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## America Strong



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Dr. Laura Grippa, an emergency medicine physician at Baptist Health Center, dons her best aviation sunglasses as the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels sweep over Jacksonville in Friday's America Strong flyover.

## Blue Angels flyover recognizes healthcare workers, first responders

By Randy Lefko  
 Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - As part of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and Air Force's Thunderbirds America Strong campaign of nationwide flyovers, one area doctor had chills run up her spine long before the seven-jet Blue Angels formation made it's 30-second run over downtown Jacksonville last Friday.

"I was getting emotional as I was walking up the Acosta Bridge and seeing the three Jacksonville fire trucks lifting the huge American flag over the St. Johns River because as emergency physicians,

we work very closely with paramedics, fire rescue and first responders," said Dr. Laura Grippa, a 29-year emergency medicine physician at Baptist Health Center Jacksonville, just yards away from the base of the Acosta Bridge and a significant landmark on the Blue Angels' clockwise circle route around the skyscrapers of Jacksonville. "I almost assume this is how military people feel when they are thanked for their service. I thought it represented that the country was coming together."

With the Blue Angels starting their run at Mayport, running south along a Neptune

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## From fair to food pantry



Orange Park Police Officer Bill Whitman, left, and Brody Mauch delivered 200 pounds of pork to Orange Park Methodist's Food Pantry last weekend. The meat will feed 30 to 40 families of four. *See page 16 for story.*

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# Orange Park moves closer to solving its flooding problems

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – The town has two options when it comes to fixing the flooding issues at Dudley Branch and Johnson Slough. While both are costly, one is nearly half the cost.

The Town of Orange Park has been working toward fixing its decades-long flooding issues that came to a head with 2017 Hurricane Irma. It hired engineering group Jones Edmunds to create a storm-water management plan and water flow model and with assessments behind them, it's time for the town to move forward with the work.

"We've been talking about this since Irma," Jones Edmunds Vice President and Managing Director Brian Icerman said. "We wanted to make sure that we had things as close to ready as we could so that we could hit the ground running at the end of this fiscal year or at the start of the next."

Icerman said the main goals for Orange

Park flood improvements are to remove roadway flooding at depths greater than half a foot during any given 25-year event and to remove flooding at depths greater than a foot on roads that provide access to critical facilities like hospitals and fire stations during a 100-year flood.

He also said their plans include the goal of removing building flooding above finished floor elevations during a 100-year flood.

"We want to consider the 50-year sea level rise projection as well during all of this," Icerman said.

That amounted to more than two dozen homes removed from 100-year flood dangers, maintained access to critical facilities in a 100 year flood, maintained access to five residential locations with single point access points in a 100-year flood and a removal of roadway flooding at depths greater than half a foot in a 25-year event throughout Orange Park.

Jones Edmunds Engineer Jarrod Hirneise said the near-term projects will focus on Dudley Branch and Johnson Slough,

**Dudley Branch North of Kingsley** JonesEdmunds

**Proposed Improvements**

- Wells Rd. Pond and Eldridge Ave. Outfall (\$500k - \$700k)
- Shaw St. Pond Improvements (\$2.5M - \$3.25M)
- Shaw St. Improvements (\$500k - \$650k)
- Winfred Dr. Improvements (\$700k - \$900k HMGF Funding Applied For \$300k)

two of the areas in Orange Park arguably the most problematic when it comes to stormwater.

The proposed improvements of these areas include fixes to Nelson Drive and Plainfield Avenue with two possible alternatives. The first has an estimated cost of \$1.5 to \$2 million and consists of three projects: a Carnes Street extension and improved culvert capacity, a Nelson Drive

South improvement and a third that would see Nelson Drive and Plainfield Avenue at the same elevation.

The second alternative sees the town remove sections of Nelson Drive and Plainfield Avenue that cut through low-lying areas of Johnson Slough.

"This would return this portion of the road to the natural state and allow water

SEE FLOOD, 5

19TH AMENDMENT

**19TH AMENDMENT CELEBRATION**

100 YEARS

**19th Amendment Proposed**

**WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1899.  
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<http://www.rochester.edu/sba/suffrage-history/the-power-of-womens-friendship/>

Thirty years after Seneca Falls, in 1878, a formal suffrage amendment was finally proposed to Congress. California Senator Aaron A. Sargent put forth the bill, at the urging of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. Nicknamed the Anthony Amendment, it read:

*"The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."*

It was rejected, but would be reintroduced every year, for the next 41 years. The exact text of the bill was never changed.

**Tara S. Green**

"As a community, I think we are past thinking that way and able to judge a public servant on his or her capabilities and qualifications alone."

**Felecia Hampshire**

"Being a woman has been, and always will be, my strongest asset. Was I challenged? Absolutely. But that's the way democracy is supposed to work, people have political freedom and equality to express themselves."

**Diane Hutchings**

"Being a woman doesn't diminish the contribution I bring to board meetings or service to the citizens of Clay County."

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# Watkins serves up smoky barbecue, support for S. Bryan Jennings teachers

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ORANGE PARK – S. Bryan Jennings Elementary celebrated its teachers with a barbecue meal for the whole family.

Assistant principal Debby Chapman said she and her fellow administrators wanted to do something for the school's teachers to show that they were appreciated. Their first idea was a dinner with popcorn and a movie, and she reached out to local businesses like Coggin Automotive looking for donated contributions. Wayne Watkins, General Manager of Coggin Automotive, said he'd like to help but went a step further and said he'd like to smoke a BBQ meal not just for the teachers, but for their entire family as well.

"We were so excited by this man's generosity," Chapman said.

That's approximately 50 teachers and more than 100 people that needed meals and Chapman said that Watkins did it all. He set up a smoking pit in the school's parent pick up loop early that morning and smoked for hours to provide meals to teachers later that day on May 8. Chapman said administrators made signs showing their appreciation. The loop was lined with signs that said things like "thank you" and "we appreciate you."

Chapman said it was important for the school to show its teachers currently stuck at home and away from their students that

they're still appreciated. She said this was the first time they've ever done anything like this for teachers because usually, teacher appreciation happens in-house but coronavirus forced the school to get creative.

"We had to get creative and that's why we decided to do it like a drive-thru," Chapman said. "We wore masks and maintained our distance."

Chapman said the school had never worked with Watkins before. Watkins also has a long history of supporting athletics at Orange Park High with his large smoker, and he had five children that went through the Clay County School District system with some of them attending S. Bryan Jennings.

"He wanted to give back to the community," Chapman said. "We're very generous for such a thoughtful business partner that wanted to make our teachers feel as special as they are that day."

S. Bryan Jennings is a Title 1 school so its funding is already low, which makes teacher appreciation more difficult since the budget just isn't there, but Chapman said Watkins came to the rescue on that front with his smoked BBQ.

"I think it's important to recognize the hard work and effort that our teachers give day to day," Chapman said. "Especially now more than ever, our teachers are being appreciated for who they are and what they do."



STAFF PHOTOS BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Administrators, above, hand out prepared barbecue meals to teachers which were prepared by Coggin Automotive GM Wayne Watkins, below, center.



Wayne Watkins, who has been a friend to many nonprofits in the Orange Park area, including Orange Park High's athletic department, cooked enough barbecue for 150 teachers and staff at S. Bryan Jennings Elementary.



## American Legion honors Pinch-A-Penny for donation

MIDDLEBURG – The American Legion Post 250 of Middleburg presented Greg Bowers, owner-Pinch-A-Penny at 1237 Park Ave. in Orange Park with a Special Appreciation Plaque thanking him for his generous donation in supporting a Delegate to attend the American Legion Boys State Program. Pictured, from left, Wayne Elliott of American Legion Post 250 Boys State Program Chairman, Bowers and Dick Rowe—Commander, American Legion Post 250. Boys State is a comprehensive one-week course in state and local government. The American Legion Florida Boys State Program is a "Leadership Action Program" and is Florida's Premier Leadership Program; "A Week that Shapes a Lifetime." The American Legion Post 250 Boys State Program accepts Delegates applications from Clay, Fleming Island, Middleburg and Oakleaf highs. There are no limits on number of applications each school can submit, however all applicants must meet eligibility and criteria requirements, and applications must be screened and submitted via schools Guidance Counselors or JROTC Senior Navy Science Instructors.

## Republicans call for end to state's vacation rental ban

By Renzo Downey  
For FloridaPolitics

Despite facing pressure from within his own party to lift restrictions on vacation rentals, there's no word yet from Gov. Ron DeSantis on when rentals may reopen.

In late March, the governor suspended most short-term vacation rental reservations, curtaining off a popular getaway option for tourists. To the dismay of those in the industry, the ban singled-out those rentals but left hotels open for business. And that ban has been extended indefinitely under Phase One of the state's reopening process.

Panama City Beach Mayor Mark Sheldon joined the rising chorus to lift the ban, at least in the Panhandle. The region is more reliant on vacation rentals for tourism than more populous parts of the state.

"As the largest City in Florida without an ad valorem tax, our vital public services rely on tourism dollars," the Mayor wrote. "Having our 7,789 licensed short-term rentals closed drastically affects City services, and our local economy, particularly our small businesses and both local and out-of-state condo and rental owners. Small business is the lifeblood of our 14,000-resident community."

The day before, members from the Panhandle delegation to the Florida House of Representatives, all Republicans, penned a letter to DeSantis asking him to OK vacation rentals. Pointing to the localized approach the Governor used to keep South Florida under lockdown, they advocated for rentals to reopen in the region.

"Our hotels, motels, inns, and resorts are reopening while vacation rentals are singled out," the lawmakers wrote. "They employ and directly impact so many in this region, yet will be unable to handle a second consecutive month with zero income."

While DeSantis has indicated in past press conferences that he hopes to get vacation rentals open, there has been no explicit word from him or his office as of Wednesday morning. Those aspirations to reopen the industry came before the most recent extension.

His Re-Open Florida Task Force's report suggests vacation rentals could open to Florida residents in Phase Two, but doesn't recommend a full reopening until Phase Three. However, the Governor has deviated from his task force on some items, including keeping gyms closed, restricting restaurant capacity to 25% rather than

**SEE RENTALS, 5**

## OPINIONS



Cutting hair, telling stories:

## Life finally back to normal at A Barber Shop

By Don Coble  
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FLEMING ISLAND – It was difficult to hear the telephone ring over the playful conversations and derision at A Barber Shop last Tuesday.

Customers, make that friends, sat along the walls – each at least six feet apart and wearing masks – as three barbers worked their craft on burly heads that haven't seen scissors in nearly two months.

When Gov. Ron DeSantis lifted restrictions on barber shops and beauty salons on May 11, it was more significant than getting an overdue trim or sharpening the edges of a flattop. It was about rekindling longstanding friendships.

"Some of my customers, they just want to gab all day long," said owner Jim Thurston.

The 73-year-old Vietnam War veteran said he gave 73 haircuts on his first day back to work after DeSantis closed barber shops, nail and beauty salons on April 1 after determining they weren't "essential" in the battle against COVID-19.

For a man who worked on small gun-

boats with a 50-caliber gun in Vietnam searching fishing vessels for Vietcong fighters, the closure was far more than an inconvenience. It challenged his way of life.

"It's going to take a while to catch up. Rent's pretty high here. I had to pay utilities, all that stuff while we were closed," Thurston said.

"I missed my clients. I missed them a bunch. This is my life. I'm 73 years old and I don't ever plan on retiring."

"We ain't going to let you retire, Jim," said regular customer Tom Franklin as he turned the page in a magazine.

At Thurston's shop, while they say they can do anything hairstyle-related, they really do just one thing – cut hair. There are no braids, highlights or stylings. Don't even think about asking for mousse.

The telephone rang every couple minutes. Each call was answered in the same way: "Barber shop." Until COVID-19, appointments weren't necessary. Callers seemed relieved their shop was open again.

Hair fell on the floor in massive heaps, only to be swept after each customer.

The walls were covered with military and police patches from all over the country. And there's a deer head mounted to a wall.

Thurston is loud and proud. So are his customers.

"It's more like a roast in here," said Kim



Don Coble

**SEE BARBER, 5**

## 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.

**Truckle:** (TRUK-ul) a verb that means to act in a subservient manner.

"The king expected the kingdom's subjects to truckle, but they refused to bow at his feet."

## This week in history

### Five years ago, 2015

- The U.S. Navy is accused of throwing unused supplies into the St. Johns River when it had a base at Lee Field Naval Air Station in Green Cove Springs during the early 1960s.

- Green Cove Springs City County denies a request by the Rotary Club of Orange Park to pay for liability insurance for its fireworks show at Reynolds Industrial Park.

- A group calling themselves "Friends of Clay Parks" plans to file an application to be a nonprofit to protect county parks.

### 10 years ago, 2010

- A group of African Americans start working with the Clay County School District to address hiring concerns.

- A memorial service is planned for former Orange Park Town Council member Gloria Hackett.

- The county's newly-created Tourist Development Council will provide \$7,500 to salvage the Fourth of July fireworks show in Orange Park.

### 20 years ago, 2000

- Orange Park's Watson Realty's Hope Allenson is awarded seniors real estate specialist professional designation by the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council.

- Orange Park Mayor Phyllis Renninger proclaims May 14-20 as National Nursing Home Week.

- The Purple Gang, a group of women who attend the United Methodist Church in Middleburg, made rounds to visit residents at nursing homes and shut-ins on their birthdays.

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We'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you are concerned about the county commission, the school board or your city council or commission, sit down and take a few moments to write us a letter. All we ask is that you

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### Opinions ...

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## Girl Scouts plant garden to beautify Quigley House

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Girl Scout cadettes Sarah, Katie, Maddie and Evelina used their green thumbs to help beautify their community. For their Silver Award Project, they are working toward building a peaceful garden space at Quigley House, which is Clay County’s comprehensive center serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The girls are using money earned through cookie sales along with generous donations from Home Depot, Hagan Ace Hardware, Lowe’s, Panera Bread, Pat’s Nursery, Trader Joe’s and Tree Tech to build their garden.

Troop1634 leader Mindy Logan said, “This is the perfect outlet for the girls to learn the benefit of giving back to the community.”

## Rentals

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50% and not immediately opening salons and barber shops.

U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, who represents the Panhandle in Congress, weighed-in on the vacation rental ban during a press conference alongside the Governor earlier this month.

“In Northwest Florida, we don’t have a 500-key hotel room every 1,000 feet,” he said, but added that he was confident in DeSantis’ “evidence-based, measured approach.”

The state faces accusations, in a legal challenge to the ban, that the order unconstitutionally revoked licenses without due process and silenced renters against their First Amendment

rights. DeSantis’ order also criminalizes advertising vacation rentals that violate the ban, punishable by a second-degree misdemeanor.

The original order, which has been subsequently extended, only applies to rental periods shorter than 30 days.

DeSantis excluded hotels, motels, inns, resorts, non-transient public lodging establishments and time shares in the order. He also carved out rentals for non-vacation commercial activities and people performing military, emergency, governmental, health or infrastructure response.

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## Correction

YMCA Vice President of Operations Don Dearolf was identified with the wrong first name in last week’s edition. Clay Today regrets the error.

## Barber

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Joiner with a laugh. “They carry on with each person and they’re so ugly to each other, I wouldn’t come back if I were them.”

“You just got to give back what you get,” Franklin said.

When Thurston got to his shop at 4313 U.S. Highway 17 on Monday morning, customers were already waiting. There was a lot of hair to cut, a lot of stories to tell. But it wasn’t until he unlocked the door and turned on the lights when he realized his unexpected six-week layoff was finally over.

“I was elated. It was a good feeling. They were already lined up on the sidewalk. It was a good feeling just to see them,” he said. “I’m glad to be back.

“In this shop, it’s about being with your friends. We all missed that.”

## Flood

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to freely flow through there,” Hirneise said. “Obviously, the drawback to this would be reducing the transportation ability through this area.”

This project has an estimated cost of \$500,000 to \$800,000.

Ierman said these projects and other projects like improvements to local ponds are all doable within a five-year timeline. He said the town has grant options when it comes to funding the projects and doesn’t expect the town to pay for everything out of their own pocket.

## History

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### 30 years ago, 1990

- The Clay County Commission votes to end the usage of calling cards to avoid the appearance of improper private calls.

- The search for a new Clay County Administrator is narrowed from 151 to five candidates.

