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Unite Keystone Heights postponed by COVID-19 concerns



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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – While many residents and members of the Keystone Heights City Council agree there's a need for an open and honest conversation about social issues, all sides agreed to put off Unite Keystone Heights for at least another month.

Zac Taylor is one of five current and former Keystone Heights students who organized Unite Keystone Heights - a rally to promote a conversation about race and discrimination.

The council agreed to defer a request from five current and former minority students at Keystone Heights until the threats posed by COVID-19 subsides.

More than 20 residents sent emails and made calls to Monday night's virtual meeting. Most supported the rally and mile-long march that originally was scheduled for Aug. 8, but they said the risks of spreading the virus was a greater concern.

Zac Thomas, Unite Keystone Heights organizer, agreed.

"We would definitely agree to a post-

ponement," he said. "That is something we would agree to."

The rally to address claims of discrimination and prejudice at Keystone Beach/Geneva Beach originally was planned for July 4, but organizers and the Clay County Sheriff's Office worked to push the date to August.

There were social media posts that vowed to turn the rally into a protest. Vice Mayor Steve Hart asked Taylor if his group

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National Cycling Championships canceled in Clay

Four-day event to return to Keystone Heights, Penney Farms, Fleming Island in 2021

By Bruce Hope
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CLAY COUNTY – The COVID-19 pandemic has claimed yet another victim last week. This time it was the multiple events of the National Cycling Championships.

The scheduled events in Keystone Heights, Penney Farms and Fleming Island have been canceled for this year, after having previously been rescheduled for

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The National Cycling Championships were rescheduled from its original June date to September out of concern for the COVID-19 pandemic, but USA Cycling decided last week to cancel its entire national championship schedule for the rest of the year.

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Residents support optional use of face masks during pandemic

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CLAY COUNTY – Face masks intended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus are now mandatory in Jacksonville in all public and indoor places.

It's the latest step the city is taking to keep coronavirus numbers down and flatten the curve. Clay County emergency management services director said it's unlikely that Clay County will make masks mandatory at a special Board of County Commissioners meeting on June 30. We asked residents of the county if they believe that's the right call or if they prefer the mandates created in Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

The responses were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping them optional, although some residents who responded to Clay Today's Facebook question said they applauded the Jacksonville decision.

"If nurses, doctors and essential workers have to wear them to serve the public, I would say that a minor 'inconvenience' is worth the price to support them and each other," Natalie Beauty-Vickery said. "We talk a lot about the sacrifices our military soldiers make to help and defend this country. Well, now is the time that we should all come together [figuratively speaking] and make some sacrifices."

Beauty-Vickery continued on and said she doesn't see Clay County making masks mandatory because while there is "a lot of flag waving and talk of constitutional rights,"



there aren't people willing to talk the talk and walk the walk. She said "freedom requires sacrifice" and that as a "veteran with 15 years of service to this country," she would like to thank nurses, doctors and essential workers for their service to the country.

Sheri Freshour agreed, asking why it's hard to consider the lives of others during this time in our country.

"How hard is it to think about others?" Freshour said. "Apparently, really hard. Scientists say this pandemic could be minimal if everyone wore masks and practiced social distancing, but unlike other countries where there is almost nothing, here is America with the highest numbers of all."

Jimmy Netherton said he's all for mandatory masks but that if such a mandate is made, the masks required should be N95 or better. Michaela Hackett said she believes Clay County will soon follow Jacksonville's lead on mandatory masks.

Despite the shows of support for mandatory masks, the majority of those that re-

sponded to Clay Today said they would not support a mandatory mask mandate.

"If you're sick, stay home," Laura French said. "Masks are too hot and if I catch a virus while wearing a mask, it's because I keep having to move it off my face so I can breathe or talk to a retail customer service person that can't hear me trying to talk through the mask. If your immune system is not at its best, then you can wear a mask – not me."

Monica Ward said she hasn't worn a mask – and doesn't plan too.

She responded with the hashtag "#barefaceislegal" alongside her response. John Burdick said the government shouldn't decide how to keep people safe from the virus. He said that if you shouldn't be going out into the public, then you shouldn't and that

if you do and get the virus, you should take responsibility for your actions. Stop expecting the government to save you, Burdick said.

Jamie Jannuzzi responded with an image of a person wearing a mask and written on the mask is the following: "You can use anything for a mask because it's not about safety; It's about compliance."

The majority of the other responses Clay Today received were simple, stating just the word "no" if Clay County should make masks mandatory.

Is wearing a mask during this global pandemic a matter of compliance or is it a matter of safety?

Let us know on our Facebook page by responding to the post about mandatory masks in Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

Cycling from page 1

September 10-13. With the resurgence of the pandemic following the reopening of the state and Florida regularly posting record days of new COVID-19 cases, it was decided by USA Cycling to cancel the events until next year.

"We're disappointed that we're not able to have everybody come in this year," said Joel Lamp, Senior Director of Tourism and Events for Airstream Ventures. "But we're looking forward to next year and continuing our partnership with USA Cycling and having everyone come back in '21 for what will be an exciting championship."

USA Cycling had worked for months and gone through multiple plans to try and find a viable way to continue to have the athletes compete in the events as previously planned.

"Throughout this time, we have worked to create alternative dates in the hopes that COVID-19 cases would decrease, sought alternative locations where needed, and looked to modify our events to mitigate risk and meet local regulations and requirements," said the organization via press release.

Eventually, it was decided that they were unable to put on the events while ensuring the safety of all that would be involved.

National level events typically bring spectators and competitors from all over the country, which in a time of social distancing would create uniquely unsafe environments.

The following events for the calen-

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dar year 2020 have been canceled so far:

USA Cycling Pro Road National Championships; USA Cycling Amateur Road National Championships; USA Cycling Masters Road National Championships; USA Cycling Gran Fondo National Championships; USA Cycling Mountain Bike National Championships; USA Cycling Elite and Junior Track National Championships; and, USA Cycling Masters Track National Championships.

"Our destination will welcome USA Cycling any time they want to compete here," said Clay County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Gayward Hendry. "Having Clay County on the national competitive stage of cycling is exciting for our community, and our businesses will deliver a great experience that will hopefully make the competitors want to come back more often."

2021 and 2022 will signal the return of the National Championships to Clay County and, with it, a significant boost in revenue that arrives with both competitors and spectators.

Property values increase in Clay County

CLAY COUNTY – Property Appraiser Roger A. Suggs submitted the Certification of Taxable Value to the Clay County taxing authorities and the Florida Department of Revenue last week, reporting the value of county properties increased by more than \$853 million.

The 2020 preliminary taxable value is estimated at approximately \$12.2 billion, Suggs said. The preliminary taxable value is slightly higher than the estimate reported on June 1. The statutory assessment date for the 2020 assessment roll is Jan. 1. Therefore, the overall increase in value is a reflection of the upward direction the real estate market has taken during 2019. Although market values have increased, the assessed values of properties with an existing homestead exemption will be limited ('capped') at a 2.3% increase (excluding any additions or improvements) and non-homestead residential and commercial properties will be limited ('capped') at a 10% increase due to constitutional

amendments passed by voters in 1992 and 2008, respectively. Taxable value is based on the market value minus differentials ('caps') and exemptions.

