a gun safe during an argument.

Elbert Emmette Fletcher, of Middleburg, was charged with felony battery and domestic battery by strangulation after the victim said Fletcher appeared to be intoxicated and she feared he would hurt himself or others in the house.

Deputies saw red marks around the victim's neck, according to the arrest report.

## Man wanted for beating woman arrested in Gainesville

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man wanted on two counts of domestic battery was arrested in Alachua County and brought back to Clay to face charges.

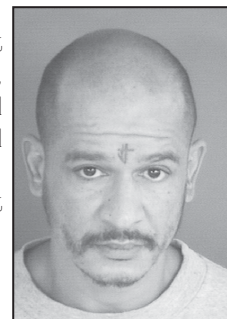
Manuel A. Moreno, 35, was arrested on Dec. 26 in Gainesville after the Clay County Sheriff's Office got an arrest warrant after a woman in Keystone Heights said she was dragged by her hair as they walked along



Elbert Fletcher

Wofford Drive last June. A week later, she said he punched her in the face and urinated on her.

His bond was set at \$20,004.



Manuel Moreno

## Two hurt critically in head-on collision in Lake Asbury

LAKE ASBURY – Three people were injured, two critically, in a head-on collision Saturday afternoon on State Road 21.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, a Chevrolet Silverado driven by Regan Spinks, 19, of Fleming Island, crossed over the double-yellow line and slammed into an Acura driven by Deloras Ohyon, 69, of Keystone Heights.

Both were listed in serious condition.

A passenger in the pickup, Ross Ledger, 20, of Green Cove Springs, sustained minor injuries, FHP said.

Spinks was driving southbound and crossed into traffic directly ahead of Ohyon, witnesses told FHP. Spinks, who wasn't wearing his seatbelt, was thrown from the truck. Ohyon had to be cut from her car by Clay County Fire and Rescue.

Charges are pending.

# Arrests & bookings

*Key: FTA-Failure to Appear; DWLSR-Driving Without a License-Suspended or Revoked; DUI-Driving Under the Influence; VOP-Violation of Parole. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Everyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.*

## Saturday, Dec. 28

Michael H. Fulgham, 24, Middleburg, domestic battery

Jason D. Linson, 38, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-no valid registration

Pamela J. Baldree, 39, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Britany K. Stidham, 33, Orange Park, grand theft

Steven N. Permaul Seubarran, 30, Orange Park, grand theft

Erick L. Hayward, 25, Oakleaf, DWLSR

Camala K. Young, 36, Orange Park, retail petit theft, possession/use drug paraphernalia

Brittany A. Harris, 19, Middleburg, FTA

## Friday, Dec. 27

Jamisha L. Kemp, 21, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Cameron L. Yarbrough, 29, Green Cove Springs, possession-ectasy

Noah D. Barnett, 22, Keystone Heights, burglary

Shana L. Clancy, 29, Middleburg, retail petit theft

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Kelsey L. Puhl, 27, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine

Courtney L. Berry-Bell, 42, Fleming Island,

# What you need to know ahead of the Presidential Primary

## For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – You may have heard “Florida is a Closed Primary State,” over and over again, but have you ever stopped to consider what it means?

A Primary Election helps to narrow the field of candidates for a given office. In a Closed Primary, voters are limited to choosing candidates of their own party:

- If you chose the Republican Party, you’re allowed to vote only for Republican candidates.
- If you chose the Democratic Party, you’re allowed to vote only for Democratic candidates.
- If you’re registered as No Party Affiliation, you’re allowed to vote in non-parti-

san contests and referendums in a Primary Election.

If a voter is registered as NPA, or with a minor party, this may be a potential problem for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary on March 17. In the PPP, Florida voters in the two major parties, Democrat and Republican, will select their representative for president. If you are registered as either NPA, or with one of the minor parties, you won’t be able to vote for a presidential candidate in the PPP.

If you wish to change your party affiliation to vote in the PPP, it must be done by Feb. 18. This is the deadline for new registration or party changes for the PPP. Florida has made it easier than ever with online voter registration at [RegisterToVote-Florida.gov](http://RegisterToVote-Florida.gov).

Florida.gov.

You can register to vote, make party changes, and even update your signature—all from your computer.