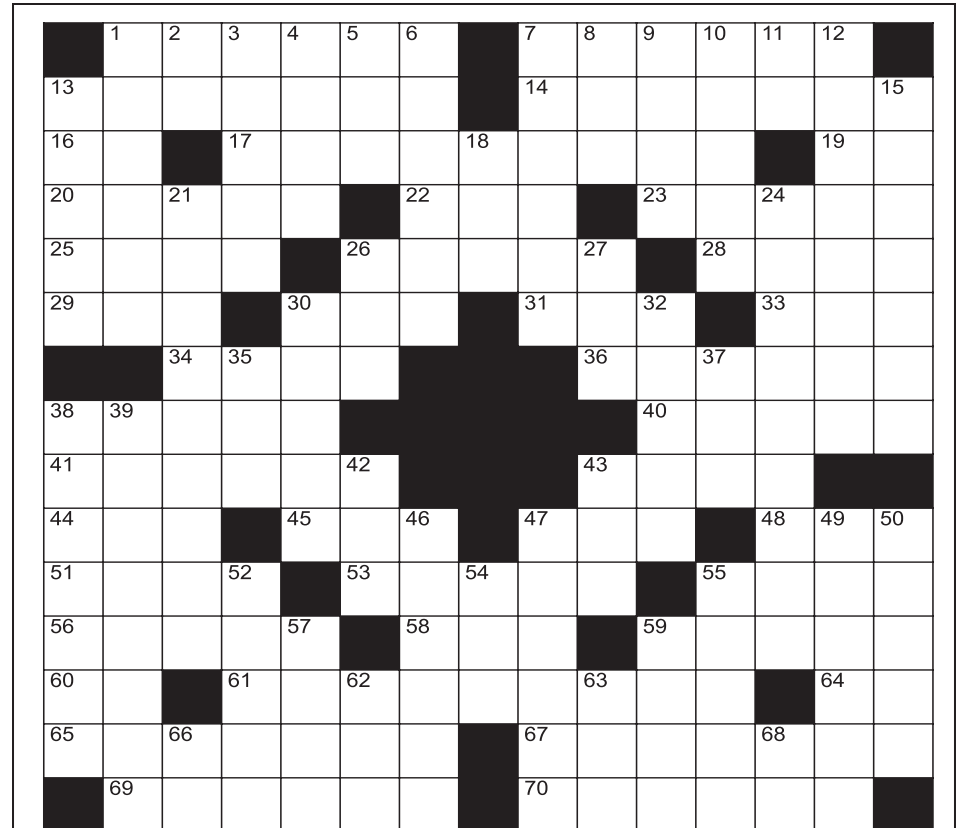
- Orange Park’s Greg Vincent serves as a crewman about the Golden Hinde.

### 40 years ago, 1980

- Gerald McCrary files a protest following the recent Green Cove Springs city election saying results in Group II were erroneous.

- An engineering firm is needed to fix the “guess work” done during installation of drainage in Green Cove Springs.

- State Attorney Ed Austin empanels new Grand Jury, calling it the “Conscious of the People.”



### CLUES ACROSS

- Seed part
- Productive
- Popular cocktail
- Sausages
- Western state
- Natural desires
- Defunct British automaker
- Early media tycoon
- Move from one place to another
- Letter of Semitic abjads
- Female birds
- Umbrella brand
- Delinquent
- Tax collector
- Cooking tool
- Female sibling
- Flat-topped hat
- Angolan currency
- Boardwalk candy
- European nation
- Leaflike part of palm
- Removed with solvent
- Uttered words
- Unfashionable person
- Disappointed
- Controversial device in soccer
- 007’s creator

### CLUES DOWN

- One or the other
- Doc
- Songs have them
- Record of payment (abbr.)
- Speak endlessly
- American state
- Digressions
- Tell on
- Brews
- Belongs to the bottom layer
- American cigarette brand
- Legal voting age in US
- Dish

- Expelled air from the nose
- Body art
- Fierce, destructive act
- Bear bright yellow flowers
- Japanese delicacy
- Get off your feet
- Male organs in some invertebrates
- \_\_\_ so good
- Cleverness
- Protest yacht
- Anesthetized
- Mollified
- Touch lightly
- Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
- Some windows have them
- National capital
- Squirrels like them
- Grandmothers
- Painter’s tool
- News organization
- \_\_\_ and thesis: musical term
- Famed activist Parks
- \_\_\_ Spumante (Italian wine)
- A number or amount not specified
- Body part
- Of I
- Old English

# Antibody test takes battle against COVID-19 to next the level

**New test measures body's immune system following virus**

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – A COVID-19 test determines whether you have the virus, but antibody testing could be the key to learning more about the virus affects different people.

Dr. Matthew Thompson is the founder and COO of Telescope, a physician-led telemedicine provider staffed by emergency providers at local Baptist, Flagler and South Georgia hospitals. After some of the larger antibody test providers have made the test widely available, Telescope

is offering antibody tests and Thompson said it's a great partner test to the more widely-known coronavirus test.

"Here's the difference that matters: a coronavirus swab test is a test that looks directly for the presence of the virus," Thompson said. "That's the best way to indicate an active infection. Antibody tests detect recent or resolved infection and they measure your body's immune system responding to the virus."

Thompson is quick to dispel that this test determines full immunity to the virus but he said this kind of testing could be the key to helping researchers determine how different people's bodies handle this virus.

This test requires one vial of blood and it tests for antibodies.



"It looks for the presence of an immune system's response to COVID," Thompson said. "Have I been exposed recently or in the past? Am I at the end of the infection? That's what these tests are designed to show you."

Antibodies are blood proteins that are produced in response to a harmful antigen — in this case, the coronavirus — and they can reveal what your body has been up to in terms of fighting off an infection or a virus. A coronavirus test tells you that you either have the virus or that you don't. An antibody test can tell you that, "hey, your body has antibodies that we see in response to coronavirus so you're either nearing the end of an infection or you were exposed to it in the past."

Thompson said this test is a good follow-

up to the coronavirus test and is available through a number of pathways, including the telescope service. It's covered by most insurance providers Thompson said but without insurance, the test costs about \$50 to \$100. He said if you have symptoms of the virus, you need a physician's order after an in-person doctor visit.

You must wait until you are symptom-free for at least 10 days before taking the test. If you have symptoms, you must first get tested for the coronavirus. Ten days after the virus or after getting a negative test result, you can then request an antibody test.

"Who is this for? We can order the test for anybody requesting it," Thompson said. "It's a public health issue. We want everyone to have taken this test eventually."

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# Residents at Signature delighted by visit from Spazz

**Horse taken around facility to break the feeling of isolation caused by COVID-19**

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – With visitation extremely limited and everyday life altered, residents of Signature HealthCARE of Orange Park are trying to keep their heads up and the staff there is looking for creative ways to help them do it.

Signature HealthCARE staff did just that, bringing a horse to the complex on Monday.

“Residents come to a nursing home when their life has taken an unexpected turn, or they’re in need of special care and guidance,” said Barbara Nicholls, Activities Director. “Here at Signature HealthCARE in Orange park, that is what our staff does best, enrich our residents’ lives through care, love, purpose, and quality of

life.”  
Jamie Stull, the hospital liaison for Signature, is the mother of a rider. She and her family routinely travel to her daughter’s barrel racing competitions. As someone who is continuously around horses and who sees the joy they can bring, Stull came up with the idea to share that with the residents.

Stull had her husband, son and daughter bring their horse, Spazz.

“Residents love to see animals and kids, so the combination made a great visit,” Nicholls said. “Residents were able to talk to Spazz and the Stull family from their windows, and a few were able to come outside and give him a friendly pat, with social distancing in mind.”

The family and the horse made their way around the building, giving an opportunity to be seen by as many residents as possible. Some of the more ambulatory patients even came outside to touch the horse while maintaining safety precautions.

Activities such involving horses are ir-



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Residents at Signature HealthCARE got an unexpected visitor from Spazz. The horse walked around the complex for those who couldn't come outside.



regular at Signature. Still, the COVID-19 outbreak has led to a new level of creativity and thinking outside of the box by senior assisted living facility staff. The quarantine has consistently kept staff on their toes, but they have done an excellent job

responding to the challenge.

One of the most excellent indicators of that was the presence of Spazz the horse, and the positive reaction that it created among the residents.

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# Obituaries

## Sharon Carey Taylor

Sharon Carey Taylor, 71 of Palatka, passed away Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville following a brief illness.

Sharon is survived by her husband of 53 years, Tommy Taylor; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Mitzi Taylor; a daughter, Tammy Taylor Looney; two granddaughters, Kristen Looney Parker and Karlie Looney; and one great grandson, Karsen Looney.



Sharon Carey Taylor

No services are planned.

Memorial donations may be made to Wolfson Children's Hospital, 800 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Messages of sympathy may be expressed in her online guestbook at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com).

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.

## Walter L. Widdowson

Walter L. Widdowson, 88, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away May 6, 2020

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



## Michael David Whitener

Michael David Whitener, 67, of Palatka, FL passed away May 4, 2020

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## Dr. Mytzi Ellen Saunders

Dr. Mytzi Ellen Saunders, 87, passed away May 10, 2020. Dr. Saunders was born June 14, 1932 in Jacksonville, Florida to parents Harry and Carrie (Prevatt) Taylor.

Mytzi was reared in Middleburg and graduated from Clay High School in 1950. She earned her Master's Degree and Doctorate Degree from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.

Mytzi and her husband, Rev. James Chalker Saunders, were residents of Penny Farms for over 50 years where she served as U.S. Postmaster for many years. She and Rev. Saunders were active in many local churches. Mytzi was also involved with the Council on Aging and other community associations.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Chalker Saunders and siblings, Charles Taylor, Christine Blackwelder, Patsy Sapp and Dennis Taylor.

Survivors are her brother Harry Taylor and children Deborah Kloke (Allen), James Saunders, Jr. (Lisa), Angela Ryan (Jim), Karey Saunders, Jonathan Saunders (Martha), sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mytzi and James cared for many foster children including one special foster daughter, Cathy Wilkinson.

No funeral services will be held at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to Haven Hospice of Orange Park ([www.beyourhaven.org](http://www.beyourhaven.org)) or Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs ([www.foodpantryofgreencovesprings.org](http://www.foodpantryofgreencovesprings.org)).

Arrangements under the care of Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1811 Idlewild Avenue, SR 16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-9696. [www.helmgallagherfh.com](http://www.helmgallagherfh.com)



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Dr. Mytzi Ellen Saunders

## Capt. Sherwin "Sharkey" Estrin

Capt. Sherwin "Sharkey" Estrin (USNR Ret) passed away into the hands of his maker on May 2, 2020.

Sharkey is predeceased by his wife, Mara of more than 61 years.

He is survived by their son, Michael G. Estrin (wife, Jennifer) and daughter, Leslie Kim Wellman (husband, Michael), and two grandchildren, Chloe Estrin and Brittany Wellman.

Sharkey was born on October 14, 1932 in Baltimore, Maryland to Louis and Lillian Estrin. After graduating from University of Maryland he was commissioned in the USAF. After leaving the Air Force he joined the Navy Reserves and retired as a Captain in 1982. Sharkey was a Federal Service Engineer where he worked on multiple as-

signments in military aviation.

Sharkey and Mara enjoyed many world travels, and experience life as few will ever do. He will always be remembered as a man who valued friends. He will be missed by many.

Sharkey will be buried in a private celebration of his life with close family. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the <https://www.americananimalrescue.org/>.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



## Eagle Scout creates used U.S. flag drop-off box

FLEMING ISLAND – Scout Logan, the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 482 in Fleming Island, completed his Eagle Scout project recently by building and refurbishing U.S. flag drop-off boxes so residents can properly dispose of old flags.

There are three drop-off locations in Clay County: the Fleming Island Library, Hagan Ace Hardware in Green Cove Springs and American Legion Post 250 in Middleburg.

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## Clerk's office in Orange Park open for limited services

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – The Clay County Clerk's Orange Park Branch office at 1478 Park Ave. has been reopened for limited business.

Services like passport applications and marriage licenses are available by appointment only. Residents who want to get married or who plan to travel internationally this year should call (904) 541-2784 to make an appointment. The Orange Park office is the only clerk's office in the county that is processing passport applications. The county urges residents to not delay application submission as expedited passport renewals are not available.

The secure outside drop-box at the Orange Park Branch is now open so citizens can submit documents for Recording, court filings and payments for citations/fines any time, night or day. The Orange Park office was disinfected and glass partitions were installed along countertops before re-opening to the public this week.

The most recent Supreme Court order suspends jury trials in our state through July 2, which essentially means until after

the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Only those ordered to appear, personally scheduled for an appointment with the Clerk's Office or involved in a safety-related emergency will be allowed to enter our offices through July 2. The recommended COVID-19 health screening for entry is conducted at both the main courthouse in Green Cove Springs and at the Orange Park Branch office.

The Clerk's Middleburg and Keystone Heights branch offices remain closed at this time.

Online services like electronic notifications of criminal court hearings (E-Notify), e-filing of court documents, payment plan applications, and online payments (nCourt) remain available online and will remain available long-term. Petitions for Domestic Violence Injunctions are now available on our website – please visit [www.clayclerk.com](http://www.clayclerk.com) for access to forms and completion directions.

A phased re-opening approach for court system offices is endorsed by the Florida Supreme Court's COVID-19 Re-Opening Task Force.

## Habitat for Humanity announces limited reopening

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Clay County's Habitat for Humanity partially reopened its doors this week as the First Coast gets back to work following closures that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The administrative office went back to work on May 12 with 9 a.m.-5 p.m. office hours. The lobby, however, will remain closed to visitors without appointments until further notice.

Although many restrictions have been lifted, construction sites are still closed to volunteer groups.

The ReStore also opened on Tuesday. The posted hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and shopping will be limited to 40 cus-

tomers. Everyone is still asked to adhere to social distancing guidelines set by the CDC. Staff will wear masks and they ask customers to do the same.

Donations are still being accepted. Staff requests items be placed in a plastic garbage bag and left outside for pickup.

Habitat for Humanity also provided these updates:

- Family Services will host one-on-one home ownership meetings by appointment only.

- Future homeowners and homeowners who need support can schedule a meeting via phone or in person.

- Clay Habitat social media channels will share further opening updates and community resources for those in need.

applications and other documents may be submitted. The Orange Park branch office will remain closed until protective measures can be implemented. The safety of our customers, employees and communities is of utmost importance. Therefore, office visitors are requested to follow social distancing best practices and directives.

## Jax Federal reopens lobbies with additional safety measures

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Jax Federal Credit Union reopened its branch lobbies on Wednesday.

Branches, including one in Orange Park, will operate in alignment with current health and safety guidelines set forth by the State of Florida, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. Members are encouraged to utilize contact-free services such as drive-thru teller stations, online and mobile banking, live chat with member support specialists at [jaxfcu.org](http://jaxfcu.org) and the credit union's contact center (accessible at 904-475-800 during business hours).

All Jax Federal Credit Union branches will adhere to the following new policies:

- Members can schedule appointments at [jaxfcu.org](http://jaxfcu.org) to open a new personal or business account, apply for a loan or request notary public services.

- Staff members will wear face masks and/or provide service from behind clear acrylic barriers.

- Branches will have posted guidelines for maximum occupancy that reflect social distancing guidelines. Members may be asked to check in, then wait in their vehicles during peak times.

- Hand sanitizer will be available for members at all branches.

- New floor signs have been installed to direct members on where to walk and wait for service.

- Common areas, such as coffee stations and check desks, will be closed to members for the time being.

- Surfaces within each branch will be sanitized throughout the day, followed by a thorough cleaning each night.

- Sanitized and used pens will be stored in clearly identified, separate cups.

- Members are strongly encouraged to limit visits only to those whose presence is necessary for the transaction; young children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

- Members are encouraged to wear masks covering the nose and mouth, though staff may request members to remove it temporarily for identification and security purposes. Full face masks, such as ski masks, military masks or masks combined with sunglasses, are not permitted. Members are also welcome to bring gloves for using stylus pens for transaction receipts and loan closings.

"The health and well-being of our members and employees remain a top priority," said Mary Svoboda, Interim President and CEO of Jax Federal Credit Union. "The branch experience will feel quite different than before, but our commitment to creating an exemplary member experience has never been stronger. We appreciate our members' understanding and kindness as we navigate how to best serve the community during this challenging time."

## Clay County Elections Office opens its doors

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office has resumed regular operations.

Starting last Monday, the office was open to the public with a very limited capacity permitted to wait in the lobby.

"We are asking visitors to please exercise social distancing and patience," says Supervisor Chris H. Chambless.

As a reminder, many tasks are able to be completed online. Visitors to the website, [ClayElections.gov](http://ClayElections.gov), are able to register to vote, make updates to their information, find election dates and more.

Voters are also encouraged to request Vote by Mail ballots for the Aug. 18 Primary and Nov. 3 General elections. Americans have participated in elections during challenging times in the past. We have taken

precautions to protect both our employees and the community and are confident Clay County voters will be able to cast their ballots safely and securely in the upcoming elections.

If you have questions, or need more information, visit [ClayElections.gov](http://ClayElections.gov) or call our office at (904) 269-6350.

## Property Appraisers Office reopens to the public

For Clay Today

Clay County – Clay County Property Appraiser, Roger A. Suggs, announces that beginning Monday, May 18, the main office of the Clay County Property Appraiser, located in Green Cove Springs, will re-open to the public for walk-in services. Additionally, a dropbox is located on the first floor of the building where

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# Angels

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at Mayport, running south along a Neptune Beach to Ponte Vedra Beach run then banking west for a circle around downtown Jacksonville before sweeping north to the Jacksonville International Airport and returning south to blaze near the St. Johns River over Orange Park and Fleming Island, observers got to see and hear the tremendous power and might of the jets as they streamed the skylines with their message of gratitude to the country's first responders; doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, firefighters, doctors and those battling the deadly Coronavirus pandemic.

"The Blue Angels flyover felt like an act of solidarity and served as a beacon of strength to combat the fear and uncertainty surrounding the novel coronavirus outbreak," said Dr. Grippa, whose daughters Maddie, Juliet, and son Grayson are all standout athletes at St. Johns Country Day School with Maddie on the state champion soccer team; Juliet, a standout basketball, cross country and track athlete and Grayson, basketball.

"Health care doesn't usually take the front line; we are not usually considered as fighters in the fight with the jet pilots being the real fighters, but seeing the Blue Angels fly over created a feeling of comradeship and unity as Americans. We are in this together."