The taxing authorities have until Aug. 4 to notify the property appraiser of the 2020 proposed maximum millage rates, and the date, time and place of their respective public budget hearings. This information will be used by the property appraiser to prepare the Notice of Proposed Property Tax forms (TRIM notices), which will be mailed to all property owners in mid-August.

The Property Appraiser's office is closely monitoring Covid-19's impact on our community and the real estate market. As previously stated, the preliminary assessments were determined and certified based on market-derived variables as of Jan. 1. Therefore, any negative impacts remaining as of Jan. 1, 2021, will be reflected on next year's assessment roll.

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Coast 2 Coast, Holeshoot Powersports to support OP Clothes Closet and Food Pantry

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ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Clothes Closet and Food Pantry has been helping Clay County residents for a long time now, and even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic as many people are out of work and no longer have a reliable source of income.

But even they need help sometimes.

As their supplies wane, Coast 2 Coast Slingshots and Holeshoot Powersports are reaching out to help with its “Show and

Glow” competition on July 18.

Slingshots (three-wheel motor vehicles) are coming from all over Florida to have a benefit show. The show and registration are free, but all those attending are asked to bring nonperishable food items and gently used clothing and household items for donation to the OP Clothes Closet and Food Pantry. The gently used clothing requested are items such as blankets, coats, jackets, hats and gloves to help the homeless community during the winter months. These

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With RNC planning underway, UF Health is running out of Intensive Care space

By A.G. Gancarski
For FloridaPolitics

While not every hospital in Jacksonville is running out of ICU space, the one that the city's most vulnerable rely on is getting dangerously close.

Statistics from AHCA reveal that UF Health – Jacksonville's sole safety-net hospital – continues to face existential challenges regarding ICU space.

Of the 100 adult ICU berths at the hospital's main campus on 8th Street, at the western edge of Springfield, just two are open as of Wednesday morning, with 98 ICU patients accounted for.

For the hospital, the dread specter of running out of ICU berths isn't just a future consideration. It's immediate, just as it is in neighboring Clay County, where no adult ICU beds are open as of this writing.

UF Health CEO Leon Haley briefed elected leaders on the scenario late last week.

He described then "significant rises" in "cases and hospitalizations," giving the lie to the politicians' narrative that a surge in cases among the young didn't matter because they wouldn't die like older patients would.

COVID-19 patients, he suggested then, were taking up the berths. And if the trend held, elective surgeries would have to be banned again, a category of medical care that often includes essential procedures.

For UF Health's population, "health disparities" persist, Haley said, with "a lot of African Americans and Hispanics that have trouble accessing health care," a struggle exacerbated by the comorbidities that create the worst health outcomes with the novel coronavirus.

Florida is already under a state of emergency through the Republican National Convention, but for some that emergency is more pressing than others.

Haley, recognizing that being on the RNC host committee during a pandemic was a bad bet, resigned that post immediately to focus on his hospital's response to a full-scale crisis with no end in sight.

Tests tabulated July 6 showed an over 15% positive rate, a number in line with tallies for most of the last two weeks.

The median age of positive tests is also up, to 39 years of age as of July 6.

The lag time between test administration and results can be long for most, but not Mayor Lenny Curry, a member of the aforementioned RNC host committee who is self-quarantining due to virus exposure, despite a negative test.

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OPINION



Long wait for COVID-19 test a reminder to be smart, safe during pandemic

By Wesley LeBlanc
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SOMEWHERE IN LINE AT LOT J – I had to get a COVID-19 test and it was an awful experience.

I recently saw my brother-in-law for a few hours on a Friday night. We kept our distance, wore our masks, washed our hands and made sure to come into any kind of physical contact.

He was sent home from work three days later because a week prior – which was five days before he and I saw each other – he worked a full shift with someone who tested positive for the coronavirus. He immediately informed me and my world turned upside down in a flash.

I have always been cautious about the virus, although in hindsight I shouldn't have visited him that Friday night at all, but when you learn that you may be exposed to the virus, everything changes. He had been exposed to the virus for hours during his shift with the now-positive coworker. I was exposed to him for a few hours a couple days later. I called into question every possible exposure I might have brought into someone's life, even though I wasn't sure if I had the virus or not.

I thought about my grocery store visit that weekend, my quick trip to GameStop to pick up a weekend game, a gas station run to grab a Red Bull, the time I had spent

around my wife: had I spread the virus?

That was the thought running through my head. It's easy to forget about the way a virus can spread. It's easy to feel safe when you don't have it and you're around others you know don't have it but when it's time to think about what a positive case for you might mean, all of the nameless faces you see on a simple grocery trip pop into your head.

After learning of my potential exposure and spending hours beating my brain over all of the people I might have come into contact with, I told my wife that she and I were getting up early to go to the Lot J public testing site at the jaguar stadium. My mom mentioned people were lining up as early 7 a.m. so I decided that we'd get there no later than 6:30 a.m.

There were 42 people already in line when we arrived at that time. The testing wouldn't even begin until 9 a.m., so immediately I knew I was in for at the very minimum, two-and-a-half hours of waiting in my car. To make matters worse, I started doing some research about the. I watched countless videos of a hard nasal swab going into someone's nose and nearly disappearing as it reached the far depths of the nasal cavity.

I spent the next two and a half hours in my car freaking out over how deep this swab was soon to go up my nose. There was not a moment during my wait where I felt relaxed. My wife did her best to calm my nerves but the damage was done: I saw the videos and I knew what I was about to go through, all because I wanted to see family.

The clock turned to 9 a.m. and the testing began. It took an hour to get through the 42 cars before us and when I finally

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Word OF THE WEEK

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

Stentorian: (sten-TOR-ee-un) an adjective that means extremely loud.

"The crowd used their stentorian voices to cheer after the last notes of "Free Bird" were played.

This week in history

Five years ago, 2015

- Orange Park's Todd Emerick is honored with the Carl S. Marvel Creative Polymer Chemistry Award.
- AMKids, a program for troubled boys, announces it will expand to Clay County.
- Pasha and Yura, a park of 15-year-old orphans from Ukraine, spend the summer in Clay County has guests of Andre and Juliet Van Heerden and a nonprofit organization that rescues orphans from Ukraine and Latvia.

10 years ago, 2010

- An estimated 8,000 people attend the Green Cove Springs Lion's Club July in Spring Park celebration.
- St. Johns River Community College is given approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer bachelor's degrees in early childhood education and organizational management.
- Johnny Mike Maher, 52, of Green Cove Springs, is arrested for passing counterfeit bills at several area businesses.