Of course, you can pick up a paper application at the Elections Office, a public library, the post office, or Tax Collector’s office, if you prefer. The 2020 election season will be unprecedented. Make sure your voice is heard.

“The stakes have never been higher,” states Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris H. Chambless. “I encourage everyone to follow our Five Steps to Secure Your Vote, ahead of the 2020 Election Season.”

Be prepared. First, Feb. 18 is the last day you can register to vote or change your party affiliation for the PPP.

Second, vote-by-mail – order your VBN ballot today at [ClayElections.com](http://ClayElections.com), or in person, over the phone or in writing, email included. You must sign the envelope and return to our office by 7 PM on March 17.

Third, vote early – vote at any of our six locations in Clay County. Visit us at [ClayElections.com](http://ClayElections.com) to find dates, hours.

Fourth, vote on election day. Bring your picture and signature ID with you to your assigned precinct to vote. You can find acceptable forms of ID and look up your precinct online at [ClayElections.com](http://ClayElections.com).

And fifth, visit [ClayElections.com](http://ClayElections.com) to stay up to date with the latest news and for all your election needs. This and all press releases can be found at [www.ClayElections.com](http://www.ClayElections.com) Like us on Facebook.

## Arrests

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simple battery

Floyd C. Guy, 46, Orange Park, trespassing  
Ian E. Gay, 30, Middleburg, DWLSR, no valid registration

Christopher R. Sheppard, 25, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession/use drug paraphernalia

Christopher M. Conway, 29, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police

### Thursday, Dec. 26

Antwan E. Gary, 21, Orange Park, simple

battery

Tom L. Peralta, 25, Orange Park, aggravated assault

Ryan S. Caporal, 30, Fleming Island, DUI

Richard A. Paschen, 32, Middleburg, possession-marijuana

Cameron E. Snyder, 20, Fleming Island, possession-controlled substance, DUI

Joseph L. Haynes, 46, Orange Park, grand theft \$300-\$4,999, dealing in stolen property, giving false information to pawn broker

Manuel A. Moreno, 35, Keystone Heights, two counts of domestic battery

Justin D. Roe, 40, Oakleaf, two counts simple domestic battery

David P. West, 49, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft

Cody A. Jones, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Harry J. Crossland, 43, Orange Park, DWLSR for more than six months

Tommy Williams, 35, Orange Park, non-support

Madalyn R. Borntraeger, 27, Middleburg, possession-marijuana more than 20g, possession/use drug paraphernalia

James G. Taylor, 39, Orange Park, DWLSR

Deanna Ray, 41, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Jimmy A. Navarro, 36, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Michelle R. Zorda, 34, Middleburg, child abuse

Denise A. Azevedo, 57, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

William L. Newham, 40, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police, attempted escape from police

James J. Wainwright, 38, Middleburg, DUI

David P. West, 49, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Joseph C. McMillon, 37, Oakleaf, non-support

Carol L. Stubbs, 61, Orange Park, battery on person 65 or older

Lauren J. Griffin, 35, Oakleaf, child abuse

Coy J. Whitfill, 25, Orange Park, domestic battery

Juan C. Varona Martinez, 27, Green Cove Springs, uttering forged/counterfeit bill

### Tuesday, Dec. 24

Graylen K. Tarpley, 35, Keystone Heights, DWLSR-third offense

Andres D. Arocho, 27, Middleburg, unlicensed electronic weapon

Jonathan C. Wadman, 38, Fleming Island, retail petit theft

Sanquan W.J. Stride, 20, Orange Park, trespassing

### Monday, Dec. 23

Damon L. Reichel, 43, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Michael M. Rutland, 36, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession/use drug paraphernalia

Kimberly M. White, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

William W. Fountain, 25, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic assault, VOP-criminal mischief, VOP-resisting police

Treena L.A. Lowe, 40, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Teosbanis Torres, 32, Green Cove Springs, uttering forged check

Collier L. Hunt, 21, Orange Park, two counts domestic battery

Dale A. Holland, 38, Middleburg, possession-heroin with intent to sell, maintaining home with drugs