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## Blue Angels offer thanks to local responders

Middleburg High School graduates, both now Jacksonville Ladder One firefighters, Robert Dopson, left, Class of 1995, and Edward Wallace, Class of 2004, were on hand on top of the Acosta Bridge in downtown Jacksonville as the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels orchestrated their America Strong flyover on Friday.

Strong campaign, Dr. Grippa cited a difference in her daily Thank Yous from patients with the flyover.

"On a daily basis, we get thank yous from patients, patients families and people that just need some positive confirmation,"

said Dr. Grippa. "Patients come back or write letters and that's big."

Dr. Grippa noted that the entire Baptist Health staff was on board for the Blue Angels' gesture.

"Absolutely, Baptist Health was very excited to see the Blue Angels," said Dr. Grippa. "A lot of my friends and the kids were out on the St. Johns River to watch them go by. I was in awe at the display and it was much appreciated."

Dr. Grippa, one of many first contact doctors in the Baptist Health system, got to see most of the first steps of potential COVID-19 patients in her role in the emergency room.

"Rescue would pick up a fever/cough and tag it as a Fever Alert and we had a certain area that was negative pressure to cut down the aerosol effect of the coughing," said Dr. Grippa. "From there, they got to the COVID area where myself and nurses are already in our protective gear and we would assess them. I know a lot of people think we are right in the danger zone being so close, but we were prepared and protected."

Ironically, Dr. Grippa saw a reduction in her normal "accident-related" traumas in the emergency room mainly because of the stay-at-home directives.

"It was tough in the beginning because we didn't have the rapid COVID detection tests on hand so we would have to identify who may or may not be COVID-19 based on how they presented," said Dr. Grippa. "We would hand off potential COVID-19 patients to our admitting doctors who moved them to COVID-safe units. Now, we have the rapid tests and that's makes things move more efficiently."

Dr. Grippa thought Baptist moved quickly to accommodate what was needed by their personnel as the Virus response need presented itself.

"Baptist put together a very concerted effort to take on the Virus with strategic decontamination areas, negative pressure flow areas, plus using a cafeteria to put some overflow patients," said Dr. Grippa. "Everything was done to prepare for this and, I think, it was pretty amazing the foresight here to not let it get out of control."

Dr. Grippa credited her use of a Telescope Health system; a Virtual Tele-medicine Visit available with a mobile telephone App 24 hours a day, to limiting the first surge of COVID-19 patients as instrumental in keeping stress and anxiety at a minimum at the emergency room doors.

"Telemedicine was instrumental in

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay County Blue Angels' fans got a spot on the Doctors Inlet Bridge to await for the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flyover on May 8 as part of their America Strong campaign to give thanks to first responders and medical personnel fighting the coronavirus pandemic.



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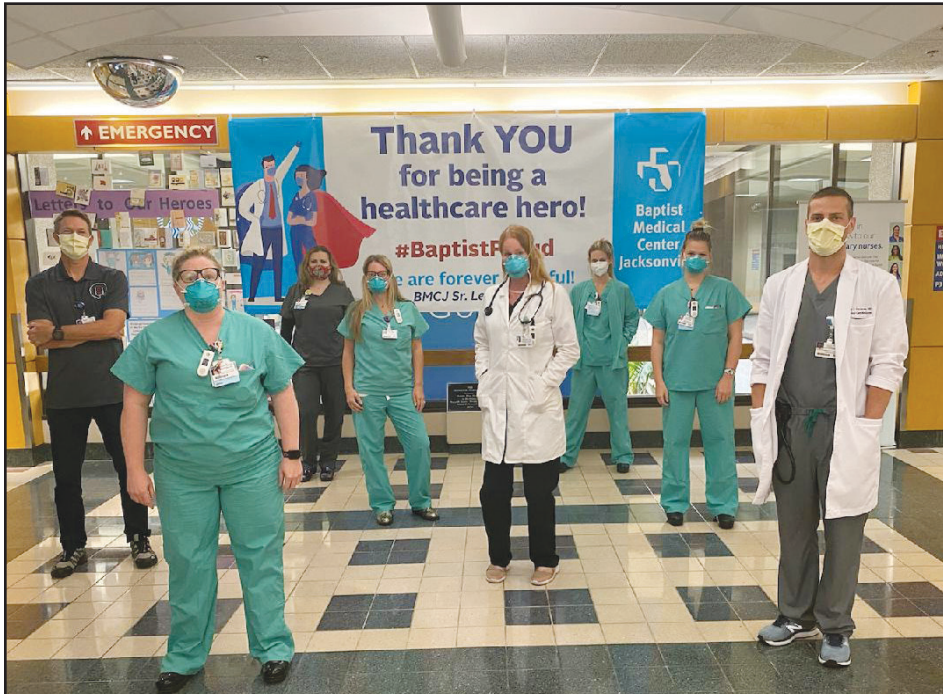
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The Baptist Health emergency room personnel; front, left to right, Sabrina Rutland and Dr. Eddi Gutierrez. Second row, Dr. Matt Rill, Dr. Laura Grippa. Third row, Ashley Cameron, RN; Catherine Kramarich, RN. Back row, Raska Alagic, Tori Carter, RN.



Dr. Laura Grippa shows off one of innovative Telescope Health system monitors that made triage protocol more efficient and reduced emergency room visits.



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– Dr. Laura Grippa



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triaging possible COVID-19 patients as to who needed to go to the ER immediately for care and who could safely quarantine pending testing,” explained Dr. Grippa. “Telescope Health provided reassurance and allowed the assessment of large numbers of possible COVID patients without them having to go to the ER and overrun the system and spread infection or be exposed.”

Dr. Grippa noted that the Telescope Health system was helpful as people may have been hesitant to go the emergency room for fear of being exposed.

“I was communicating with 200-300

possible COVID-19 patients a day that did not have to come to the emergency room,” said Dr. Grippa. “A lot of people with symptoms were reluctant to come to the emergency room because of fear of catching the COVID in the emergency room.”

With Florida throttling back from the COVID outbreak and seeing some light toward an ending, Dr. Grippa cited the unknown aspect of the deadly virus for the first responders as the initial stress producer.

“It is the unknown of this virus that makes decisions very difficult,” said Dr. Grippa. “On one end, the normal trauma that comes into the emergency room was reduced, but we were learning on the floor quickly to stay ahead of the virus.”

# Naval top-gunner settles into rewarding life at Doctors Lake Marina

By Bruce Hope  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Doctors Lake Marina owner Robert Jones is a hero.

While that word often is overused, he really is one. The former college football player at Villanova University-turned US Navy fighter pilot-turned businessman fits the definition perfectly.

A hero is defined as a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities.

Like most heroes, he is modest, humble, and doesn't see himself as a hero at all. As heroes tend to do, he deflects the attention from himself and places it squarely on those with whom he served.

He has served all over the United States, from California to Virginia, with many stops in between.

He also has flown multiple combat missions overseas in both the first Gulf War and the War on Terror.

Jones went to an air show in Wisconsin with his father at age 11, where he fell in love with the thought of being a pilot.

"I was at Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the EAA air show [Experimental Aircraft Association] and saw an F-14 [Tomcat] demo," said Jones. "I was up there with my father, and I saw a Tomcat do a high-performance demo, and it was COOL. It just thumped my 11-year-old chest, and I was like 'that's what I want to do.'"

With this singular goal in mind, Jones set out to make his dream a reality. He read and learned everything he could about the planes, flying them, and the path to get there.

He eventually attended Villanova, where he walked on as a football player. But his main focus was being a Naval ROTC Midshipman. In 1988, after four years, and various training exercises during the summers, with both the Navy and Marines, Jones graduated from college and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy.

Flight school happened in a series of segments, according to Jones, but overall, it took about two years.

Jones completed the initial phase and was winged a Naval Aviator in 1990 at



Robert Jones

Beeville, Texas.

"I went through relatively quickly," he said. "You get six months of primary learning how to fly an airplane and learning how to fly formation. Then you go to [if you get good enough grades], you get off to jets, and then you'll start to learn how to fight in aircraft. You learn how to attack the ground; you learn how to attack airplanes; you learn to fly aboard the aircraft carrier."

Jones was good enough to become a Tomcat pilot.

His dream since 11 was becoming a reality.

He was eventually assigned to the VF-31 Fighter Squadron. It's one of the oldest squadrons in the Navy and has a rich history.

"That was my first squadron," said Jones. "I very much loved it. I learned a ton."

At the time, those Tomcats he flew had the longest-range missiles in the world, with maximum effective ranges (based on the target) of approximately 170 miles.

Jones' task as a member of that squadron was to provide fleet defense on American ships in the ocean.

He served 20 years as a Naval Aviator, both flying combat missions and instructing. He also attended one of the most challenging courses in the US Military – SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Es-

cape).

"My life changed when I got back from SERE school," he said. "When I got back from SERE school, I knew exactly who I was. SERE School was a remarkable transition for me, and I came away from that supremely confident in my future."

After his adventures in the Navy ended, Jones made a successful transition into business, where he was able to help the company he worked for (Inentec Chemical) to have prosperity. The chief executive and Chairman of the Board retired to Orange Park and decided to base the company here. So it was that Jones ended up in Clay County.

Inentec Chemical wasn't for him, however, and he wanted more control over his endeavors. He was looking to get into a marina, and he was fortunate to find one so quickly on Doctors Lake. He had just happened to call the broker on a property and, while on the call, found out that Doctors Lake Marina was for sale. He was the first to know about it and jumped on the opportunity.

"I felt like it was absolutely meant to be," he said.

Jones is happy. In fact, happy may be an understatement. He is married with two children, one of whom aspires to one day become a Navy SEAL.

Does he miss his former life?

"I miss the people," Jones said, struggling to contain a wave of emotion. "They were the finest people I've ever met. Two of



them are astronauts, four of them are driving aircraft carriers, a couple of captains of industry, just the most amazing people I've ever met in my life."

He understands, though, that being a fighter pilot is a young man's game. He is in a new chapter of life. There is still one feeling that can never be replaced.

"I miss having my own personal rocket sled."

## Local broker planting success throughout Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – Tiffany Howard is passionate about the Town of Orange Park and the beautiful oaks in the town.

She and her husband, Andrew Caswell, are giving away live oak trees to town residents this year and will continue to do so every year in the Spring. Their goal is to plant 100 new oak trees over the next seven years.

They reside here and see so many trees that are removed due to storms, old age, and construction, and want to ensure that our future generations enjoy our canopied streets. For more information, contact Tiffany Howard at (904) 553-4011, or at [www.flahomepro.com](http://www.flahomepro.com) and [tiffany@flahomepro.com](mailto:tiffany@flahomepro.com).



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## Orange Park Mall begins slow, steady return to business

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Mall reopened on May 7. There was a DJ in the food court between 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., to welcome shoppers back. First responders and healthcare workers – those on the front line – received complimentary to-go lunches as a special “thank you” from the mall.

“This lunch is one small way that Orange Park Mall can recognize and celebrate the truly heroic actions of these community members,” said Chelsea Commodari, marketing director of the mall said.

As it will be with most establishments, the going was slow, and some stores did not reopen. Some of them had signs in the windows explaining that they were not reopening yet due to staffing issues.

“You’re going to see, over the next couple of weeks, more and more stores opening up,” said mall general manager Randy Bowman. “It’s based on several different measures. Some retailers are doing it in phases. They have a couple of hundred stores opening one week and a couple of hundred stores opening in the second week. The others have to do with staffing; they have to bring all their staffing back and go through some paperwork. And some have to do with supply chain.

“If you look at our food court, there’s some tenants who can’t get any food sup-

plies at this time, and so they’re struggling to get back. It’s going to take a couple of weeks, but by the middle of June, we should be 100%.”

The staffing issue is one of the biggest. Companies may have to track down previous employees who may have left the area. Or they may need to hire new employees, which takes time. Supply chain issues can also be time-consuming. All of those things will delay the reopening of stores for many vendors, but the mall is driving on with those that can.

The following guidelines are suggested.

- Practice social distancing and stay at least six feet from other shoppers.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover is recommended.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Adhere to each individual tenant’s COVID-19 policies.
- Adhere to all federal, state, and local regulations, recommendations, and mandates regarding COVID-19.

Bowman remains optimistic and thankful for the return to business.

“We just want to say thank you to the community and all of our tenants for getting us reopened in a safe manner and practicing social distancing,” he said.

The mall is currently open on a reduced schedule of 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

## School district working to return items left at school and honoring seniors

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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FLEMING ISLAND – The school district is doing all it can to help students return to normalcy despite enduring a not-so-normal finish to the 2019-20 school year.

Students were informed weekend in March that they were not to return to school on Monday as a result of COVID-19. The announcement came from Gov. Ron DeSantis on a Friday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. – long after students were out of school for the day.

“They have books and supplies in the schools, still,” Superintendent David Broskie said during the May 7 virtual school board meeting. “[They have] personal items to get back.”

Students will be able to return to schools in a drive-thru format to pick up their items next month.

Exact details have not yet been announced on how and when that will work. With graduation canceled, Broskie said the district is working hard to celebrate students robbed of proper celebrations like Senior Night and graduation.

A Class of 2020 virtual senior awards ceremony will be held on May 21 which will be followed up by a virtual senior cel-

ebration on May 29.

A Night of Lights, which is a national ceremony at football stadiums around the country where the lights will be turned on from 8:20 p.m. to 8:40 p.m., will be held on May 29.

The celebrations will conclude with a proper in-person graduation night on Friday, July 17, at each school’s football stadium.

“We’re looking at every opportunity...to find ways to celebrate,” Broskie said.

The school board will resume in-person operations starting June 14 for its regular school board workshop.

Chair Carol Studdard said the meeting will be held with social distancing guidelines in place.

In other business, Broskie has begun Mr. Broskie’s Book Nook which sees local “celebrities” read children’s books virtually on camera through the OneClay Portal. Broskie has already read a book as have other district leaders like Chief of Staff Terri Dennis and school district police chief Kenneth Wagner.

All five school board members volunteered to read a book for the program as during the May 7 meeting.

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# Police Briefs

## Routine seatbelt stop results in three arrests for four guns, Taser, assortment of drugs

ORANGE PARK – A traffic stop for two passengers not wearing seatbelts turned into multiple weapon and drug charges for a Jacksonville trio.

Christopher Allen Spaulding, 30, and Alisyn Harley Hysler, 26, and Glenwood Garrett Harrison, 27, all from Jacksonville, were charged May 9 with possessing a firearm during the commission



Christopher Spaulding

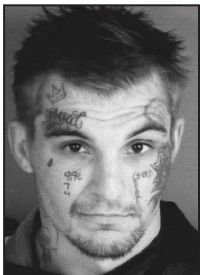


Alisyn Hysler

of a felony, possessing a firearm and ammunition as convicted felons, along with possession of an unlicensed Taser, methamphetamine, fentanyl, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Harrison also was charged with driving with a sus-

pending license.

According to the arrest report, the car was stopped along Wells Road after a deputy noticed the front seat passengers not wearing their seatbelts. During the stop, a drug-sniffing dog alerted deputies to the presence of drugs. During the search, they found four handguns and the drugs.



Glenwood Harrison

## Deputies find pound of pot during traffic stop for busted tag light

FLEMING ISLAND – An Orange Park man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacturer or deliver it, as well as possessing fentanyl after being stopped at Village Square Parkway and U.S. Highway 17 for a burned out tag light and window tint that appeared to be too dark.

Bond for Antonio Clay David was set at \$50,009.

According to the arrest report, a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy made a routine traffic stop on May 9 after noticing the tag light. When he approached the car, he smelled the marijuana. A subsequent search of the car led to the discovery of a pink backpack in the trunk where deputies found 1.05 pounds of marijuana, along with \$2,358 in cash.



Antonio David

Davis also got a warning for the tag light and window tint.

## Second man suspected of robbing drug buy in jail

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A second man wanted in connection with a robbery during a methamphetamine buy was arrested May 6 by the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

David Craig Allen Justice, 27, of Middleburg, was charged with armed robbery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm and/or ammo by a convicted felon.

According to CCSO, Justice was one of four men who were suspected of trying to rob four other men during a drug buy on April 26. One of the victims was shot in the leg before being robbed. One of the victims said the robbers took approximately \$1,800.

Darryl Brant, 28, of Green Cove Springs, was arrested on May 1 and charged with armed robbery, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm and ammo by a convicted felon.

John Brant, Darryl's brother, paid \$694 in cash as a down payment for a used car the day after the robbery, according to the arrest report.

Two other men have been identified as being involved, but neither have been charged.

Justice is being held at the Clay County Jail without bond.

## Couple caught loading stolen items into their car

ORANGE PARK – A couple were arrested on May 9 after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies said they walked out with \$1,744 worth of merchandise from The Home Depot without paying.

Paul Vincent Ligouri Jr., 33, of Fernandina Beach, and Chelsey Ann Luckey, 27, of Jacksonville, were arrested as they un-



David Justice



Paul Ligouri



Chelsey Luckey

loaded the items into their car. Deputies were called after store employees saw the theft and reported a description of the couple and their car.

Both were charged with grand theft.

## CCSO: Improper tag ticket turns into major drug bust

ORANGE PARK – A woman was arrested with a gun and an assortment of drugs after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies noticed an improper license tag while they were investigating another case in The Home Depot parking lot.