20 years ago, 2000

- Ten Clay County schools earn higher grades from the Florida Department of Education's School Accountability Report, including Doctors Inlet Elementary that jumped from a "D" in 1999 to an "A."
- Clay Hill Elementary principal Lenore Paulk said when students return for the new year, those who scored a 4 or 5 on the Math and Reading sections of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test will be given a party, while he plans to shuttle 37 students to lunch at Golden Corral in limousines who scored 4 or higher on the Writing section.
- The Orange Park Athletic Association 12 and under baseball team wins the

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Opinions ...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reopening schools will result in 'horrible sickness'

Dear School Board Members,
 You thought you were done with me huh..... Not so fast. I am sending you this email to ask you to make a School Board Policy pertaining to the reopening of our Schools. The CCEA is sadden that these issues have become a political football. It should not be. This issue is about saving lives – children and teachers lives. The CCEA has no desire to have an argument with any of you, nor do we care to enter the subject of "who's job is it". Right now, we are asking for a School Board Policy so it is "Your" Job. I am asking you, no, I am begging you, to make a School Board Policy requiring Masks to be worn by every Employee and every Secondary Student in the District of Clay County. I am also recommending that you strongly recommend all Elementary Students, who are not excused medically, to wear a mask.
 What we have learnt so far about this Deadly Virus is that Masks Work. Masks save Lives. I wear a Mask to protect you, you wear a mask to protect me. It is that simple but Politics have made it so hard.
 Masks are not going to save everyone's

life. The decision to reopen Schools will result in horrible sickness. We learned this from NYC who lost over 40 Teachers because they did not close Schools until it was too late. Look at us now. We are New York. We have over 800 cases in Clay and 34 deaths. We know that the worse thing we can do is go into closed rooms with lots of people and AC with no outside air circulation. That is what we are about to do. Teachers not only have to face their classes they have to do it with their doors closed and no Mask requirements. What on earth do you think is going to happen?
 I truly hope you consider my email. I am the happiest person in Clay that I do not have to return to any school.
 I am the saddest person in Clay because these teachers are my friends and family.
 I pray you do the right thing and protect them.
 Sincerely,
 Renna Lee Paiva
 President, Clay County Education Association

Clay schools should enforce face coverings

Editor:
 In Florida, a state which has seen alarming growth in COVID-19 cases, many are wrestling with the dilemma of reopening schools. I am urging the adoption of a face mask policy in Clay County schools for staff and students whenever social distancing is not possible. I understand that this policy will have vocal opponents however, we must give great weight to that which is safest for our schools.
 This policy should have common sense exceptions for some diverse learners and staff. I am asking all stakeholders to read over the guidance from the CDC and AAP so that it may inform your decisions regarding best practices that help protect our students and staff.
 While the CDC recommends that schools "space seating/desks at least 6 feet apart when feasible." The American Academy of Pediatrics states, "In many school settings, 6 feet between students is not feasible without limiting the number of

students. Evidence suggests that spacing as close as three feet may approach the benefits of six feet of space, particularly if students are wearing face coverings and are asymptomatic."
 I hope you will follow the science and recommendations of the experts to mitigate the many risks of reopening schools in the midst of this pandemic. Because mitigate, not eliminate is all that we can do. As the AAP explains in their recent statement, "policy makers should acknowledge that COVID-19 policies are intended to mitigate, not eliminate, risk. No single action or set of actions will completely eliminate the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission, but implementation of several coordinated interventions can greatly reduce that risk."
 By passing this policy, you are helping to keep our schools open by reducing the risk for our students and staff.

Victoria Kidwell
 Middleburg

History

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Cal Ripken District 2 tournament and will play in the state tournament in West Palm Beach.

30 years ago, 1990

- More than 100 parents tell the Clay County School Board they oppose a plan that will require about 1,200 students to walk to school. The move was done to address budget cuts.
- Roy Andrew Johnson of Orange Park is sentenced to 10 years after he stabbed his wife 43 times during a domestic dis-

pute. The wife survived.
 • The Green Cove Springs City Council votes 3-1 to deny a request to increase late fees for delinquent business utilities.

40 years ago, 1980

- William R. Snow is selected as Green Cove Springs' new city manager by the City Council.
- The Clay County School board approves a plan to build a new elementary and middle school on County Road 218 near Middleburg.
- Mediplex will build a new nursing home in Green Cove Springs on property west of Clay Memorial Hospital.

COVID test

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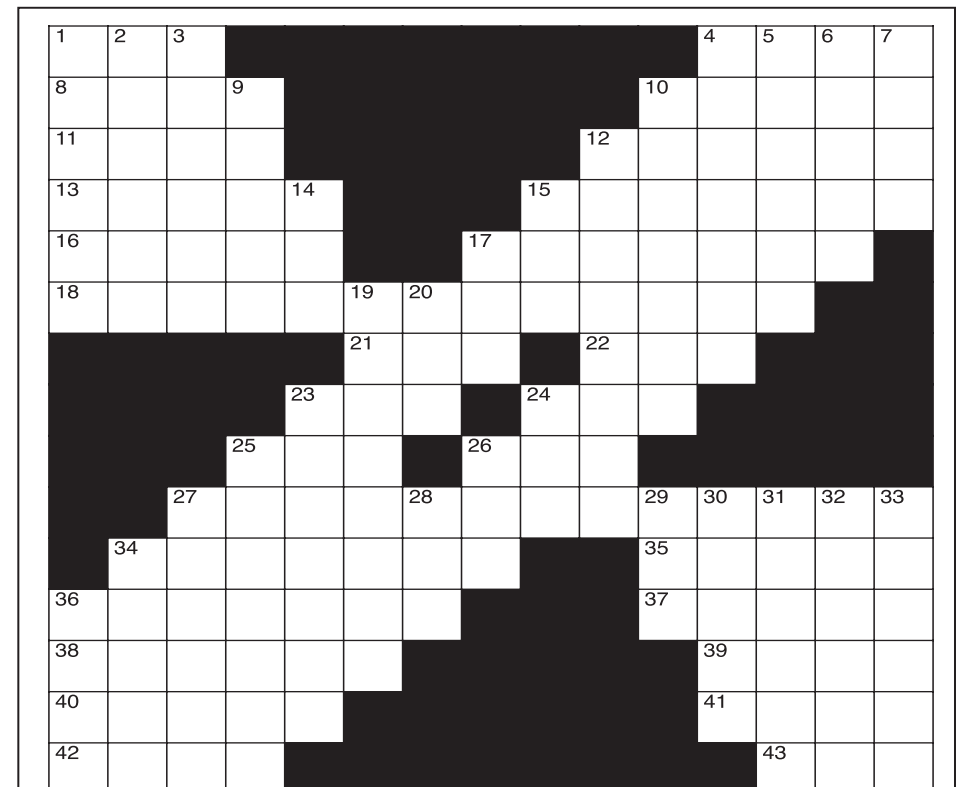
pulled up to the actual test station at 10 a.m., much to my happy surprise, on this day the test was a throat swab. I had spent the past few hours fretting over a nasal swab that was never going to happen.
 That's not where the stress of this potential exposure to the virus ended though as I had to wait almost a week to get my results. I opened my results the morning of July 6 and learned that I had tested negative.
 I could breathe.