Karl D. Brooks, 33, Orange Park, two counts simple domestic battery

Paul L. Bruce, 43, Middleburg, retail theft, resist/obstruct/oppose police

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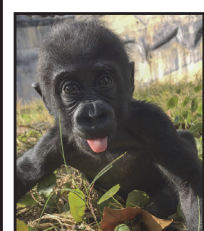
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

AUTUMN GLEN TOWNHOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,

CAROLYN H WRIGHT, et al., Defendant(s). NOTICE IS GIVEN that the undersigned Clerk of the Court will offer the following described property in Clay County, Florida: Street Address: 1615 Vineland Circle #C Fleming Island, FL 32003

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Legal 45431 published Dec 26, 2019 and Jan 2, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2017CA000175 WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, PLAINTIFF, VS. PATRICIA A. DOLAN A/K/A PATRICIA ANN DOLAN, ET AL. DEFENDANT(S)

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DATED: December 12, 2019

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000321 NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

ADOLPHUS B. CLAY; et al., Defendants. NOTICE IS hereby given that, Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, will on February 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., ET, via the online auction at www.clayr.ealforeclose.com, in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida, to wit:

The Northeasterly 30.84 feet of Lot 19, together with the Southwesterly 31.91 feet of Lot 21, Block JX, Shands Plat of the North Suburbs of Green Cove Springs, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Current Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Property Address: 1306 Forbes

Notice of Sale

Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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

ALTA CHUTES I, LLC Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTY RENEE KARCHASKE A/K/A CHRISTY KARCHASKE F/K/A CHRISTY R. GANTON N/K/A CHRISTY RENEE HALL, et al, Defendants/

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 20, 2019, and entered in Case No. 2018-CA- 000839 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Alta Chutes, LLC is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL LEE GANION A/K/A DANIEL L. GANION NKA LISA COLLEEN GANION, CHRISTY RENEE KARCHASKE A/K/A CHRISTY KARCHASKE F/K/A CHRISTY R. GANTON N/K/A CHRISTY RENEE HALL, and DANIEL LEE GANION A/K/A DANIEL L. GANION, the Defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at 10:00 a.m. on 10th day of March, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19, BLOCK 60, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 13 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2007 CAVALIER D8E5300SE 26.6 X 76 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION

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NUMBERS: BL07GA0214344AB. SAID UNIT IS ATTACHED TO THE LAND IN A PERMANENT MANNER SO AS TO BE RENDERED AN IMMOVABLE FIXTURE AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, WHICH SHALL PASS WITH THE REALTY. TITLES ARE TO BE RETIRED PURSUANT TO F.S. 319.261.

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Dated at Clay County, Florida, this 26th day of December, 2019.

Tara S Green, Clerk Clay County, Florida By Jaimie Pippin Deputy Clerk

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

REGIONS BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. SALVATORE J. BARRERA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SALVATORE J. BARRERA; NAOMI M. BARRERA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NAOMI M. BARRERA; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF SYNCHRONY BANK/HH GREGG; THE PRESERVE AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE PRESERVE AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, LLC; MIDDLE VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND UNKNOWN TENANT/Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment dated December 11, 2019, entered in Case No.: 2019 CA 000399 of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein SALVATORE J. BARRERA; NAOMI M. BARRERA; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF SYNCHRONY BANK/HH GREGG; THE PRESERVE AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; OAK LEAF

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Tara S. Green Clerk of the Circuit Court by: Taylor Tison As Deputy Clerk

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EXHIBIT A

Parcel 1 Unit 822, Building 8 of Phase II, The Preserve at Oakleaf Plantation Condominium, A Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, recorded in O.R. Book 2619, Page 1491, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records Book of Clay County, Florida.

Garage Unit 17 of The Preserve at Oakleaf Plantation Condominium, a Condominium, according to The Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 2619, Page 1491, and all exhibits and amendments thereof, Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Legal 45384 published Dec 26, 2019 and Jan 2, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

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

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION Plaintiff,

vs. SHARON L. DODD A/K/A SHARON GLASSMAN, FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on October 16, 2019, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, TARA S. GREEN, Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida described as: LOT 9, THORNHILL UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT

Notice of Sale

THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 AND 40, INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 2071 THORNHILL DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32003; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on February 18, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Dated this 20th day of December, 2019.

TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Taylor Tison Deputy Clerk

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