Arnisha Marie Phillip, 34, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession of an unlicensed gun, as well as possession of heroin, crack cocaine, cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Deputies were called to the parking lot on May 6 to check on a man who was seen pulling on door handles. When they released him, they noticed Phillip leaving the lot with an unassigned tag.

After she took a few minutes to find her license, CCSO employed K-9 Odin to conduct a search. The dog alerted deputies to the presence of drugs inside the car.

Deputies also found a loaded .380 revolver that had been reported stolen in Jacksonville.

CCSO also confiscated two new window air conditioning units that recently had been reported stolen from two different retail businesses.



Amisha Phillip

## Arrests & Bookings

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

### Tuesday, May 12

Dennis J. Grogan, 48, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, DWLSR, driving without registration

Ryan T. Mahan, 34, Middleburg, DUI  
Charles C. Batine, 18, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction against domestic violence

Sarah D. Broadwater, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Floyd C. Guy, 46, Orange Park, COP-battery

Ryan C. Powers, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-drug offender probation

Hailey A. Roberts, 28, Keystone Heights, motor vehicle theft

Donald C. Byrd, 43, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI

John D. Brant, 24, Orange Park, armed robbery with deadly weapon, aggravated battery, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

Tyler N. Turner, Green Cove Springs, VOP

Brandon S. Noel, 25, Orange Park, VOP-grand theft, VOP-burglary

Robert T. Hill, 29, Green Cove Springs, VOP

Teresa K. Johnson, 19, Orange Park, DUI

Brian J. Cabal, 30, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Richard L. Rawlins, 46, Keystone Heights, simple battery

### Monday, May 11

Donnell J.O. Langford, 23, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Jeremy R. Killeit, 36, Orange Park, aggravated stalking

Elijah J.B. Williams, 22, Orange Park, out of county warrant

Angelo Hipolito, 37, Orange Park, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon

Jeffrey R. Bassett, 29, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

Edward S. Runyon, 25, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Charles E. Drake, 46, Green Cove Springs, VOP-felony battery

Steven C. Huff, 53, Middleburg, aggravated domestic battery

### Sunday, May 10

Antonio C. David, 25, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana with intent to sell, possession-marijuana, possession-fentanyl

James A. Mabary, 31, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana

Melody A.A. Duncan, 28, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Amanda M. McHale, 29, Middleburg, simple battery

Joshua S. Mabrey, 38, Middleburg, trespassing

Partha R. Dave, 28, Green Cove Springs,

# Former Clay deputy charged by U.S. Attorney with enticement of minor for sexual activity

From United State Attorney's Office

JACKSONVILLE – U.S. Attorney Maria Chapa Lopez announced the arrest and filing of a criminal complaint charging Travis Ryan Pritchard, 36, Green Cove Springs, with online enticement of a minor and attempted online enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity. If convicted, Pritchard faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years, and up to a life, in federal prison.

According to the complaint, Pritchard was employed as a deputy with the Clay County Sheriff's Office. At the time of the alleged offense, he was assigned to the DUI unit. From December 2019 through May 2, Pritchard used an online chat application to communicate with a 15-year-old girl with whom he had engaged in sexual activity on a weekly basis.

Beginning on April 29, an undercover detective from the Green Cove Springs Po-

lice Department assumed the child's identity and continued chatting with Pritchard using the online chat application. Late in the night of May 1, and into the early morning hours of the next day, Pritchard encouraged the "child" to sneak out of her home to meet with him for a "quickie." In anticipation of their meeting, he sent the "child" a photograph of himself from the waist down, wearing only boxer shorts. At approximately 2 a.m. on May 2, Pritchard arrived near the child's home to pick her up in his patrol vehicle, and sent the "child" a message saying, "I'm here." A short time later, Pritchard was arrested by officers from the Green Cove Springs Police Department.

The case was investigated by the Green Cove Springs Police Department and Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelly S. Karase.

## Arrests

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DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test

Rajendra D. Parth, 28, Green Cove Springs, attempting to flee/elude police with lights/siren active

Joseph W. Harper, 39, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

Silvana Merritt, 32, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

### Saturday, May 9

Mary F. Keah Tigh, 27, Orange Park, burglary, possession-controlled substance

Willie D.O. Troutman, 21, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Kristina E. Maerz, 31, Orange Park, simple battery

Paul V. Liguori, 33, Orange Park, grand theft \$300-\$4,999

Chelsey A. Luckey, 27, Orange Park, grand theft \$300-\$4,999

Christopher A. Spaulding, 30, Orange Park, possession-firearm in commission of a felony, possession-unlicensed electronic weapon, possession-firearm/ammunition by a convicted felon, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Alisyn H. Hysler, 26, Green Cove Springs, possession-firearm in commission of a felony, possession-unlicensed electronic weapon, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Mark O. Russell, 53, Orange Park, battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT. Vandalism

Ricky D. Barrett, 41, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence

Jason R. Pernal, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery

### Friday, May 8

Cory L. White, 18, Oakleaf, burglary, grand theft auto, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Jeremy M. Willoughby, 38, Orange Park, delivering methamphetamine, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Robert T. Norris, 37, Orange Park, simple battery

Tyler R. Recard, 20, Keystone Heights, lewd/ascivious behavior on child between 12-16

Autumn C. Brumfield, 19, Orange Park, resisting police with violence

Veronica J. Brown, 30, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Joshua R. Welch, 37, Orange Park, trespassing after warning

Amanda R. Sanders, 26, Maxville, possession-methamphetamine, possession-

marijuana

Michael J. Williams, 35, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Lucas D. Harris, 18, Middleburg, fugitive from justice

Edward A. Hardin, 33, Orange Park, three counts of sexual battery with a minor

Eldrick L. Davis, 30, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Destiny M. Knott, 34, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-molly

Rudy Q. Coleman, 27, Orange Park, battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

### Thursday, May 7

Kristi A. Charlton, 36, Orange Park, DUI

Frank Theophile, 45, Fleming Island, felony battery by strangulation

Jeremy M. Willoughby, 38, Orange Park, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, DWLSR, operating motorcycle without valid license

Katrena A. Hobbs, 38, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Charles R. Odom, 44, Middleburg, possession-heroin, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Jeremy L. Powell, 35, Middleburg, violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence (Duval)

Travis W. McLane, 35, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl

Jessie N. Berge, 26, Middleburg, DWLSR

### Wednesday, May 6

Charles H. Latz, 63, Middleburg, failing to report email address/internet identifiers

Lonnie W. King, 43, Green Cove Springs, battery in detention center

Cheyenne J. King, 45, Middleburg, violation of condition of release

Emily D. Kirksey, 18, Middleburg, possession/use-drug equipment

Joe D. Conner, 63, Middleburg, VOP-lewd/ascivious molestation

Meagan M. Greer, 34, Middleburg, trespassing, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Annisha M. Phillip, 34, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, possession-crack cocaine, possession-heroin, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana

David C.A. Justice, 27, Green Cove Springs, armed robbery, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

## Man charged with murder following local woman's disappearance

From Clay County Sheriff's Office

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Sheriff's Office Robbery Homicide Unit responded to a missing person investigation at 1876 Sherwood Dr. in Middleburg.

While on scene, detectives received



Cameron Kirk

information that an elderly white female who lived at the home was missing since March. Detectives conducted interviews with neighbors and the person who called in the complaint. A search warrant was obtained by detectives for the residence.

After entering the home detectives located unidentified human remains inside.

A suspect, Cameron Kirk, was taken into custody and later arrested for murder and booked into the Clay County Jail.

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# Clay's Mauch donates prized pig to the needy

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ORANGE PARK — A Clay High sophomore who hoped to get a top bid at the county fair auction wound up donating his prized pig to a local food bank.

Clay High sophomore and 4-H member Brody Mauch spent months raising his piglet into a full-grown hog in preparation for the annual Clay County Agricultural Fair livestock auction. He not only wanted to showcase his pig at the fair, but he wanted others to know the story behind raising pigs from birth.

COVID-19 changed everything. The fair was canceled, leaving Mauch with a 280-pound pig.

"I was thinking of ways I could share my project and I decided to donate my pig...to Orange Park Methodist's Food Pantry," Mauch said.

Mauch paid for the processing fees to have the pig butchered and last Saturday, he delivered 200 pounds of sausage and pork chops to the food bank. Lead volunteer of Good Samaritan Food Pantry, which is run by the Orange Park United Methodist church, Julie Williams, said it's so wonderful Mauch did this.

She said that much meat will translate to enough food to feed 30 to 40 families of four, meaning Mauch's donation could feed up to 120 people.

"He's really just a Good Samaritan," Williams said. "Community help like this is always welcome. It's a big part of why we're able to do what we do and for him to do something like this, free of charge to us,



Brody Mauch was hoping his prized pig would be bought during an auction at the Clay County Agriculture Fair last month, but after the fair was canceled, he decided to have it butchered and he donated the meat to Orange Park United Methodist Church's food pantry.

it's incredible."

Mauch said this is his eighth year he's raised a piglet into a full pig for auction but that this year, he always had plans to do something more impactful. He wanted his project to touch a wider community than the single buyer at the fairgrounds.

"I had this idea in mind before we heard

about COVID but whenever we found out the fair was canceled, I knew I had a way to help people in need with my pig," he said.

Mauch said he was sad about missing out on the fair this year but knowing how much good he could do with his pig brightened his spirits. Williams said for Mauch to do something like this, at his age, especially when he could have easily sold it that could have gone into his pockets, it really means a lot.

It was the honorable thing to do for

Mauch.

"Usually I'm doing this in such a way that I'm not impacting as many people," Mauch said. "I don't do it for selfish reasons, but my one pig usually goes to one person at the auction and then it's out of my hands. This time, it's different.

"It feels great and awesome to be able to supply meat to feed that many people during a time of need like this. People are struggling in a lot of ways and to be able to maybe help some of those people, you can't beat that feeling."

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# Grumpy's, sororities provide 150 meals to OPMC employees for National Nurses' Week

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – National Nurses' Day and National Nurses' Week was an opportunity to say thank you to those integral pieces of the medical process that often go overlooked.

This year, the local award-winning eatery Grumpy's got involved in helping show nurses and environmental staff at the Orange Park Medical Center appreciation for all of their outstanding work. The burden of nurses across the nation has been even greater this year amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

Dr. Clorinde Miller, a member of the Pi Eta Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, coordinated with OPMC Community Director Andrea Crowder and Daniel DeLeone, owner of Grumpy's, to provide 150 meals to nurses and environmental services staff.

"The cool thing about it was, they called us with a budget," said DeLeone. "We were able to discount the product for them so we could maximize the amount of people we could reach. We did some awesome breakfast sandwiches for them, and we were able to get 150 delivered. They were great to work with. It was an honor and pleasure to work with them and support Orange Park Medical Center."

"Not all heroes wear capes... some wear scrubs and N95 masks," said Genell Mills, President of the Pi Eta Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority via a statement. "For the front-line heroes sacrificing it all for our community, on this Nurses' Day, we say Thank you."

The group worked with Grumpy's and Crowder to make the event happen.

"We wanted to do something for Nurses' Week," said Dr. Miller. "It was perfect timing. We also wanted to make sure that we didn't forget the environmental staff. Also, it worked out great with Grumpy's because they have done things like this before."



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRUCE HOPE

Sorority sisters from Pi Eta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority worked with Grumpy's to deliver 150 meals to employees at Orange Park Medical Center in recognition of National Nurses' Week.

Despite the current difficulties for small businesses, DeLeone is happy about the role Grumpy's is able to play in helping the community.

"We do things like this as often as we can," he said.

Alpha Kappa Alpha was also enthusiastic about the chance to show their appreciation.

"It's an honor and a pleasure to celebrate the men and women who wear the scars from countless hours behind the masks, unselfishly giving time from their families and risking their lives to save the community's most vulnerable," the sorority said through a statement.



The sorority wanted to honor the frontline heroes in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic with their donation of 150 meals.

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## Not swayed by COVID-19

# Couple moves their wedding to courthouse

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ORANGE PARK – COVID-19 has affected every aspect of life, including matrimony.

Throughout the county, brides and grooms-to-be who have had to drastically change their wedding plans as a result of the coronavirus.

"It was going to be April 5," bride-to-be Ashley Wilson said. "That day passed right by and it would've been a perfect day."

Wilson's parents have always believed rain to be a sign of good luck. It rained on their wedding day Wilson hoped for rain on her wedding day. Then the novel coronavirus struck and April 5 wasn't the special wedding day it was supposed to be. It was spent inside, the wedding postponed, because it rained.

"Of course, it rained, right?" Wilson said. "The weather was perfect on the day that was supposed to be our wedding. That really [stunk]."

Timothy and Ashley Wilson have been together for about five years. They decided that it was time to get married in July of last year and soon after set a date. That day came and went without a ceremony.

Wilson remembers grabbing lunch at the Orange Park Mall food court one day earlier last month and realizing that significantly less people were there.

"I remember thinking, 'this is not good.' People were

already staying inside at that point and soon after that day, my work sent employees home, restaurants started closing...it was scary."

The Wilsons began to worry their wedding would need to be postponed. Some of their family was supposed to travel for the wedding, but most was already in Florida. One of the groomsmen was unable to make after his flight from California was canceled. Things continued to escalate and the couple decided to postpone the wedding.

As far as picking a new date went, it was fairly easy. The two are shooting for something later this year but are fine with waiting until things clear up.

"I've been waiting five years to marry this guy so postponing a few more months wasn't going to kill me," Wilson said. "I was never the little girl with a dream wedding. That day was more about us coming together in marriage."

Not wanting to wait, the couple got married at the courthouse.

"Coronavirus or not, I was going to become a Wilson," she said.

The vendors involved have all been extremely helpful. The Hilltop in Orange Park was fine with rescheduling. The DJ and other vendors also were happy to reschedule with no additional charges.

"My family and everyone involved in this have been beyond supportive and that's all I can ask for in times like this," Wilson said. "For now, we have each other."



The Wilsons

## Fleming Island's Michaels wins prestigious Boren Award at FSU

For Clay Today

TALLAHASSEE – A Fleming Island High graduate was one of six Florida State undergraduate students selected to receive a nationally competitive language study scholarships through initiatives funded by the federal government to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages critical to national security and economic prosperity.

Grace Michaels, 22, a senior receiving a dual degree in international affairs and Russian language and literature, will study Russian in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

In the future, she plans to commission as a U.S. Naval Officer.

"I am sure that an increased understanding of a foreign language and culture crucial to American foreign policy will contribute greatly to serving my country and



Grace Michaels

my own professional development," Michaels said.

Michaels also was one of four FSU students to win Boren Awards, offered through an initiative of the National Security Edu-

cation Program, while two students won Critical Language Scholarships, offered through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Boren Awards allow students to study abroad for up to a year in areas of the world critical to U.S. national security. The scholarship provides up to \$20,000 for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions that are underrepresented in study abroad programs and that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East.

This year, the Boren Awards program has offered scholarship recipients a flexible start date between August and March because of travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

The Critical Language Scholarship provides American undergraduate students from diverse disciplines with eight to 10 weeks abroad while studying one of 15 critical languages. The program's goal is for each scholarship recipient to act as a citizen ambassador in their country while finding their place in a globalized workforce.

Unfortunately, while CLS still recognizes the achievement of being selected as a Scholar, they have decided to suspend all 2020 summer trips in accordance with the governmental travel advisories due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead they have invited grantees for several languages to participate in a CLS Virtual Institute and all grantees can reapply for the next cycle.

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# Environmental Services staff at OPMC committed to keeping hospital safe, clean

By Don Coble  
don@opcfla.com

ORANGE PARK – It takes an hour to clean a room in the isolation ward of Orange Park Medical Center. Every inch is scrubbed; everything within reach is sanitized. And COVID-19 hasn't changed that routine.

"No additional measures are being taken," said Yadira Soto-Rey, the assistant director of environmental services at the hospital. "We're handling this like airborne and droplet isolation room. So we clean from top to bottom. We clean from the

ceiling to the floor. We do that with every isolation room that comes in through our doors. This is not something that took us by surprise. We're handling this just like we would handle the flu and any other contagious disease."

While there are new protocols in place as a response to the novel coronavirus, the cleaning schedule remains the same. There are 65 employees in the department who are tasked with keeping visitors, patients and staff healthy and safe.

COVID-19 is particularly contagious, which creates a greater challenge to keep everything clean. Sinks, restrooms, counters, stairwells, doorknobs and elevator doors and buttons are scrubbed every hour to reduce the chances of the virus from spreading.

The one thing that has changed, however, is the awareness to basic cleaning measures, Soto-Rey said.

"We're going back to the basics," she said. "One thing that I've learned from what's going on at this moment is we needed to go back to the basics – washing our hands, making sure we're keeping our families and patients safe. It's a beauty this type of virus can be killed with just soap and water. If we continue to make sure this

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Evelyn Perea wipes down one of the seats in the lobby at Orange Park Medical Center. The entire lobby is cleaned and sanitized every hour.



Yadra Soto-Rey, Orange Park Medical Center's assistant director of Environmental Services.



Joel Pierre makes sure nothing is left behind as the hospital works tirelessly to make sure patients, visitors and staff are safe from the virus.



Lydia Ramos is one of 65 employees in the Environmental Services department at OPMC.