Those nameless faces at the grocery store were no longer at risk of contracting the virus by my hands.
 What's the moral of the story here? It's not worth it. Whatever time you think you need with a friend, or whatever non-essential good you think you need to pick up, isn't worth it.
 I spent the last seven days worried sick about a sickness, a virus that kills. I'm fortunate I no longer need to worry about it but now it's on me to ensure I don't experience this feeling again by being as cautious as I possibly can and implore you to do the same.

RNC

from page 4

UF Health's north campus does have five ICU beds left, but COVID-19 admissions have been limited to the 8th Street campus.
 All told, Jacksonville's hospital system has 17% of berths available, suggesting that some arrangement must be made for private hospitals to handle the overflow, if all else fails for the embattled safety-net facility.
 Statewide, capacity is just below 16% last Wednesday.
A.G. Gancarski has been a working journalist for more than two decades. Gancarski has been a correspondent for FloridaPolitics.com since 2014.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Sound unit
4. Trim by cutting
8. Small buffalo
10. Ancient manuscript
11. Look angry or sullen
12. Glum
13. Northern Zambia peoples
15. Central
16. Collector of birds' eggs
17. Misbehavior
18. Top of the line
21. Political action committee
22. Have already done
23. Al Bundy's wife
24. Entertainment channel
25. Holiday (informal)
26. The common gibbon
27. Legendary actress
34. Seasoned sausages
35. Bluish greens
36. Ridiculed

CLUES DOWN

37. Three-dimensional arrangement
38. Emerged
39. Type of protein
40. Denmark natives
41. Leak slowly through
42. Expression of sorrow or pity
43. Midway between south and southeast

15. Cairo Regional Airport
17. Partner to cheese
19. Sample
20. A shirt may have none
23. Public gatherings
24. Disallow
25. Overnight suitcases
26. French river
27. Where boats dock
28. Top of a pot
29. Type of drug
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. They go in martinis
33. A way to break away
34. Intermediate ecological stage
36. Baby term for father

Three household hazardous waste storage buildings open at Rosemary Hill facility

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Three new household hazardous waste storage buildings were recently completed and put into use by Clay County Environmental Services.

They are located at the Rosemary Hill Solid Waste Management Facility. The storage units being replaced are more than 30 years old.

“The hazardous waste program is a key component of our mission to help protect the ground water and the environment here in Clay County,” said Milton Towns, Clay County Director of Environmental Services.

The newer units more sturdily constructed than their predecessors, and are designed to last at least 10 years with a hope for matching the previous model’s 30.

“The new units are constructed of welded heavy-gauge steel and are fire rated and chemical resistant with sump floors to catch any spills and prevent leaks. Each

storage unit has electricity, lighting, explosive proof exhaust fan and automated industrial fire suppression system with alarm.

Additional improvements such as higher ceilings, more shelving and six-foot wide roll-up doors have also increased the storage capacity of the units.

“These new storage buildings have improved the function, safety, and appearance of the Household Hazardous Waste Center at Rosemary Hill.”

Said Gayward Hendry, Chairman of the Clay County Commission: “The BCC believes this was a great investment that protects both the quality of Clay County’s water and the residents that depend on it.”

“The proper disposal of hazardous materials is one of the most important things we can do to protect our natural environment,” said Towns. “Dropping off materials is fast, easy and free for most of Clay County. Call (904) 284-6374 if you have any questions about the program.”

Among materials to be disposed of at



The three new hazardous waste buildings will help Clay County residents properly dispose of dangerous waste.

the location are: paint, batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, pool chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, propane tanks, unwanted electronics, and fluorescent bulbs and more.

The hours of operation for the Household Hazardous Waste Center are Monday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only holidays which the center is closed.

A list of acceptable items and guidelines for collection can be found at the following web address: www.claycountygov.com/hazardous-waste-disposal.



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Obituaries

Mary Alice Owen

Mary Alice Owen, 93, of Fleming Island, FL, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Mary was born on April 12, 1927 in Point Clear, Alabama. She was very active in her church and was a loving mother and grandmother. Mary was a member of Harbor Baptist Church on Fleming Island.

Mary is survived by her two children, Sharon Gast and Allen Owen and son-in-law, Gary Gast and brother-in-law, Robert McGinley and many nieces and nephews.

Mary is preceded in death by her loving husband of 31 years, Clarence A. Owen, her grandson, Ryan Gast, two brothers, Laverne Nelson and Willie Nelson, four sisters, Lorna Beek, Sarah Milstead, Grace McGinley and Francis Godbey.

Due to the pandemic, a memorial service will be held at a future date.

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Mary Alice Owen



William Preston Lemon

William Preston Lemon, 72, of Orange Park, FL, passed away June 29, 2020.

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Robert Charles Cornett

Robert Charles Cornett passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Harold Raines Boyette

Harold Raines Boyette, age 97, passed July 1, 2020 at his home in Orange Park, Florida.

A native of Hamlet, North Carolina, born on the Boyette family farm, Harold suffered from asthma which he eventually outgrew. Harold worked as newspaper delivery boy on his bicycle as a teen in the 1930's.

A short stint at Mars College in Mars Hill, North Carolina, was interrupted by work for Seaboard Airline Railroad in Jacksonville, Florida, then WWII service in the U.S. Navy. Stationed at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland, serving as an Aviation Machinist's Mate, he had a variety of duties, but most of all talked about his time flying in the sea planes of that era, notably the PBY Catalina. A model of a PBY flies in his study in his home as a reminder of those days.

After the war, while he was studying and training for a career, he married his high school sweetheart, the former Dora Margaret Stroupe. Harold pursued Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, graduating with honors. His professional career included years with Union Camp Corporation paper mills in Savannah, Georgia, where son Joseph (Joe) was born, and Seaboard Airline Railroad again, where he worked the rest of his professional life.

Harold's father and several of his brothers worked for Seaboard where Harold eventually rose to the rank of Assistant Chief Mechanical Officer. While working for Seaboard and its successor railroads, Harold moved from Savannah to Norfolk, Virginia, and then Richmond, Virginia, where they stayed seven years, and finally to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1967.

Son, Joe, remembers riding bicycles together, sledding in the winter, cub scouts, building a room addition to the house on Severn Road, making things of all manner, as well as building and flying model rockets, and Harold was scout master of Troop 24 in Orange Park for several years. Retiring in 1981, Harold began a new phase in his life by purchasing and completing a 33 foot sailboat which he subsequently enjoyed on the St. Johns River and trips up and down the intercoastal waterway in Florida and



Harold Raines Boyette

Southern Georgia and to the Bahamas with his friend Tom Ritch.

Wife, Dora, passed away in 1989 after struggling with heart disease. Harold confided in his son, Joe, that there were several occasions where he loaded her in the car and went flying down Plainfield Avenue to Kingsley to the Orange Park Medical Center emergency department. Newly single, Harold made new friends at the Continental Yacht Club in Orange Park, where he kept his boat.