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# Orange Park Mall honors Class of 2020 through graduation events

ORANGE PARK – Although Clay and Duval County graduates may not be able to have a traditional ceremony this year, Orange Park Mall is providing special opportunities throughout the summer to honor 2020 graduates and to commemorate their accomplishments.

Orange Park Mall's parent company, Washington Prime Group, will host a digital graduation cap photo contest called #ScholarSpree, presented in partnership with Vervantis, Inc and Lewis Sign.

Washington Prime Group is giving away \$10,000 to 13 lucky winners who will have the chance to win prizes ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to spend at any Washington Prime Group property nationwide. The prize money is intended to help graduates prepare for their next steps after graduation.

High school and college graduates from the class of 2020 are encouraged to decorate the top of their graduation cap and



then share a photo of their masterpiece on social media, tagging @WashingtonPrime-

Group with the hashtag #ScholarSpree. All of the entries will be posted on a landing page where friends and family can vote for their favorite design. Winners will be determined by the caps with the most votes on the website. The #ScholarSpree contest will run from May 8 until June 12. Winners will be announced June 19.

All of the entries will be pulled together to create a unique work of art – a digital mosaic posted on Orange Park Mall's website. The celebratory tribute is another way to honor graduates across the country, during this time of social distancing.

In the midst of an unprecedented health situation, more than ever, Orange Park Mall is embracing its role as a community partner by finding unique ways to transform its space for social good. Honoring

2020 graduates is one way that Orange Park Mall is showing its support for the local community during this difficult time.

"We know missing traditional graduation ceremonies and the end of senior year has been hard for the class of 2020 and their families," said Randy Bowman, General Manager at Orange Park Mall.

"These students have worked so hard and are off to change the world. It is an honor for Orange Park Mall to commemorate their hard work and bring the community together to celebrate these students."

For more information about Orange Park Mall and their graduation events, please follow along on Instagram (@OrangeParkMall), as well as on Facebook (@OrangeParkMall).

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and water. If we continue to make sure this is what we're doing, I see us, hopefully, going back to normal sooner than later.

"We have amped up our disinfecting techniques when it comes to our high-touch areas. For example, our lobbies, our elevators, our stairs, our restrooms. Those are being cleaned on a [hourly] basis because of the nature of disease. We're trying to keep everybody safe. We are going through unprecedented times, absolutely. But when it comes to coming into our facility and how clean and safe, we're keeping up with everything. This is pretty much one of the safest places you can be at, quite frankly."

The medical center uses a disinfectant called activere to kill viruses.

"It kills corona, any type of virus you can think of. It kills it within a couple minutes," Soto-Rey said. "What we do is we take anywhere from 45 minutes to

one hour to clean the room, to make sure it's thoroughly cleaned. We start with the cleanest part of the room and work our way out toward the dirtiest part of the room. We mop everything and wipe all the high-touch surfaces in the room, including the bed, bedside tables – anything the patient can touch, or the visitors can touch."

With so much emphasis and appreciation being heaped onto the healthcare community, Soto-Rey said her department knows it is playing an important role in turning back COVID-19.

"Everyone is so positive. You ask them what they do, and they will tell you their job is to keep everyone safe by cleaning your room," she said. "It speaks volumes of what it is that we do as a family here at the hospital. The community has come together to take care of our employees, starting from the clinical staff to our environmental services employees by donating food and really coming together and showing their appreciation. It doesn't go unnoticed. The staff is truly committed to keeping our patients safe."



## Orange Park Rotary rewards OPMC for its dedication, hard work during COVID-19 pandemic

ORANGE PARK – The Rotary Club of Orange Park delivered bags of subs, sandwiches and chips to the Orange Park Medical Center recently to signify their support for the hospital's continued work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rotarians included: Bill Hammock, Gi Teevan, Jack Scorby and Tiffany Howard.



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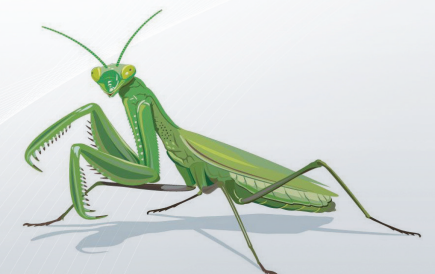
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# Orange Park Medical Center joins convalescent plasma study for recovered COVID-19 patients

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – HCA Healthcare's Orange Park Medical Center announced Wednesday it is participating in a national study to determine if plasma from convalescent, or recovered, COVID-19 patients may benefit individuals currently hospitalized with severe or life-threatening cases of the virus. As part of the effort, the hospitals are seeking [eligible volunteers](#) from our area to donate plasma to help current patients in need.

"It's important to remember that although an individual has had COVID-19 and recovered, they may be less vulnerable than someone who has not been infected, but they should still follow the recommended precautions such as

handwashing and social distancing," said Dr. Bradley Shumaker, Chief Medical Officer at Orange Park Medical Center.

To date, there is no proven therapy for individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19, but there is a long history of successful viral infection treatment using convalescent plasma. After someone is infected with a virus like COVID-19 and recovers, their blood contains antibodies that their immune system produced to help them fight off the virus. By infusing this plasma into patients who are facing severe cases of COVID-19, their immune system might more effectively be able to fight the virus. Recent examples of this approach have occurred during outbreaks of coronaviruses like SARS-1, and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), but

additional clinical data – and more plasma donations – are needed to determine efficacy in treating COVID-19.

The success of the study hinges on the continued collection of plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients. People who tested positive for COVID-19 and have since tested negative can help by donating plasma through our community blood partner, [www.LifeSouth.org](http://www.LifeSouth.org). To find out more about the donation process, eligibility and locations to donate in Jacksonville,

please call our dedicated COVID-19 Plasma Phone Line at (833) 582-1971.

Orange Park Medical Center is one of 172 hospitals participating from the HCA Healthcare network. HCA Healthcare, along with its Sarah Cannon Research Institute, is leveraging its clinical research capabilities and national hospital network to quickly expand collection and testing for this study, which is being led by the Mayo Clinic and supported by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

## County Commission working on America-first purchasing policy

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Board of County Commissioners are looking into a purchasing policy change that would give priority to American companies over foreign goods.

Commissioner Gavin Rollins began discussion about a Buy American Act during the May 12 BCC meeting to discuss the possibility of enacting it with his fellow commissioners before asking county staff to put hours into constructing such a policy. Rollins said the act would work similarly to the current purchasing policy that prioritizes local Clay County goods and services.

"In the same way we have preference for local goods for purchasing policy, we should add something for American goods," Rollins said.

Rollins said if an American company's bids or goods are within a 5% difference of the lowest bid – the county must take the lowest bid – then the county would go forward with the American product or service.

If the difference is larger than 5%, the county then would go with the foreign bidder. The bill simply would prioritize American goods, Rollins said.

Rollins wants to include a ban on Chinese telecommunication products and services within the act.

"What I'd like to do is basically take [a] federal law that's already vetted...and use it," Rollins said. "It's about concerns for our intelligence that China could tap technology for spying purposes."

The commissioner said this would be a security measure if passed and that the federal government already has a list of Chinese telecommunication companies with products and services that can't be purchased with federal funds. It's essentially taking a federal policy and making it a local one, Rollins said.

Chairman Gayward Hendry said the act in Clay County is long overdue. The BCC came to the consensus that county staff should work toward making it an official policy to be voted on by the BCC at a later date, provided it's not too stringent.

"Leeway and flexibility," Rollins said. "I'll work with staff...to bring back a policy simple enough that days are spent trying to figure out an American solution. The general idea is that we signal that Clay County supports bringing a lot of manufacturing back home."

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# Signature HealthCARE tackling challenges created by COVID-19

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – Medical facilities, from clinics to hospitals to assisted living facilities, have had a tough year so far with the COVID-19 pandemic, and few have been spared.

Nurses and other medical staff have been on the frontlines combatting this virus and still providing medical care. Signature HealthCARE of Orange Park is no different.

National Nurses' Week was last week and Signature HealthCARE made sure to take the time to recognize and thank the engine that keeps them going.

"My nurses, my nursing assistants are my heart and soul," said Audra Benson, Director of nursing at Signature. "The biggest challenge here is keeping the residents uplifted and happy and in good spirits; healthy and watching out for their overall wellbeing."

Signature has had no residents test positive with COVID-19, but the Florida Department of Health reports one staff member has the virus.

When asked how that was possible in such a daunting environment since COVID-19 is prevalent among the elderly, Benson said: "because I'm a b---- at the front door."

"It's been challenging keeping up with all the updates of what the CDC wants us to do," said Sheila Toffolon, Assistant Di-



rector of Nursing. "We've been vigilant on doing that, and it's been a lot of hard work, but it's been paying off."

The nursing staff at Signature do a tremendous job, according to Benson and Toffolon, and they took the opportunity to let them know it.

With social distancing regulations enacted, vendors could not be onsite. Benson made things happen regardless.

"We cooked them breakfast, a full breakfast," said Benson. "A full sit down,

eat-in type of breakfast in the dining room. Later that week, we did lunch. We cooked them lunch and served them [lunch]. We did goodies throughout the week. It was not what I really wanted it to be, yet it was enough to let them know that I appreciate them and what they're doing."

Benson has been the director of nursing at Signature for only three months, but she sees how special her staff is.

"All of the employees are like one big family," she said. "Everyone is close-knit, willing to work, team players. It's just a different environment here for me."

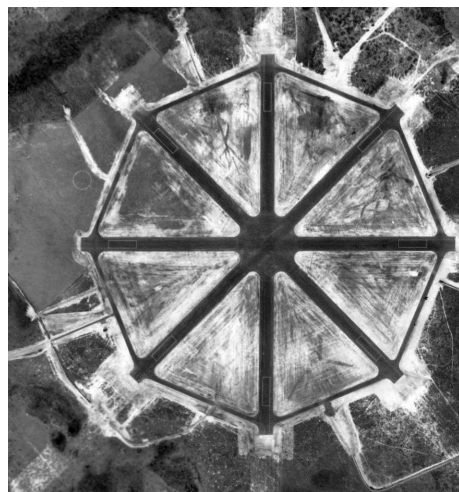
## Is Clay County *also* the birthplace of the Blue Angels?

By Mary Justino  
Clay County Clerk of Circuit Courts

MIDDLEBURG – During WWII, a northwest area of Middleburg was largely taken over by the U.S. Navy's Branan Field Outlying Field, named after the Branan Family whose property was acquired there by the military.

Following WWII, Branan Field was used for the development of a new U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, later known as the Blue Angels. Although NAS Jacksonville is well-known as the birthplace of the Blue Angels, in truth, much of the squadron's preliminary training was also – some would say, equally – done at Branan Field in a more covert manner.

The OLF's unique geometry made it particularly suitable for training Blue Angels pilots. The large symmetrical shape of Branan Field with its convergence of 4,000-foot runways facilitated visualization by pilots approaching a single central spot from various compass points in their jet aircraft.



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Meanwhile, the mystique and world-renowned skill of the Blue Angels squadron pilots lives on – a reputation built over the skies of Clay County and on the runways of Branan Field OLF.



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# Resurfacing project to begin on State Road 21 between Keystone Heights, Melrose

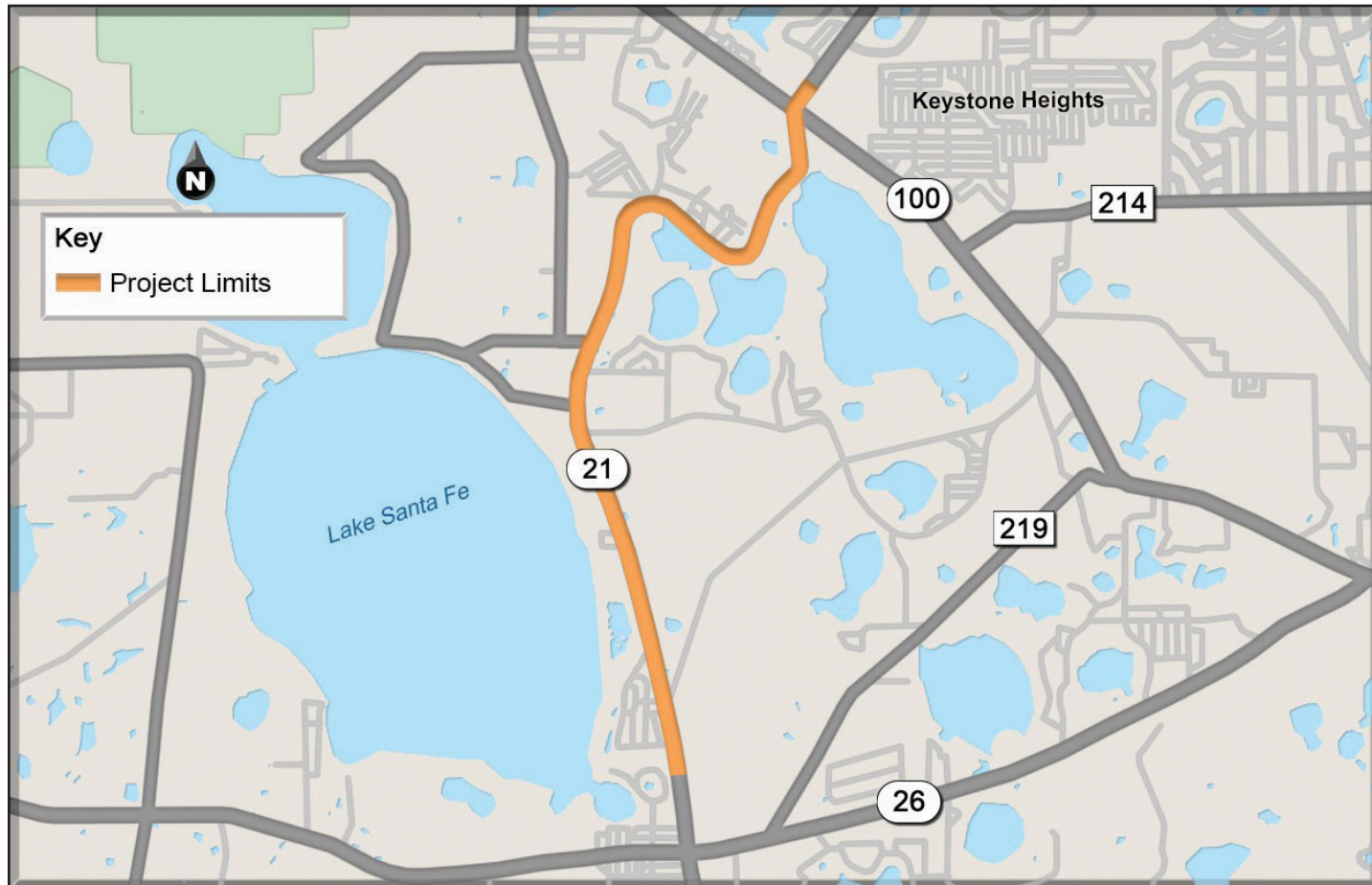
KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Florida Department of Transportation will begin a resurfacing project this month on State Road 21 in Clay and Bradford counties, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

The project will take place on the nearly 6.5-mile stretch of roadway between the Putnam County line, just north of Melrose, to just north of Commercial Circle in Keystone Heights. In addition to resurfacing, the project will also include shoulder widening, sidewalk and drainage improvements and other incidental construction.

FDOT has hired Anderson Columbia Co., Inc., of Lake City, to complete the \$6.9 million project.

Construction is expected to be completed Spring 2021.

Motorists should anticipate daytime and nighttime construction activities throughout the course of the project.



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Official Strongman Championships at Daytona Beach in November

## Oakleaf father, daughter train for heavy lifting



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Oakleaf High School senior Gabby Willits muscles up a Circus Dumbbell in training for her Strongman Championship competition.

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF – Oakleaf Strongman Shannon Willits has lifted nearly a ton of weights in his athletic life as a U.S. Naval Academy wrestlers, a high school football and wrestling standout and as a crossfit advocate, but when asked of his greatest moment, it's daughter Gabby.

"When we competed last year as the first father and daughter at the Official Strongman Championship event in Daytona Beach, that was truly the top moment of my sports career," said Willits, 46, now a retired Navy officer with wife Tara and daughter Gabby, 18, and a soon-to-be Oakleaf High School graduate. "There have been a lot of husband and wife tandems, but never a father/daughter at a championship event. We did compete together in a few meets in 2018. To watch Gabby compete among the world's best was a real



Shannon Willits, 46, hoists a 300-pound sack to his lap then to his shoulder in one of the lifting events for the upcoming Official Strongman Championships to be staged in Daytona Beach in November.

honor."

For Shannon Willits, the road to a Strongman master's title is filled with events called Circus Dumbbells, Axle Bars, Farmer's Carry, Viking Press and Slater Logs, not your ordinary weightlifting and

Crossfit stuff.

"Strongman adds the element of movement," said Willits. "Lift fast, move fast; lift slow, move slow is the credo.

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Rival footballers T.K. Kocak, right, of Fleming Island High School, and Miika Tuisano, of Ridgeview, strain in sand pit sprints with Rise and Grind group in Oakleaf.

## Rise and Grind pushing athletes to next level

Smith assess athletes level and can create a maximum workout

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – A military career and some out-of-box fitness tactics have put Jason Smith and his Rise and Grind gym on the map with area athletes looking to gain an advantage in upcoming sports and competitions.

"When athletes come to the gym, I watch their warmups and, from that, I can assess their level, then give them a workout to push them," said Smith. "Every body is different, but, for example, two guys playing shortstops will have two totally different sets of strengths and weaknesses. I try to maximize for both."

Smith, 37, a Spanish River High football standout who joined the U.S. Navy and became a combat medic, took his taste of fitness to his own next level with a degree in sports performance and fitness technology at Keiser University with a Master's

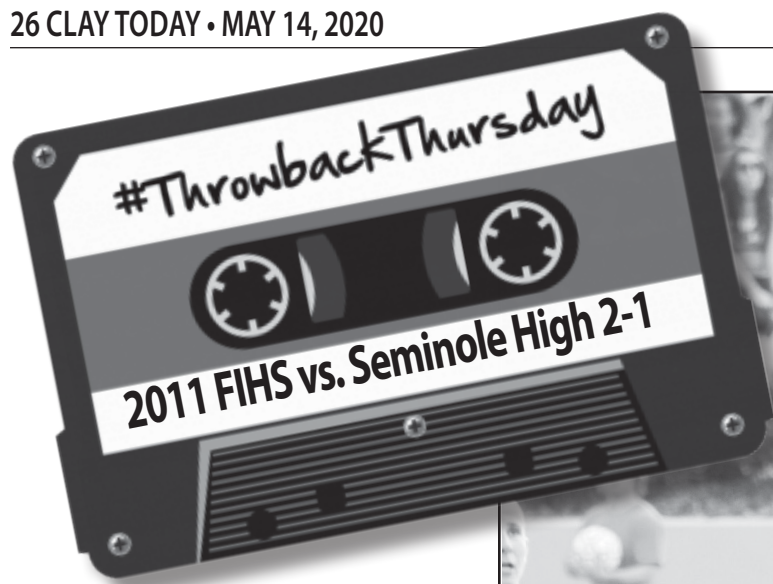
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Fleming Island forward Cameron McCurry headballs the winning goal in the second overtime period to propel the Golden Eagles to a 2-1 win over Seminole High at the FHSAA Class 4A state championships on Saturday at the University of South Florida.

# State Champs! Overtime goal

FIHS' McCurry heads winning goal

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

SANFORD — Overcoming a rare 1-0 deficit at halftime, the Fleming Island High boys soccer team got a headball goal from senior forward Cameron McCurry with 6:47 left in a second overtime period to win 2-1 over Seminole High School and take the FHSAA class 4A state title Saturday afternoon at the University of South Florida. The title is the first for the Fleming Island team who fell last year in the state semifinals. Fleming Island finishes at 25-1-0. Seminole, the 2010 Class 5A runnerup, finished at 19-4-2.

"We talked very little on the way down, but the feeling was that nothing less than a win would be acceptable," said McCurry, who is headed to Villanova University on a football scholarship. "Coach Pontore just kind of reminded us in his own way that we were down 1-0 in the state championship and that we needed to get it done."

For Pontore, the grittiness of his team to overcome a 1-0 halftime score as well as more shots on goal than any game this season was a credit to the team's determination.

"The first half was a little adjustment because of the wider team," said Pontore. "Our boys kept on going hard. The cramping during the game was critical. I asked

"We just kept fighting. We knew they were getting tired, but so were we and we kept pressing. We were not going home losing because we were tired."

— Cameron McCurry

"Who wants a sub?" and no hands went up."

In the first half, Fleming Island seemed to be neutralized by the speed of Seminole on the 80 yard wide field.

"We seemed to be just a step or two behind and mainly because of the field width," said Pontore. "In the second half, I told them to adjust their runs to be three or four steps ahead of normal and we started to get the momentum."

Seminole scored with 3:58 left in the half on a penalty kick about 30 yards in front of goalie Zack Dryden who stretched but could not get to the well-placed upper corner shot.

"I saw it and dove, but it was a great shot," said Dryden. "I got a hand on it, but not enough to stop it. They were fast and the shots were coming all throughout the first half. My defenders up front were cutting their angles down so many of the shots



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Fleming Island High boys coach Frank Pontore, here on the 2011 Class 4A championship game against Seminole High School, scowls during the game won in dramatic fashion in second overtime by the Golden Eagles. Pontore later became Fleming Island High girls soccer coach in 2019. Pontore would win a second title for Fleming Island in 2017, retire, and return in 2019 as the girls soccer coach. His long time assistant Michael Green took over in 2018.

I could see well ahead of them getting to me."

Senior Tanner Hall, who switched from an up front offensive threat last year for Pontore, uptook the chores of hovering in front of Dryden all season and helped create 17 shutouts for the Golden Eagles.

"Of course, we wanted a shutout here, but they were good," said Hall. "I don't regret it at all that I was asked to play defense. We win and that's what matters."

In the second half, Golden Eagle fans were delighted to see that Pontore's advice over the break was making things happen

Fleming Island style.

With nine minutes left in the half, Fleming Island went on a string of 10 shots on goal with the Golden Eagle shooters; mainly Chris Cooksey, Brandon Behr and McCurry knocking on the door, but just missing time and time again until Behr followed an Austin Bartel shot that caromed off the crossbar and shoved it past the fallen goalie with 10:25 to go to tie the game.

"We tell them all the time to follow the shots," said Pontore. "Behr did it and the

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# College Updates

## McIntyre, Martin chosen for All-Time Volleyball team list

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

Middleburg High volleyball standout Senia McIntyre (Class of 1995) and Orange Park High volleyball's ace Taylor Martin (Class of 2009), have both "engineered" their way to a spot on the 10-athlete Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's All-Time Volleyball team list with McIntyre chosen to the All-Time team.



Senia McIntyre

"I'm more than honored to just be on the list because the athletes on the list are tremendous players from different eras," said Martin, 28, who played as an outside hitter and is now living and working in Cedar Rapids as a jet engineer. "I had a great four years at Embry-Riddle while I was there and can thank my teammates for our success and my inclusion on such a prestigious list."

For McIntyre, a 1996-1999 player at Embry-Riddle and second on the all-time kills mark, Middleburg High coach Carrie Prewitt remembered vividly the jumping ability.

"She was a small, little thing, but could jump out of the gym," said Prewitt, who got two district titles and two berths in the Class 6A Elite Eight state playoffs with McIntyre and teammate Jenny Manz, who had a stellar career at the University of Florida.

McIntyre is in Miami as an engineer for a traffic management firm.

Note: Martin was not chosen to the All-Time Team which picked two outside hitters from a list of 10.

Martin, who had just returned from a

test flight test on a Challenger aircraft (not the Challenger as in NASA, but a Bombardier Challenger 604, sounds just as cool, a single-engine aircraft used by the U.S. Coast Guard), spoke of her spot in the cockpit as a flight engineer.

"No, not the NASA Challenger, not that cool," said Martin, who has worked at Collins Aerospace in Cedar Rapids since 2015. "It's a small business jet. I sit behind the pilot and evaluate the systems we build as they fly."

Martin graduated Embry-Riddle with a degree in Human Factors Psychology and later earned her master's in human factors and system engineering in 2015.

"In those terms, yes, we are a little nerdy at the dinner table," said Martin, with fiancée Adam also working at Collins. "I help design concepts for the flight deck that help bring the users; the pilots, into the loop. Right now, we are working on touch screen software for the cockpit. Obviously, we have also developed the fail-safes for that just like hitting the wrong key on a phone in the car."

On the list for Embry-Riddle outside hitters, Martin, who graduated in 2012 with four varsity seasons, joined athletes from as far back as 1996 and as recent as 2018.

Martin's career statistics included 1,317 kills, fifth in school history; 139 matches player, sixth all time; plus a fourth best 506 kills for her 2012 season.

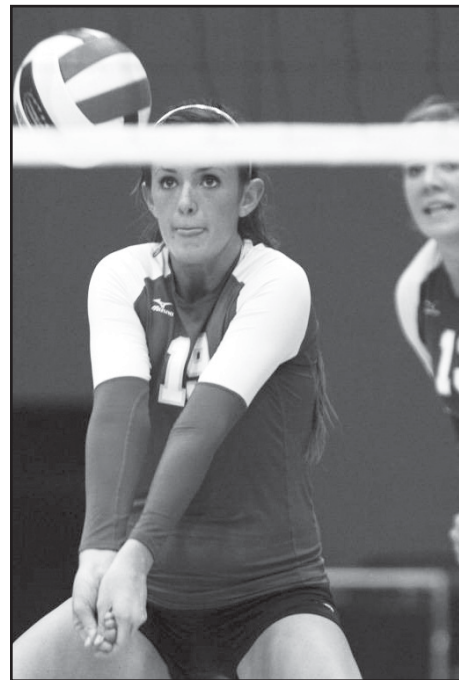
Martin, 28, was a part of a succession of four region playoff berths at Orange Park High School under coaches Amy Walker, now at Fleming Island High, and Destiny Brightman, now at Ridgeview High School.

As a top-ranked outside hitter for the Raiders, Martin chose Embry-Riddle to continue her play.

"I was interested in the aeronautics



Former Orange Park High volleyball standout Taylor Green stands alongside a Bombardier Challenger 604 one of the jets Martin provides engineer support for the pilots.



Orange Park High grad Taylor Martin had a stellar career from 2008-2012 for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a third team

programs and was challenged by the volleyball program which was and, still is, one of the most competitive in the country," said Martin, who helped the Eagles win three Sun Conference titles with three straight years of unbeaten conference play. "We lost in the conference final my freshman year and that was the last time we lost a conference game (slates of 12-0, 12-0 and 18-0 in conference play with

season records of 24-8, 33-4, 30-6 and 29-6 with three trips to the NAIA National Championship Tournament)."

For her own aspirations, Martin earned a third team All-American status in her senior year. Embry-Riddle teammate Jordan Holcomb, also a senior outside hitter, was chosen to the first team NAIA All-American team with a third teammate, senior setter Adriana Vazquez getting a third team selection as well.

"That was the biggest honor that I wanted as far back as my freshman year," said Martin. "Three national tournaments were awesome, but to end my career as an All-American was the icing on the cake."

Martin continues her volleyball in club ball in Iowa with a National Title in a club division just below Open, the highest talent level, followed by AA, A, BB and B as per talent level. "There is a ton of volleyball in Iowa with a lot of college talent still insanely good," said Martin. "I'm playing very competitive volleyball up here even eight years later. There are adult divisions with different ages and we; Team Bearclaw out of Iowa Region, won the USA Adult Volleyball A national title last year."

McIntyre finished at Embry-Riddle with 1,550 kills for second in school history with 109 blocks and 1,831 digs; third overall.

### Pacetti heads to St. Thomas University

PENSACOLA—Former Oakleaf High softball speedster Destiny Pacetti, after a strong freshman season as an outfielder at Pensacola State College, will transfer to play at NAIA-St. Thomas University in Miami.

At Pensacola, 21-4 prior to a season shutdown for Coronavirus, Pacetti appeared in 18 games with 30 at-bats and a .267 batting average. Pacetti scored 10 runs off eight hits; three doubles and four runs batted in with four stolen bases.

In the outfield, Pacetti was a perfect 18 of 18 chances with putouts. Pensacola was 28-22 last season.



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**Dean Hyams**  
FIHS, Class of 2020

Dean Hyams, Fleming Island's starting quarterback for the 2019 undefeated season and region semi-final playoff berth, has chosen to continue playing after committing to play at NCAA Div. II Kentucky Wesleyan College.



**Senia McIntyre**  
MHS (1995), Volleyball

Senia McIntyre, a Middleburg High volleyball standout from 1993-1996, was recently named as a member of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University All-Time Team as an outside hitter. McIntyre played in two Elite Eight games for Middleburg High coach Carrie Prewitt and had two district titles. McIntyre played at Embry-Riddle from 1996-1999.

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Fleming Island High's boys soccer team celebrate their Class 4A title in 2011 after a double overtime win over Seminole High School.



Left: Fleming Island forward Cameron McCurry, front, yells with teammates Kevin Stokes and Brandon Behr after hitting gamewinning header for Class 4A title in 2011. McCurry, also a football standout for Fleming Island, played four years of football at Villanova University. Behr became a professional field goal kicker for the Arena Football Jacksonville Sharks after college stints at Jacksonville University and University of South Florida.

Above: Brandon Behr battles to get to loose ball amidst five Seminole High defenders.



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ball fell right in front of him."

In the first overtime, Fleming Island started taking advantage of leg cramps by the Seminole players as the 80 degree heat and humidity and the unrelenting pace was taken its toll on both sides.

"We just kept fighting," said McCurry. "We knew they were getting tired, but so were we and we kept pressing. We were not going home losing because we were tired."

Fleming Island shot three times on goal in the first overtime while playing most of the stanza in Seminole's side of the field.

In the second overtime, Fleming Island applied more pressure in front of the goal and still came up short four times with the

ball bouncing around for what seemed like minutes, but to no avail.

At one point, McCurry and Seminole goalie Jacob King came up swinging at each other.

"He was aggressive and he kept stepping on me when I fell," said McCurry.

At seven minutes to go, King came up grabbing his hamstring with a cramp.

With 6:47 to go, Bartel lofted a soft cross toward the front where McCurry had positioned himself once again in front of King only this time, McCurry won the battle.

"When I landed, my leg cramped so bad I didn't know how the ball went," said McCurry. "When I got up to celebrate, it really stuck me and I fell. That's when the team jumped on top of me and I knew the ball went in."

# Grind

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Degree from Liberty University before nailing up his own shingle; Rise and Grind, in Orange Park three years ago.

"I was offering some coaching and fitness tips throughout my Navy career and after, but I decided to step out and create my own business," said Smith. "I was training guys like former Jaguar Jalen Ramsey, but I was keeping to myself about it. I think when Alex (Orange Park High track 400 meter state champion Alex Collier) exploded on to the scene, people were like 'Whoa!' what happened here?"

Collier, who last year emerged as a dominant track presence in his 400 meters speciality, but also in the shorter sprints; 100 and 200 meters, with a third in the state 100 last year.

"I've known Alex since he was 10 years old, but, like Ramsey, I was the guy in the background," said Smith. "Alex kind of gave me some confidence to open a business with my expertise."

On a sunny Saturday in Oakleaf, in a beachsand-filled volleyball court, Smith was running the gamut of leaping, sprinting, tugging and jumping exercises with the likes of Jacksonville Jaguar defensive lineman Dawuane Smoot, Fleming Island High senior fullback T.K. Kocak, Ridgeview High linebacker Miika Tuisano, former Oakleaf High basketball star Jonathan Bryant, now at the University of Tampa, and German professional basketball player Colton Lewis, as well as Jacksonville Sharks' lineman Seyvon Lowry, a First Coast High and UCF standout, and young dynamoes like



Jason Smith, a U.S. Navy veteran who also earned a degree in sports performance and fitness technology, has combined that knowledge with a strong dose of plain, old hard work to develop area athletes into more efficient competitors.



Youngsters Ronel Bishop, left, and Alijah Royster battle in sand sprints.



One of Rise and Grinds youngest athletes, 11 year old Ronel Bishop, pushes to potato sack jump in sand pit in Oakleaf workout.

want to get better. It's that simple."

Smith's approach is to assess the fitness level of each client and provide an atmosphere that allows each athlete to benefit.

"At some gyms, the talent level separates the groups," said Smith. "I like to think of my groups as a family and get the older, pro athletes to encourage the young guys that are out there. It's a very optimistic approach because the pro athletes started out as 11 year olds and found their way to get better each year. I want the older athletes to encourage the younger ones. Working out in the sand like we did is tough on all sizes so make it a good atmosphere for everyone."

Smith looks to open a bigger facility in Clay County to encourage a bit more than just fitness.

"In three to five years, I'd like to have tutoring aspect to get the kids to understand that great athletes still have to pass classes to keep competing," said Smith. "We have an outreach program already in place for kids that maybe get lost. Being able to go to one setting and get homework done, workout and get some life advice, I think, is a good thing."

Smith's measure of success is simple; Success on the field.

"I get kids coming back and tell me they hit their first homer or stole their first base," said Smith. "When Smoot came to me after his first and second year with no sacks, he worked and put up 6.5 sacks his third year. He was faster, stronger and had a better mindset because he was faster and stronger. I work in the shadows, but can see results. It's not about me."

Smith likes the possibility of his Rise and Grind gym becoming a mecca for athletes wanting that winning edge; physically and mentally.

"I want my guys to be the guys that other athletes know they are coming to deliver a world of pain," said Smith. "The Grind don't lie."



Jacksonville Sharks lineman Seyvon Lowry powers through shuffling drills in sand workout.



Fleming Island High senior quarterback T.K. Kocak shows agility in hurdle hop/skip drills in sand.

Ronel Bishop and Alijah Royster, both just 11 years old.

"Look out there, T.K., Fleming Island; Miika, Ridgeview and three pro athletes all grinding at the same time," said Smith. "The young guys see the caliber of athletes here and the age difference and they feel just as comfortable because I try to tailor the workout that everyone can do it."

At his Rise and Grind gym in Orange Park, Smith has numerous jerseys hung

from the ceiling from the likes of former Orange Park High football NFL-ers Jacob Kailes and Terrance Plummer, plus athletes like Middleburg High basketball ace Britany Range (heading to Seton Hall University) and Collier with Oakleaf High grad, now a Limestone University linebacker Dexter Moore working out alongside Clay High linebacker Joe Reed.