Sometime in 1991, as Joe recalls, Harold spoke of a girl that he was interested in, the former Mildred (Millie) Brubeck. Marrying later that year, Harold and Millie began a loving and fulfilling life together, building a new condominium home at Fox Valley in Orange Park, enjoying many local activities, and traveling to many places in the world. A few of those activities included volunteering at the food bridge at Orange Park United Methodist Church, participating in Clay County's annual clean up, dancing classes, volunteering as hosts at the Thrasher Horn Center, and volunteering on the home owners association at Fox Valley. Sadly, Millie passed away in 2008, bringing this wonderful time to an end for Harold. But love was found two years later when Harold met Bonnie Brown at the church and they began seeing each other in 2010.

Harold was predeceased by his first wife Dora, second wife Mildred, father Jodie John Boyette, mother Ida Belle Boyette, brothers Kenneth Boyette, Ollie Boyette, Purvis Boyette, Shirley Boyette, and sister Mozelle Skeenes.

Harold is survived by his son, Joseph Harold Boyette (Julie), grandchildren, Joseph Harold Boyette Jr. and Jonathan Russell Boyette (Rebecca) with his great grandson, Julian Thompson Boyette. Harold was comforted and assisted as he grew older by his family, friends at Orange Park United Methodist Church, neighbors at Fox Valley, and the staff at Orange Park Medical Center and St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Funeral services will be a graveside service at Magnolia Cemetary, 1040 Kingsley Avenue, in Orange Park, Florida. Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida.

Joan Marie Barnes Wohlfarth

Joan Marie Barnes Wohlfarth, 87, of Fleming Island, FL, passed away July 6, 2020

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Red, White and Cruise

No fireworks, no problems. While the annual fireworks show traditionally held on Independence Day in Orange Park was canceled due to concerns for COVID-19, the town still found a way to celebrate with a parade that started at bestbet, proceeded along River Road to Kingsley Avenue and down Plainfield Avenue. Civic groups, residents and candidates for most local races used the opportunity to wish everyone along the parade route a happy holiday.



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Deputies, Emergency Management celebrate Fourth with children at All Kids Care daycare

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ORANGE PARK – All Kids Care, a daycare that provides service to children who are medically fragile, held a Fourth of July celebration at their clinic in Orange Park on June 30.

Nurses and therapists helped the children to decorate their cribs, walkers and wheelchairs to hold a celebratory parade in front of their Orange Park building. Shannon Clark, Director of Nursing for All Kids organized the parade as fun way for the children to celebrate the Fourth of July Holiday while promoting community integration for children with special needs.

The Parade was highlighted by a visit from several Clay County Sheriff's Office patrol cars with lights and sirens blazing. In addition to the CCSO, John Ward and staff from the Clay County Emergency Operations Center were in attendance to cheer the children on. Clay County Emergency Operations has been working closely All Kids Care during the COVID -19 crisis in effort to keep the children safe.

"With all of the stressful events that have happened this year this was refreshing opportunity for these children and their families to have some fun," said Dr. Jon Edenfield, executive director of Great Strides Rehabilitation which provides therapy services to the children."

All Kids Care is a medical daycare center located in Orange Park that spe-



cializes in providing care for medically fragile infants and children from birth to age 21. These children frequently require heart monitors, oxygen, respiratory equipment and other highly specialized medical equipment. Daily care at the center involves specialized nursing care, therapy services, educational opportunities, music therapy, pet therapy and more.

The center was established in 2016 and presently serves 30 to 35 children who are medically fragile.

"We really appreciate the Clay County community agencies who helped to make this event so special for the children we serve," said Carrie Moon, who oversees operations at All Kids.



Children celebrated Independence Day by watching a parade by the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Fire Resue and the Clay County Emergency Operations Center.



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Green Cove identifies five areas to spend its \$500,000 CARES Act money

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The city council designated five projects to be funded by the CARES Act during its meeting Tuesday night.

The five initiatives include: buying new laptops to improve the quality of virtual meetings and security firewalls; touchless faucets, hand-sanitizing stations, lights and automated doors at city-owned properties; outside speakers to make social distancing more accessible during the COVID-19 pandemic during public meetings; permanent restrooms and smart lighting for the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center classrooms; and expansion for food pantry storage; and a paved driveway and cover at the food pantry pickup area.

Green Cove Springs is scheduled to receive \$500,000 of the county's \$38 million provided by the CARES Act.

Council approved the five projects, 5-0, and gave it to city manager Steve Kennedy for implementation.

In other business, the council voted 5-0

to approve the first reading of a proposed ordinance that would eliminate the spacing and license requirements from churches and schools in the Central Business District for on-premises use of alcohol.

The amendment read: "Appropriately licensed restaurants in the Central Business District, the Gateway Corridor District, or within a commercial shopping center under one common ownership in the C-2 zoning district, which would be allowed no closer than 200 feet from the nearest church of school or which were separated by at least a road or highway. Food must be sold at all times alcohol is and must account for over 50% of business sales."

Also, the council approved a total of \$19,500 payment to improve the city's water system; increasing the approved payment to Reynolds Water System Improvements and MOBRO Utility Extension by \$60,245 to \$1,060,294 for the replacement of water services in the Cove subdivision; approved electrical inventory purchases by a total of \$229,709; and the expenditure of \$30,242 to ACE Pole Company to buy utility poles.

Long Bay Road to reopen, segment of C.R. Road 220 West to close

Roadwork part of Blanding Boulevard widening project

MIDDLEBURG – As part of the Blanding Boulevard widening project between Allie Murray Road and Long Bay Road, the new alignment of Long Bay Road and Blanding Boulevard is expected to open to traffic Monday, July 13, weather and schedule permitting.

On Tuesday, July 14, a segment of County Road 220 West at Blanding Boulevard will close to traffic for several months as the contractor constructs a new alignment at this intersection. Motorists will be detoured via Long Bay Road and Blanding Boulevard.

Construction on the project began in January 2019. Project improvements include widening the road from four lanes to six lanes; full reconstruction of the

roadway; adding 4-foot wide bike lanes in both directions; adding six-foot wide sidewalks in both directions; replacement of traffic signals and street lights; construction of a new drainage system; and realignment of the intersections at Long Bay Road and County Road 220 Access Road.

Contractor R.B. Baker Construction Company is expected to complete the \$19.1 million project in fall 2021, weather and schedule permitting.

The Florida Department of Transportation urges motorists to always follow the speed limit and stay within the limits of orange cones and barrels while traveling through construction zones. For up-to-date information regarding construction projects and lane closures, please visit www.nflroads.com or contact FDOT personnel at (904) 831-FDOT.

Junior Achievement of North Florida hosts virtual Day of the Girl

Girls, ages 10 to 15, can take part in the virtual workshop

CLAY COUNTY – Junior Achievement of North Florida will host a virtual edition of the 5th Annual Day of the Girl. Girls, ages 10 to 15, can participate in the online event on Friday, July 10 from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The event, which is a subprogram of the *JA Girl\$ Initiative*, is designed to prepare girls and young women for economic success. The workshops are free but will be limited to 200 attendees. Students can register at <https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-norflor/day-of-the-girl>.