"I start normally at 5 a.m. and I'm at the gym all day," said Smith. "Athletes

Fleming Island High incoming freshman lineman Braden Cunningham shows good vertical in hurdles drill in sand.

*Congratulations Seniors*

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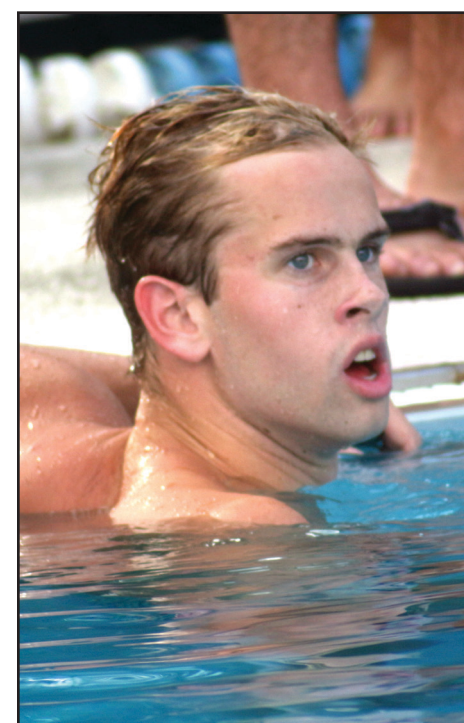
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Daniel Hinkle

**By Randy Lefko**  
*Sports Editor*

FLEMING ISLAND - With the spring seasons eliminated from competition, there is a handful of senior athletes that been on the fields of play since freshman year.

These photos are some of those athletes that grinded each of the last four years for their shot at a varsity roster.

Look for more in upcoming Clay Today Sports Pages.

**Jennifer Fleiss**

Jennifer Fleiss, Fleming Island High cross country and track. Fleiss has been a steady performer in post-season races for the Golden Eagles with a fifth place team finisher at the Class 4A cross country championships in 20:29.30 as her senior finale.

**Dylan Nelson**

Dylan Nelson, Oakleaf cross country and track. As a skinny freshman Nelson was still on the bubble of regions and state meet invites with a 19th place 17:43.48 in 2016's district 1-4A cross country cham-

ampionship. Nelson made the state meet as a junior with a 16:33.64 20th place in Class 4A. As a senior, Nelson was 18th in 16:29 and just missed a state invite in a very fast region field.

**Sarah Anderson**

Ridgeview High senior infielder Sarah Anderson has seen the rise of Panther softball under coaches Roger Harvey and present coach Casey Thompson who orchestrated a Final Four finish last year. Anderson, an agile infielder, used guile on the basepaths as a dangerous baserunner for the Panthers.

**Aaron Brown**

Fleming Island High basketball center Aaron Brown has battled the inner circle of the painted circle for the Golden Eagles with a Final Four junior year and a region playoff senior year halted by a fourth quarter near miss.

**Daniel Hinkle**

Daniel Hinkle, an Orange Park High four year swimmer, ranged in talent from

sprints to the dreaded 500 free in his state meet visits for four years.

**Britany Range**

Britany Range, Middleburg High basketball, has been sprinting the floor for coach Michael Hayward for four years with a district title as a freshman and junior years and a district top seed as a senior. Range will head to Seton Hall University in the fall.

**Katie Kistler**

Katie Kistler, Oakleaf High softball, has been one of fastest runners in centerfield and on the bases for Knights championship teams for four years.

**Courtney and Kendall Sage**

Courtney and Kendall Sage, St. Johns Country Day School twins, have been peppering opponents in track, swimming and basketball for more than four years as Spartans. Hurdling specialist Courtney was top three ranked state wide prior to track shutdown with a third in the 300 hurdles as a freshman in Class 1A, plus



Britany Range



Katie Kissler



Madelyn Stevenson

was high-flying 1,000 point hoops scorer for Spartans with three district finals on her resume. Kendall was a 100 meter track specialist on the track and a region 50 and 100 free swimmer in the Bolles-dominated region 1-1A ranks.

**Madelyn Stevenson**

Madelyn Stevenson, Fleming Island High freshman sensation that emerged as a freshman cross country ace, but tragically died a year later. Stevenson was as promising an athlete as any and surely would have competed in four years at the varsity level. She is sorely missed for her tough, gritty running in cross country and track in the 3200 meters.

**Luke Bybee**

Luke Bybee, Clay High cross country and track. Bybee was a motivated runner that year after year was on the roads training and competing to be ready for Blue Devil cross country and track. Bybee had a 22:07 as a freshman and a 21:05 at districts as a senior for cross country.



Luke Bybee



Courtney & Kendall Sage

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Gabby Willits shows off unique trophies; Gladiator helmet and miniature Slater log, as a few of her winnings from last year Strongman competitions.



The Willits garage is full of Strongman implements as well as typical weightlifting and strength training devices.

## Strongman

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Strongman events involve lifting, moving and being timed while do it. That's the difference."

With the duo expecting to compete in November 2020 at the Official Strongman Championship in Daytona Beach barring Coronavirus implications, training starts in a little gym called the "garage."

In 2019, the duo finished the Daytona Beach event in 17th; Shannon, and 21st; Gabby, with both unable to earn points in an event called the Viking Press. Viking Press is similar to military press except the weight is behind the competitors on an angled bar that involves one press to completion.

"It's a very difficult event because there is one shot to lift it," said Willits. "You

have one shot to lift without knowing the position of the bar behind you. You either lift it or you don't. We both missed it and with three more events, we would not get enough points to get to day three; the finals. I was simply not strong enough, but we now have one in the garage."

Joining the Willits garage full of a motorcycle, a Jeep and a refrigerator, is a cadre of weightlifting and Strongman devices that the Willits hope to use to eliminate any surprises for 2020 competition.

"We have everything here at the house," said Willits. "Strongman competition and training has a ton to do with base strength. You have to be able lift and move; things like dead lift and front squats are our core training exercises."

The moving part of the training, with the Dead Lift event not just walking to a bar and lifting as much as possible as in normal weightlifting competition, entails a

timed event; 60 seconds, with four weighted bars in line asking athletes to lift each; 585 pounds, 625 pounds, 675 pounds and 725 pounds in succession.

"The event is who lifts all four in least amount of time; if unable to get to fourth bar, it's where you stopped at 60 seconds," said Willits. "Gabby started at 405 pounds. I made it to the last bar, but was unable to lift it. There is so much intensity in just 60 seconds that it is almost unbearable."

For Gabby Willits, who finished seventh in the Class 2A weightlifting championships by virtue of her own weight; 195.5 pounds in the 199 weight division, and a five pound difference; 365-360 totals.

"I wanted to be a state medalist, but there was a tie at second and third and also at fifth and sixth, and the lifters are determined by body weight to be the tie-breaker," said Willits, who was second at her region 2-2A championship meet. "I have always been in Crossfit since about sixth grade with my dad slowly getting me into the Strongman stuff. I've been a four year varsity lifter at Oakleaf High School."

Shannon Willits, at 6'-3", 340-350 pounds, was a standout four year varsity football, wrestling and track athlete in his Ohio high school days with size a factor, but athleticism with size and even more attractive overall package. Thus the U.S. Naval Academy wrestling interest.

"I was a Jack-of-all-Trades football player because I was big, but also fast on my feet," said Willits. "I went to state in wrestling and just missed nationals at the Naval Academy. I was never a small guy, but quick, yes."

Willits retired from the Navy in the 2016 as a Lt. Commander of a Coastal River Squadron; small boats operations, before a challenge at a Crossfit event in Jacksonville; Rep Your Box at the Prime Osbourne, introduced Willits to Strongman.

"Rep Your Box was a huge fitness expo that had Crossfit, Strongman, Jiu Jitsu and Powerlifting," said Willits. "The director asked me to compete in the Strongman competition and I agreed not knowing I was in with a bunch of 20-25 year olds as a 42 year old. They kicked my butt, but chatter started about the Master's division."

Willits started accumulating Strongman implements since that time; Circus Dumbbells, Slater logs, Axle Bars, weighted sacks, Yokes, etc. ("The UPS guy is getting stronger on his delivery route") on top of run of the mill weightlifting equipment; pull up bars (of which Shannon Willits has an astounding 29 reps as his best in a garage setup that involves eight inch bolts in his ceiling), bench press equipment and regular dumbbells.

"We don't talk about the cost of these things because he could have a worse hobby," said Tara Willits, a veterinarian and the team's snack chief and photographer. "They train and compete smart; listening to their bodies and staying healthy."

Willits did compete in an event in Australia in 2019; the Static Monster, that was a non-movement lifting competition that Willits finished third in the world.



Shannon Willits, a masters competitor in Strongman, pops up a Keg.



Shannon Willits trains, left, and competes in competition, right, on the Wagon Wheel lift that can weight up to 600 pounds.





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**2G1WTS7K791210563 2009 CHEVR**  
**Legal 46086 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids.  
**2014 CHEVR 3GCUKSECTEG330943**  
 The auction will be held on 6/01/2020 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
**Legal 46097 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today**

**Public Notice  
Clay County School Board**

The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the June 4, 2020, Regular meeting. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [honnies.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:honnies.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green

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Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
**Legal 46100 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-223 Division B

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES PHILLIP CANNON, III Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of James Phillip Cannon, III, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this notice is May 7, 2020.  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Dale S. Wilson  
 E-Mail Address: [wilsdale@bellsouth.net](mailto:wilsdale@bellsouth.net)  
 Florida Bar No. 176945  
 Dale S. Wilson PA  
 PO Box 1808  
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
 Telephone: (904) 284-5618  
 Personal Representative:  
 Jason P. Cannon  
 2871 Creek Street  
 Middleburg, FL 32068

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR ADOPTION OF MINOR CHILD BY A RELATIVE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No.: 10-2019-DR-002171 Division: E

**IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF AUTUMN MAE WAGNER**

**TO: Matthew Wayne Lambert, father, 501 E. Bay Street, Jacksonville FL 32202, Jesse O'Connor, mother, homeless Jacksonville, FL 32205**  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Adoption of a Minor Child(ren) by a Relative has been filed by Richard J. Wagner & Billie Jo Wagner whose address is: 1181 Elm Street, Orange Park, Florida 32073.**  
 A hearing in this matter will be held before the Honorable Judge Angela M. Cox on June 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 4-081 of the Clay County Courthouse. The Court has reserved 15 minutes for this hearing. You may object to this action by filing a written objection with the Clerk of the Circuit Court at **Room 1049, Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by appearing at the hearing.**  
**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**  
**You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the**

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**address on record at the clerk's office.**  
 UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING OR TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD.  
 Dated: April 17, 2020

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

**Legal 46014 published April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CROSSINGS AT FLEMING ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; Ph: (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Crossings at Fleming Island Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 1, 2 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and

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will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46035 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE DOUBLE BRANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Double Branch Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; Ph: (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Double Branch Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 1, 3 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46036 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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

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

**Camp Wonder**

Located at 4500 Trefoil Trail in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2020.

Owner's name/corporation:  
 North Fork Event Center, Inc.  
**Legal 46098 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE MIDDLE VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Middle Village Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; Ph: (904) 269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Middle Village Community Development District has two (2)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Petition to Establish the Sandridge Community Development District**

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard to consider an ordinance to grant a petition to establish the Sandridge Community Development District. The hearing will take place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida.

However, in the event that the Governor extends Executive Order 20-69, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, providing for all meetings of the Board of County Commissioners to be held virtually then the meeting may be held by Microsoft Teams, being broadcast on Comcast Channel 260, streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) and on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc), and available telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 598 786 270#.

**\*\*IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on meeting location. **IMPORTANT\*\***

The title of the proposed ordinance is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TO BE KNOWN AS SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIGNATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed Community Development District is comprised of approximately 290.50 acres, located at 2429 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, as further identified in the map below. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Sandridge Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may

be authorized by such District under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management facilities, sanitary sewer system, roadway construction, off-site roadway improvements, off-site utility improvements, hardscape, landscape, irrigation, parks, recreational facilities and other common area improvements, and other infrastructure.

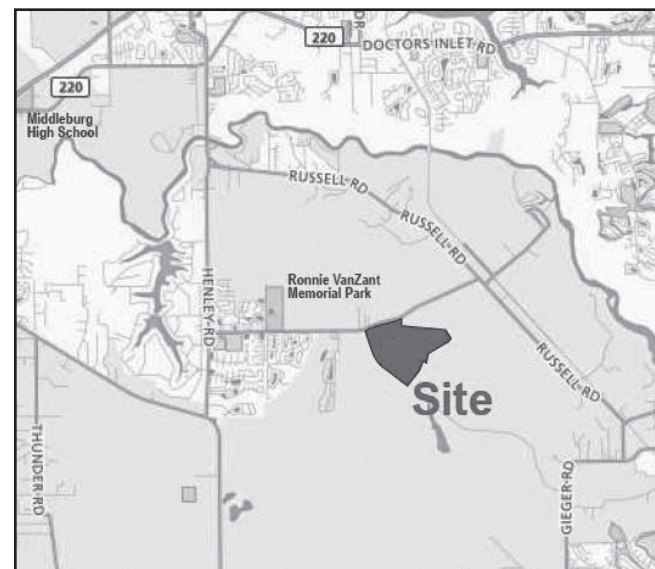
All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard by the Board on matters pertaining to the ordinance in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. In the event the meeting is held virtually, all interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing by viewing the hearing on Comcast Channel 260 or as streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) or on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc), or by listening to the meeting telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 598 786 270# and to be heard by registering telephonically at 904-529-4114, commencing on the date of the meeting, one hour prior to the meeting and at least prior to the public hearing item for which you wish to be heard. **IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on meeting location.

You may obtain a copy of the meeting's agenda on the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) or by emailing [publicrecords@claycountygov.com](mailto:publicrecords@claycountygov.com) and requesting assistance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection by the public by appointment at the Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, or a copy may be obtained by contacting Daphne Roberts at [Daphne.Roberts@claycountygov.com](mailto:Daphne.Roberts@claycountygov.com).

After the public hearing the Board may take immediate action on the proposed ordinance, or may continue its deliberations to a date, time and place then announced without publishing further notice thereof.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners



with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 278-4719 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the forgoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Howard Wanamaker  
 County Manager and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

**Legal 46091 published May 14, May 21, May 28 and June 4, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today.**

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seats up for election, specifically seats 2 and 4. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections  
**Legal 46037 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING TWO CREEKS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Two Creeks Community Development District ("District") will hold a regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**, where the Board may consider any business that may properly come before it ("Meeting"). In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is anticipated that the Meeting will be conducted using communications media technology, pursuant to governmental orders, including but not limited to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69, and 20-112 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020, and April 29, 2020 respectively ("Executive Orders"), any extensions or supplements thereof, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes. If the Executive Orders are not extended and the Board is required to meet in person quorum requirements, the Meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott located at 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073. Information about how the Meeting will occur, assistance connecting to the Meeting or arranging further accommodations for participation, and an electronic copy of the agenda may be obtained by accessing the District's website at <https://www.two-creeksdcd.org/> or by contacting the District Manager, (904) 436-6270 or emailing [lgallagher@rizzetta.com](mailto:lgallagher@rizzetta.com).

The District fully encourages public participation in the Meeting in a safe and efficient manner. To that end, anyone wishing to listen to and/or participate in the Meeting can do so by Teleconference Number 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 680 626 4765 Please check the instructions provided on the District's website to confirm access information. Participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions and comments to the District Manager's Office at [lgallagher@rizzetta.com](mailto:lgallagher@rizzetta.com) or by calling (904) 436-6270 by May 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in advance of the meeting to facilitate the Board's consideration of such questions and comments during the meeting. If you are unable to participate by telephone or by communications media technology, please contact the District Manager's office for further accommodations.

The Meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The Meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such Meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at the Meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to each respective Meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the Meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the Meeting, staff or Board members may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone or communications media technology.

Lesley Gallagher  
 District Manager  
 Two Creeks Community Development District  
**Legal 46084 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SOUTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the South Village Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 Ph: (904)269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The South Village Community Development District has two (2) seats up for election, specifically seats 2 and 4. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46050 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time listed below:

- June 1, 2020 at 10:00 am**
  - 2008 Pont. 1G2ZH57N184210551**
  - 2003 Honda 1HGCM66543A008769**
  - 2005 CHEVY 2GCEC19T051202140**
  - 1997 Ford 1FALP6241VH123445**
  - 0000 Unknown FLZN0303D100**
  - 2004 Mona 1RF42464542031583**
- Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**Legal 46080 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice of Public Sale or auction of the following vehicles located at Mitchell's Towing, 3175 Dothan Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 will be conducted at Mitchell's Towing on June 1, 2020 at 7:00 A.M.

- 2008 JEEP 1J8FT47W88D564561**
- 2006 CHRY 3C3JY55EX6T287961**
- 2001 ISU 4S2CK58W214325731**
- 2002 DODG 1B3EL36X12N219849**
- 2005 FORD 3FMZA506X5BA31327**

**Legal 46107 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE RIDGEWOOD TRAILS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Ridgewood Trails Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 Ph: (904)269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Ridgewood Trails Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 1, 3 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at

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the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46053 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

A1 Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/08/2020, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A1 Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

- JHMC66891C008671 2001 HONDA 1J8HG48P07C653470 2007 JEEP 2G1WT57K791210563 2009 Chevrolet**
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**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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

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

**Cowabunga Comics & Collectables**

Located at 625 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway Unit 111 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32065 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 6th day of May, 2020.