"We are excited to deliver important lessons to girls and young women to help them prepare for their professional futures in a fun, hands-on and engaging way again this year," said Teresa Smith, vice president of programs for JA of North Florida. "Our team led by our JA Girl\$ Program Director Carly Norton has put together a great program with female en-

trepreneurs and coaches that will provide valuable information as we celebrate the potential of girls."

Locally, Pace Center for Girls and Seamark Ranch participate in the Junior Achievement program.

The event will feature an interactive workshop on self-esteem with Dr. Phenessa Gray from Empower CREATIVE! Studios or Coach J Dianne Tribble of At the Table Coaching. Dr. Gray, a certified social and emotional intelligence coach, and Coach Tribble will be discussing self-esteem and personal branding as it relates to economic success.

Entrepreneur Christie Jones Bird will also be presenting. She is the founder and owner of Jone and Rose Luxury Bath and Body Products.

She will talk about how she created her skincare business and how to create bath and body products at home.

The virtual event will also include trivia games and live music where the girls can request a song. Each girl who completes the Day of the Girl will also receive an Amazon gift card.



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Unite

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was working with any other outside groups.

Like others, Hart was concerned about retaliatory responses from other groups.

Taylor assured the council the rally is homegrown.

"We all live here. We are not coordinating with any other outside groups or organizations for this," he said. "It was intended strictly as an event for our local community to come together. We chose Keystone Beach because that's the most well-known park and gathering spot in our area. We felt it would be most appropriate for anybody in the community, regardless of their age, who wanted to come join us and join in on the discussion."

The council said it would revisit Taylor's request at every monthly meeting until it's safe.

"We canceled out an abundance of caution because of COVID-19 and I am not going to say 'Let's not have the Unite Keystone.' Can we please postpone it again until we get a better grasp on this virus and see what's going to happen? We've left the entire month of October open as a possibility," said councilman Larry Peoples. "Let's see what happens."

The council also pushed for the cancellation of the Kiwanis Club's rummage sale on Aug. 1 and the Meet Your Neighbor celebration on Sept. 5 – both in response to COVID-19.

In other business, the city agreed to extend its State of Emergency to Aug. 3. Council also authorized newly-appointed city manager Lynn Rutkowski to seek agreements and permits for as much as \$275,000 the city will get from the county's \$38 million in CARES Act funding.

Slingshot

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donations will help them to fulfill their mission of assisting the Clay community.

The benefit show hopes to have at least 50 Slingshots.

"We've been watching the news, and we've seen people who are giving food to the food pantry," said Beth Davis, Event Coordinator for Coast 2 Coast Slingshots. "People are still in need of food right now. We decided that since the pandemic hit, the best thing for us to do was be able to collect canned foods and replenish some of the food banks in Jacksonville, and we know there was a need for food for Orange Park. Since the [slingshot] show was in Orange Park, the food is benefitting Orange Park."

Holeshot Powersports will be giving demo rides out to anyone wanting to

drive the new 2020 Polaris Slingshot from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lots of kids really like the Slingshot because their design often resembles the Batmobile.

"You can even take a spin in one of these three-wheel auto cycles yourself," Davis said.

The show itself will take place from 2-4 p.m. There will also be an evening ride leaving from Powershot sports and going through the countryside. That portion of the show will be at about 6:30 p.m.

"The reason we're trying to do this is to bring some positivity to our community," Davis said. "Everybody is worried. Everybody is staying home. This is going to be outside in the fresh air [but Everybody is welcome to wear masks]. We just want to bring the community together over a benefit to get people out, be positive, and we really do want to give back to the community. If we can bring the community together and give back to the food banks, then that's even better."



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Police Briefs

Former Clay County deputy arrested with child pornography

ORANGE PARK – A former Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy was arrested July 1 after investigators found child pornography on his home computer.

Calvin Tyler Williams was charged with eight counts of possessing and viewing depictions of children performing sexual conduct.

According to the arrest report, CCSO received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that child pornography was being uploaded at Williams' house.

Deputies took Williams' computer and found at least eight photos of children between "10 and 12" in various poses.

According to records at the Sheriff's Office, Williams served as a deputy for 11 months, starting in December 1989.

CCSO deputy charged with DUI in Middleburg

MIDDLEBURG – A Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy was in jail Sunday for DUI following a single-car crash at Blanding Boulevard and Howard Road.

Myron White, a 12-year veteran of the agency, was arrested by the Florida Highway Patrol after CCSO requested its assistance.

White has been placed on administrative leave, CCSO said.

Man jailed after ramming CCSO cruiser, high speed chase

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A Ponte Vedra Beach man was arrested following a high-speed chase after ramming a Clay County Sheriff's Office patrol car.

Jeffrey Luke Crane, 40, also was

charged with DUI, refusing to submit to a blood alcohol test, aggravated battery on a police officer and leaving the scene of an accident involving property damage.

The sheriff's office responded to a call about a reckless driver on State Road 21 on July 3. Crane's car side-swiped the deputy's car in the rear and along the driver's side when he tried to flee the scene while the deputy directed traffic.

The chase went south on S.R. 21 into Putnam County before he crashed in a drainage ditch on Kueka Road.

Crane refused to submit to a blood alcohol test.

Three at Clay County Jail test positive for COVID-19

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Two Clay County Sheriff's Office members and one inmate in the Clay County Jail tested positive for COVID-19.

The CCSO members combating the virus are located at the same building. One is a sworn deputy, the other is a civilian. Appropriate measures were immediately taken to ensure the safety of the individuals who worked in close contact with those members.

In addition, one inmate in the Clay County Jail also tested positive for COVID-19. The inmate is asymptomatic. That inmate is in and will remain in a negative air flow isolation cell.

Members of the detention facility who have had direct contact with that inmate have been notified and they are seeking testing. CCSO is working with the health department to increase inmate testing in the jail facility. A mask mandate was in effect in the jail prior to this inmate testing positive for the virus. CCSO said it's been proactive in intake screening and in-house procedures over the last several months,

as a jail environment is highly vulnerable for infectious diseases.

The jail staff has been diligent in sanitization efforts and followed state protocols.

Appropriate safety measures have been in place for the last several months in all of the agency's buildings.

That includes temperature checks, members working from home, daily disinfecting and hand sanitizer stations throughout the hallways in the buildings.

In addition, a mask mandate for all members while in common areas of all of the facilities is in effect this week until further notice.

This mandate also extends to detention members, anyone entering the jail, civilians working with inmates or jail staff and any inmate outside their cell.

Fire quickly extinguished at Clay County Jail

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – An electrical

fire started in the Clay County Jail early morning on July 2 and was quickly extinguished.

Jail staff responded and located the fire on the second floor in a pipe alley.

The fire was in a light fixture attached to a wall. Deputies called Clay County Fire Rescue, responded with fire extinguishers and air packs, and jail staff evacuated a dorm due to the smoke and chemicals in the air.

Deputies were able to put the fire out quickly using the fire extinguisher and by disconnecting the power.