Owner's name/corporation:  
 Kyle Willis  
**Legal 46083 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF GOVERNMENTAL MEETING**

The Tourist Development Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at 3:30 p.m., by Microsoft Teams, which is being broadcast on Comcast Channel 260, streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) and on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCityBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCityBcc), and available telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 498 972 632#. This notice supersedes any previously published notice regarding the May 20, 2020, Tourist Development Council meeting. The meeting will now only be held virtually utilizing communications media technology pursuant to State of Florida Executive Order Number 20-69 issued March 20, 2020, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, and will not be held in the BCC Meeting Room at the County Administration Building. If Executive Order Number 20-69, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, is not extended, is modified, or is terminated then the meeting may take place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida.

**\*\*IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on meeting location.

**IMPORTANT\*\*** Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting by viewing the meeting on Comcast Channel 260 or as streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) or on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCityBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCityBcc), or by listening to the meeting telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 498 972 632#. To be heard at the meeting for public comment, please register telephonically at (904) 529-4114, commencing on May 20, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. and prior to the public comment item for which you wish to be heard. In the event the meeting is not held virtually, all interested persons would be invited to attend the meeting in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. **IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on

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meeting location. Additional instructions regarding viewing of and participation in the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda are available on the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com/about-us/agendas-minutes](http://www.claycountygov.com/about-us/agendas-minutes) or by emailing [publicrecords@claycountygov.com](mailto:publicrecords@claycountygov.com) and requesting assistance.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020-CP-00204

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN BOITET, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Judith Ann Boitet, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is May 7, 2020. Thomas M. Reiter, Esquire Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number: 315850 Brant, Reiter, McCormick & Johnson, P.A. 135 W Bay Street, Suite 400 Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Telephone: (904) 358-2750 Facsimile: (904) 353-1166 [tmreiter@barmjlaw.com](mailto:tmreiter@barmjlaw.com)

Dayn Corot Boitet Personal Representative 2011 Salt Myrtle Lane Orange Park, FL 32003  
**Legal 46071 published May 7 and May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
 Notice is given that the following permit was issued on May 7, 2020:  
 Next Era Performance Inc. Permit# 123700-8. The project is located in Clay County, Section 38 Township 6S South, Range 26E East. The permit authorizes a surface water management system on 1.15 acres for construction and operation of a Storm Water Management System known as Energy Cove Court Commercial Site. The receiving water body is St. Johns River. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.),

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the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at [Clerk@sjrwm.com](mailto:Clerk@sjrwm.com), within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing. A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at [www.sjrwm.com](http://www.sjrwm.com). These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

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The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. **Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)** If you wish to do so, please visit [http://www.sjrwm.com/nor\\_dec/](http://www.sjrwm.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Business and Administrative Services, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4570.  
**Legal 46104 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC AUCTION**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs:

- 2002 Isuzu 4S2CK58WX24334663**
- ON June 1, 2020 AT 9 A.M.**  
 at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003  
 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**Legal 46101 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-000230 Division A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF LEONARD LOVE PRESTON UPTON, JR. Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of LEONARD LOVE PRESTON UPTON, JR., deceased, whose date of death was March 29, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate are set forth below.

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on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 7, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative: GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR. Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number 887950 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. Attorneys at Law, P.A. 1543 Kingsley Avenue Suite 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: [grady@floridaelder.com](mailto:grady@floridaelder.com) Secondary email address: [donna@floridaelder.com](mailto:donna@floridaelder.com)

Personal Representative: ERIKA MAY UPTON 1563 Slash Pine Court Orange Park, Florida 32073

**Legal 46068 published May 7 and May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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

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

**Navigating Relationships: Connecting to Self and Others**

Located at online/virtual, Teletherapy: Licensed in Florida and Georgia in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 7th day of May, 2020.

Owner's name/corporation:  
 Dennis N. Cain, LMFT, LLC  
**Legal 46087 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020-CP-00199 DIVISION: B

**IN RE: ESTATE OF BRUCE ADAMS ROBERTSON Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Bruce Adams Robertson, deceased, whose date of death was February 23, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

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CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is May 14, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative  
L. J. Arnold III Attorney  
Florida Bar No. 154474  
Arnold Law  
P.O. Box 1570  
718 North Orange Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Telephone: (904) 284-5618  
Fax: (904) 284-5937  
E-Mail:  
ljarnold3@gmail.com  
Secondary E-Mail:  
marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com  
Personal Representative:  
Marjorie Pierce Robertson  
3870 Ron Road  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
**Legal 46105 published May 14 and May 20, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**  
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

**Strong Arm Pressure Washing**  
Located at 2620 Silver Moss Circle, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 8th day of May, 2020.  
Owner's name/corporation:  
Nick Soares  
**Legal 46092 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, St Johns County, Florida, Case No. CA170725 on 5/17/2019 in the matter of JM Associates Federal Credit Union, plaintiff and Charles W. Hood & Lisa A. Hood, defendant, I, Darryl R. Daniels, As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) Charles W. Hood, to-wit:  
**Description of Property**  
**Black 2006 Harley Davidson Motorcycle - Model F1htcui VIN # 1HD1FCW166Y698031**  
and on June 1st, 2020, at 0900 Hours, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, at 2864 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL, I will offer the property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Clay County Sheriff's Office Civil Unit 904-213-6020.  
DARYL R. DANIELS,  
As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida  
Sgt John Parker #05061  
**Legal 46025 published April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 10-2018-DP-00096  
DIVISION: JV-E  
**IN THE INTEREST OF:**  
C.C. DOB: 02/17/2014  
**A MINOR CHILD**  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA  
**TO: Alesia Caruso, mother**  
1722 Farmway,  
Middleburg, Florida 32068  
**Last Known Address**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the

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above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, C.C., who was born on February 17, 2014. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of **2:00 P.M. o'clock on May 26, 2020, A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. You must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app <https://zoom.us/j/6217548891>. Meeting ID: 621 754 8891  
**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 27th day of April, 2020.  
(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
as Clerk of Said Court  
By: Tammy Rosenbaum  
As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 46039 published April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**  
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
Notice is hereby given that ALFRALISA KEY, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of  
**KEY DIVINE CATERING & PERSONAL CHEF**  
located at 1535 BLANDING BLVD. APT 602, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.  
**Legal 46088 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
A1 Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/11/2020, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A1 Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**119496447 1969 VOLKSWAGEN**  
**Legal 46093 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") will hold a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to be conducted by telephonic or video conferencing communications media technology pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69, and 20-112 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020, and April 29, 2020, respectively, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes. Anyone wishing to access and participate in the

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meeting should refer to the District's website [fipcommunitycdd.com](http://fipcommunitycdd.com) or contact the District Manager's office at (904) 940-6044 ext. 40592 or by email at [janice.davis@inframark.com](mailto:janice.davis@inframark.com) beginning seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The meeting is being held for the necessary public purpose of considering CDD Meeting Minutes; Resolution 2020-05, Confirming the District's Use of the Clay County Supervisor of Elections; Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; Resolution 2020-06, Approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Setting a Public Hearing; and various maintenance proposals. At such time, the Board is so authorized and may consider any business that may properly come before it. While it is necessary to hold the above referenced meeting of the District's Board of Supervisors utilizing communications media technology due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the District fully encourages public participation in a safe and efficient manner. Toward that end, anyone wishing to listen to and/or participate in the meeting can do so by calling **1-800-747-5150** and entering access code **3098533#**. Additionally, participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions and comments to the District Manager at [Janice.Davis@inframark.com](mailto:Janice.Davis@inframark.com) by Friday, May 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in advance of the meeting to facilitate the Board's consideration of such questions and comments during the meeting. Participants may also submit questions or comments to the District Manager's Office by telephone by the same time noted above. If you are unable to participate by telephone or by communications media technology, please contact the District Manager for further accommodations. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by accessing the District's website at [www.fipcommunitycdd.com](http://www.fipcommunitycdd.com) or by contacting the District Manager at [Janice.Davis@inframark.com](mailto:Janice.Davis@inframark.com). The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for Community Development Districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time and location to be specified on the record at such meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations in order to access and participate in the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the Meetings is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.  
Janice Eggleton Davis  
District Manager  
**Legal 46102 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 Ph: (904)269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any

person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Rolling Hills Community Development District has two (1) seats up for election, specifically seats 1 and 3. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46051 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

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**Notice of Finance and Audit Committee Meeting**  
The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., by Microsoft Teams, which is being broadcast on Comcast Channel 260, streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) and on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc), and available telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 956 849 879#. This notice supersedes any previously published notice regarding the May 19, 2020, Committee meeting. The Committee meeting will now only be held virtually utilizing communications media technology pursuant to State of Florida Executive Order Number 20-69 issued March 20, 2020, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, and will not be held in the BCC Meeting Room at the County Administration Building. If Executive Order Number 20-69, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, is not extended or is terminated then the meeting may take place in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. **\*\*IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on meeting location. **IMPORTANT\*\*** Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting by viewing the meeting on Comcast Channel 260 or as streamed live from the Clay County website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) or on the Clay County, FL Government Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc](http://www.facebook.com/ClayCtyBcc), or by listening to the meeting telephonically at (904) 552-4094 or (833) 450-2718 (Toll-free) with conference ID: 956 849 879#. To be heard at the meeting for public comment, please register telephonically at (904) 529-4114, commencing on May 19, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and prior to the public comment item for which you wish to be heard. In the event the meeting is not held virtually, all interested persons would be invited to attend the meeting in the Board of County Commissioners Meeting Room, 4th Floor Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs, Florida. **IMPORTANT** Please refer to the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) for the latest up to date information on meeting location. Additional instructions regarding viewing of and participation in the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda are available on the County's website at [www.claycountygov.com/about-us/agendas-minutes](http://www.claycountygov.com/about-us/agendas-minutes) or by emailing [publicrecords@claycountygov.com](mailto:publicrecords@claycountygov.com) and requesting assistance. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or at any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of all proceedings is made, which must include the testimony

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and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at P.O. Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 284-6347 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
**Legal 46089 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
A1 Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/15/2020, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A1 Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**2B7HB21XXV569870 1997 DODGE**  
**Legal 46094 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**  
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:  
**Florida Crown Properties**  
Located at 1815 Wood Fern Court in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 11th day of May, 2020.  
Owner's name/corporation:  
Jonathan Hubert Shields, LLC  
**Legal 46098 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**NOTICE OF MAY BOARD MEETING OF THE LAKE ASBURY MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that the May monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Asbury Municipal Service Benefit District will be held on May 20, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake Asbury Community Center, 282 Branscomb Road, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.  
**Legal 46085 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**  
On 05/30/2020 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd, Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
**1G3WS52H3YF116760 2000 OLDS**  
**Legal 46096 publish May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District ("District") will commence at noon on June 8, 2020, and close at noon on June 12, 2020. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections located at 500 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 Ph: (904)269-6350. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered

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to vote with the Clay County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District has two (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 2, 4 and 5. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 3, 2020, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections. For additional information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections.  
**Legal 46053 published May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**Bid Notices**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS (Invitation to Bid)**  
Sealed bids will be received by the District School Board of Clay County until  
**2:00pm on Tuesday, 9 June 2020,**  
in the Purchasing Conference Room, 800 Center Street,  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:  
**DISTRICT OPERATIONS OFFICE RENOVATION/REMODEL OF BUILDING 1 WEST**  
All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:  
**BRIAN BOATRIGHT ARCHITECT, INC.**  
914 Plainfield Ave,  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
email all questions to [brianboatrightaia@gmail.com](mailto:brianboatrightaia@gmail.com) include project number in subject line  
Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the architect and are available for purchase and on file with the following plan room:  
**LDI Reproprinting Center**  
550 Wells Road, Suite 8,  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
(904) 579-4027  
[orangepark@ldireproprinting.com](http://orangepark@ldireproprinting.com)  
Any addenda will be sent automatically (electronically) to the known plan holders. Other delivery methods may be arranged with the architect. Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised and neither the architect nor owner will be responsible for partial information given to subcontractors by the general contractors. **Electronic drawings and specifications will not be distributed. There will be Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting at the site on Friday, 29 May 2020, at 2:00pm per Section 00100, Part 9.2. Bidders not attending the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to submit a bid.** Only contractors having been pre-qualified by the Clay County School District are eligible to submit bids for this project. **Only pre-qualified Contractors should submit bids for this project (Florida Statutes).** **DISCRIMINATION:** An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity. The owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, a bid bond or cashier's check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base bid price, payable to the owner. **The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance, labor and material bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted bid amount.** No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid,

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contract award, or recommendation for contract award, shall file a notice of protest with the superintendent of schools within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the notice to protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to protest as stipulated in Chapter 120 of the Florida Statutes. The school board requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

**Protest Bond Requirement:** Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

I. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00), or 2% of the lowest accepted bid, whichever is greater, for projects valued over \$500,000.00; and

II. Five percent (5%) of the lowest accepted bid for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00.

Conditioned upon payment of all cost and fees, which may be adjusted against the protestor, in the administrative hearing. If at the hearing, the school board prevails, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the protestor; if the protestor prevails, the protestor shall recover from the school board, all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted in the Operations Reception area at 925 Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days after the bid opening. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

David Broskie, Superintendent  
Clay County District Schools  
**Legal 46092 published May 14, May 21 and May 28, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Bid Advertisement  
for Augusta Savage Arts  
& Community Library Renovation**

The City of Green Cove Springs is seeking qualified firms capable of performing construction services related to the above referenced project; sealed bids will be received by the City of Green Cove Springs, Attn: Laurie Griffin, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, until, 2:00 p.m. local time, June 8, 2020 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, subject to COVID 19 restrictions bid opening maybe held virtually.

**BID No. LC 2020-09, Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center - Library Renovation.**

Full Bid Packages and plans shall be available for download at the City of Green Cove Springs website, [www.greencovesprings.com](http://www.greencovesprings.com), under the bid section. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole, or any part thereof, waive any or all

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irregularities, and award the bid to the responsible bidder determined to represent the City's best interests. For Additional Information regarding this bid opportunity you may contact Laurie Griffin, at [lgriffin@greencovesprings.com](mailto:lgriffin@greencovesprings.com).

**Legal 46099 published May 14, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2018-CA-000679  
**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**ANDREW E. WRIGHT, et al**  
Defendants.  
RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on March 30, 2020 in Case No. 2018-CA-000679 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff, and ANDREW E. WRIGHT, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 a.m. [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 27th day of May, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**Lot 396, SILVER CREEK, according to plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Pages 52 through 72, of the public records of Clay County, Florida.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than the date that the clerk reports the funds as unclaimed. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2020.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Kayla Ray Beard  
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crntinrp@coj.net](mailto:crntinrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695

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

**Legal 46046 published May 7 and May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 90464**

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2019 CA 000489  
**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**KEVAN PENNEL, et al**  
Defendants.  
RE-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on April 2, 2020 in Case No. 2019 CA 000489 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY COUNTY, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is Plaintiff, and KEVAN PENNEL, et al are Defendants, the clerk, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 10:00 a.m. [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 27th day of May, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**Lot 213, Ridaught Landing Unit 3, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 25, Pages 27-32, in the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than the date that the clerk reports the funds as unclaimed. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the record as of the date of the lis pendens may claim the surplus.

Dated at Green Cove Springs, CLAY COUNTY, Florida, this 29th day of April, 2020.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Stacie Towns  
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crntinrp@coj.net](mailto:crntinrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

**Legal 46047 published May 7 and May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 95988**

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION  
CASE NO. 2018-CA-001303  
**CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**KENNETH L. KEELEY AND STACY ANGELA WILSON, et al.**  
Defendant(s).  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 24, 2019, and entered in 2018-CA-001303 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CALIBER HOME LOANS, INC. is the Plaintiff and KENNETH L. KEELEY; STACY ANGELA WILSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; KINDLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 23, KINDLEWOOD PHASE 1-B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 55, PAGES 6 THROUGH 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Property Address: 852 SUNNY STROLL DR, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
Dated this 8th day of April, 2020.

(seal)  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Kayla R Beard  
As Deputy Clerk

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

**Legal 45958 published May 7 and May 14, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 18-228212**

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NUMBER: 2019-CA-951  
DIVISION: B  
**DELORES M. WILKES,**  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
**LILLY JACKSON and WILLIE WILKERSON,** If alive, and if dead, all other parties claiming by, through under or against **LILLY JACKSON or WILLIE WILKERSON,** and all other unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead were not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as Defendants and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described,  
Defendants  
Notice is given that, pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment, dated May 6, 2020, in Case Number 2019-CA-951, Division B, of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, in which DELORES M. WILKES is the Plaintiff and LILLY JACKSON and WILLIE WILKERSON, if alive, and if dead, all other parties claiming by, through under or against LILLY JACKSON or WILLIE WILKERSON, and all other unknown natural persons, if alive, and if dead were not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees and creditors or other parties claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as Defendant and all claimants, persons, or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants or parties or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereinafter described, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at <https://clay.realforeclose.com>, in accordance with Florida Statutes, at 10:00 A.M., on the 3rd day of June, 2020, the following described property set forth in the Amended Final Judgment, dated May 6, 2020:  
**The Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, Florida, containing forty and five-hundredths acres.**  
Dated: May 12, 2020.

(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Jaimie Pippin  
Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 46109 published May 14 and May 21, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

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