CCFR responded to the jail and used a thermal scanner to check for hot spots and found none.

Deputies used fans to clear the smoke and chemicals from the area and once the area was deemed safe, they returned the inmates to their cells.

No one was hurt during the incident.



Man arrested following high-speed chase, crash with CCSO patrol car

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Jacksonville man was arrested after he crashed into a Clay County Sheriff's Office patrol car Monday afternoon after he reportedly carjacked a company van in Middleburg and led deputies on a high-speed chase along County Road 218 and State Roads 16 and 17.

Aaron Cole Beckworth, 33, also was charged with armed carjacking, grand theft auto, attempting to flee without regard for the safety of others and driving without a valid license after deputies said he sprayed pepper spray in the eyes of a man who was putting gasoline in his Pickett Electric, Inc. van.

Beckworth took off with the van, but was quickly discovered by the sheriff's office.

The pursuit involved several CCSO patrol cars. Several drivers reported suffering damage after being run off the road.

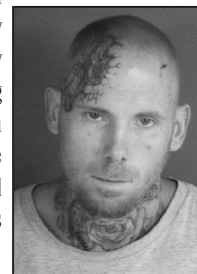
"I didn't know what was happening," said a woman who said she ran off S.R. 16 to avoid being hit by Beckworth. "I thought he was going to hit me."

Beckworth said he side-swiped a Dodge pickup during the chase and the pickup knocked his side mirror off.

The left-front tire went flat on S.R. 17 in front of Garber Automall. He pulled into the median, struck the CCSO cruiser and immediately surrendered.

During an interview with CCSO, Beckworth admitted stealing two other cars from A-1 Towing on Joe Johns Road in Middleburg. He met with another man at the BP gas station on C.R. 218 to return a car. He said the other man fired a shot at him, so he ran across the street to the Shell station and stolen the van while the man was pumping gas.

Beckworth's bond was set at \$250,003.



Aaron Beckworth

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; BAL-blood alcohol level. There are no assumptions or representations about guilt or innocence. Anyone arrested or booked is presumed innocent.

Tuesday, July 7

Ethan E. Bader, 29, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Jeremiah L. Riggs, 39, Orange Park, robbery

Rhonda L. Chafin, 39, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Aaron C. Beckworth, 33, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto

Timothy S. Sarver, 55, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Shane A. Freitag, 20, Fleming Island,

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Jazleene A. Brown, 19, Fleming Island, retail petit theft

Jo L.B. Fulgham, 26, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Ciara L. Zino, 18, Fleming Island, retail petit theft

Benjamin K. Collier, 24, Oakleaf, battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Dustin C. Bridgman, 34, Middleburg, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Teresa L. Rigby, 32, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Frederick V. Thornton, 38, Fleming Island, violation of condition for pretrial release for domestic violence

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Community Briefs

Jacksonville Symphony continues streaming concerts in July

JACKSONVILLE – Since the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts closed to the public in mid-March, the Jacksonville Symphony has taken to social media to continue bringing music to Jacksonville. Performances have ranged from the music of Broadway, smaller chamber ensembles, and previously streamed Florida Blue Masterworks performances.

Typically, summers in Jacoby Symphony Hall are quiet. This summer will be different. Jacoby Symphony Hall will once again be filled with music from Symphony musicians. With the belief that music is more important than ever in this time of uncertainty, the Jacksonville Symphony feels strongly about safely providing music to the community.

“We are happy to be able to continue performing,” says principal cellist Alexei Romanenko. “It is not a replacement for a live performance where we can see the audience and feel their energy, but it is a way to continue sharing our art with a community that continues to support us.” Alexei will be performing in three of the four upcoming streams.

After a two-week hiatus, the Symphony will continue to stream music on Fridays at 8 p.m. starting again on July 10. All streams are free to anyone wanting to fill their evenings with music. The performances are hosted by Music Director Courtney Lewis. Small ensembles are used to make sure all musicians can be safely physically distanced on stage for each performance. Those viewing on Facebook or YouTube can share their comments and emoji applause to support the Symphony musicians.

“It’s been really great to see support

coming from not only Jacksonville, but across the country,” says Symphony Digital Marketing Manager Anna Birtles. “Most of our streams have viewers watching from all over, sharing their love of the orchestra in comments and likes. It’s a completely different world than what we were doing just a few months ago, but still satisfying to know our community misses us.” Birtles runs the Symphony’s streams with Stage Manager Ray Klaase, Stage Associate James Pitts, Technical Director Shamus McConney and Audio Engineer Jeff Alford.

Patrons can find the streamed concerts on the Symphony’s Facebook page or YouTube Channel.

Streaming Schedule:

- Friday, July 10 – Beethoven’s Strings: Jonathan Kuo, violin, DJ Cheek, principal viola and Alexei Romanenko, principal cello.

- Friday, July 17 – Centennial Celebration: Les Roettges, principal flute and Alexei Romanenko, principal cello.

- Friday, July 24 – String Octet: Jonathan Kuo, violin, Siyu Zhang, violin, Megan Rios, violin, Christopher Chappell, violin, DJ Cheek, principal viola, Jorge A. Peña Portillo, viola, Alexei Romanenko, principal cello and Betsy Federman, cello.

- Friday, July 31 – Vaughan Williams’ Folksongs – Melissa Barrett, acting concertmaster, Megan Rios, violin, DJ Cheek, principal viola, Laurie Casseday, cello, John Wieland, principal bass, Les Roettges, principal flute, Eric Olson, principal oboe and Daniel Rios, English horn.

To support the Jacksonville Symphony during this difficult time patrons can: · Make a donation through the website jax-symphony.

To receive additional information about the Jacksonville Symphony via social media, and the web site, where patrons can sign up to be added to the email list.

Tune into streams on Friday evenings and share with friends and family.

Arrests

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Monday, July 6

David D. Phillips, 42, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

William A.C. Marsh, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary

Ryan G. Curtis, 21, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Aaron C. Beckworth, 33, Middleburg, carjacking while carrying firearm/deadly weapon, driving without a valid license, attempting to flee/elude police with lights/siren active with disregard for safety of others

Johnny E. Conley, 50, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Sunday, July 5

Rudolph W. Schoverling, 43, Orange Park, simple battery

Marcus J. Waters, 43, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Nakailah I.R. Davis, 18, Oakleaf, possession-marijuana

David J. Craig, 18, Middleburg, failing to stop following accident involving serious bodily injury

Karl E. Keskinen, 36, Middleburg, retail petit theft

Clifton R. Ganty, 22, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Marcus J. Waters, 43, Green Cove Springs, non-support, VOP-battery (Duval)

Jennifer M. Ruda, 32, Orange Park, soliciting funds within public transportation facility without permit

Paul C. Thibedeau, 63, Middleburg, DUI, failing to provide information/render aid

Diamond A. Hinson, 19, Orange Park, disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling/

breach of peace, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Kyle A. Loffer, 25, Orange Park, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, criminal mischief

Myron White, Middleburg, DUI

Saturday, July 4

Troy M. Witter, 38, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Jason S. Williams, 25, Orange Park, DUI

Nathanael C. Alvarez, 27, Fleming Island, domestic battery

Kristina K. Hartman, 38, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Amber L. Cook, 40, Orange Park, VOP-possession-cocaine

Sarah R. Nix, 24, Orange Park, driving without valid license

Robert J. Beegle, 31, Middleburg, DWL-SR-third offense

Ellen T. Barnhardt, 31, Orange Park, domestic battery

Joshua E. Martin, 33, Orange Park, domestic battery

Claire R. Hogan, 49, Orange Park, disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling/breach of peace

William Z. Philpot, 29, Middleburg, DUI, leaving scene of accident involving property damage

Friday, July 3

Derek S. Watson, 38, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial condition of release for dating violence

Wayne C. Mann, 40, Orange Park, DWLSR

Miranda R. Valentine, 32, Orange Park, burglary, dealing with stolen property, give false information to pawn broker

Markeith J. Rogers, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-providing false information to police

Jessica D. Warren, 33, Lake Asbury, VOP-community control

Fiori Zeray, 32, Fleming Island, retail

petit theft

Jeffrey L. Crane, 40, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery against police officer/firefighter/EMT, DUI, attempting to flee/elude police with lights/siren active

Thursday, July 2

Kimberly A. MacLennan, 45, Orange Park, DUI

Martrell C. Sims, 25, Orange Park, VOP-domestic battery

Shaun A. Thornton, 40, Middleburg, petit theft

Henry J. Flynn, 41, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Quincie B. Berry, 31, Green Cove Springs, non-support

Tabitha A. Bollinger, 33, Middleburg, trespassing

John C. Truesdell, 32, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief

Johnny R. Truesdell, 62, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery

Wednesday, July 1

Thomas E. Ross, 38, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine

Israel A. Butler, 44, Orange Park, possession-heroin, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Calvin T. Williams, Orange Park, eight counts possession/control/viewing depiction of child sexual conduct

Isaac D. Simmons, 30, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Danny L. Hensley, 47, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-methamphetamine, VOP-possession/use-drug equipment, VOP-DWLSR

Parth R. Dave, 28, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer, grand theft auto

David J. Teixeira, 57, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Robert W. Love, 52, Orange Park, DUI

Calendar of Events

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet July 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Johnny’s BBQ, 7411 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.

CLAY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: will hold its monthly meeting at the Clay County Extension office July 10 at 3 p.m. at 2463 State Road 16 West, in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on July 14 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

CLAY SAFETYNET ALLIANCE: will meet July 16 at 8:30 a.m. on ZOOM. Representatives from local government, faith-based groups and nonprofits collaborate to find solutions for important issues affecting Clay County.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet July 16 at 6 p.m. at Clyde’s Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet July 23 at 7:30 a.m. at Johnny’s BBQ, 7411 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on July 28 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet July 30 at 7:30 a.m. at Johnny’s BBQ, 7411 State Road 21, Keystone Heights.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL: will meet Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence St.

Governor appoints three to Clay County Development Authority

By Bruce Hope
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CLAY COUNTY – Three new members of the Clay County Development Authority were appointed on July 2 by order of Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Hackney: Next five years will be 'unprecedented'

Among them is Thomas Hackney. Originally from North Carolina, he moved to Florida in 1974 and has lived here ever since. He is a 12-year resident of Clay County.

Currently, he serves as the Human Resources director for the Hanania Auto-



Thomas Hackney

tive Group. Prior to holding that position, he was a 29-year veteran of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

While serving in a law enforcement capacity, Hackney held multiple positions, including detective and chief of investigations. He was decorated as an officer and has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police since 1991.

When the time came to hang up the uniform and make the move to "regular life," Hackney was recommended for the position on the CCDA by connections he had made during his time as a police officer.

"Through connections I had made with the sheriff's office over the years," said Hackney of how he got the Governor's appointment to the position. "I've been a Clay County resident for 12 year, so some of the folks I met there made a recommendation to the governor to consider me for that board, knowing that I was transitioning from the sheriff's office to the private sector, I guess it seemed like a good fit."

"On behalf of the CCDA board, I am excited to welcome these new board members," said Executive Director Josh Cockrell. "We appreciate the governor's support for our organization. These appointments will help up us fulfill our mission in supporting, promoting, and facilitating economic development in Clay County."

"I spent an entire career and adult life serving the public, and knowing how things work, being a good steward of tax dollars. Taking that into the public realm and looking at how to apply that to the board, just seemed like a good fit," said Hackney.

He plans to go into the board and observe the current state of affairs. He looks forward to using his background and history to provide a fresh set of eyes. He sees this as a honeymoon period, while checking the lay of the land before diving in. He doesn't have anything specific in mind project-wise at the moment. He plans to see what the goals over the next few years are, and then try to put his on his own spin.

"To be considered and then selected by the governor [for this position], I'd say that's a huge honor," Hackney said. "There's nothing but an unpaved road that

we can pave to make Clay... the growth that Clay County, in the next five years will see, will be unprecedented, both residential and commercial."

The governor also appointed Middleburg's Tina Clary and Orange Park's Tiffany Howard to the authority.

Howard: 'The main focus is to have more jobs'

ORANGE PARK – Tiffany Howard is one the appointees made by Governor Ron DeSantis on July 2.

Howard, originally from Michigan, moved to North Florida about 15 years ago. She is an Or-



Tina Howard

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four years, I've served on several committees for the Town of Orange Park," Howard said. "Including the land use and planning committee which then evolved into the economic development committee. I've been really active in my town... trying to stimulate our local economy." Other committees with which Howard has been involved are the Parks and Recreation Committee, and General Government and Policy Committees. She also has been Rotary Club of Orange Park member since 2016.

Howard says she was asked to submit an application and received that call last week that she had been appointed.

"I'm really looking forward to sharing my talents. I've been watching all the moving and shaking in the last 15 years," she said. "There's going to be funds to be used to help developers wanting to bring new developments that will stimulate our economy, and eventually more jobs. The main focus is to have more jobs in Clay County so people have to do less commuting."

Josh Cockrell, Executive Director of the CCDA is looking forward to the prospect of working with the new appointees.

"On behalf of the CCDA board, I am excited to welcome these new board members," said Cockrell. "We appreciate the governor's support for our organization. These appointments will help us fulfill our mission in supporting, promoting, and

facilitating economic development in Clay County."

Howard will have a four-year term during which to make her mark and expressed excitement at the opportunity. Having been in Orange Park for 10 years and watching its growth, looks forward to the chance to continue in those efforts.

"One of the things I'm most excited about is to represent the municipality; the town of Orange Park," Howard said. "To have a seat at that table, for any redevelopment that can be done in our three and a half square miles. I just want to do what I can to serve our residents, protect home values [obviously I have a vested interest in that], school system and quality of life."

The governor also appointed Clay County residents Tina Clary and Thomas Hackney to the authority.

Clary: Recruiting new businesses essential to stimulate economy

Tina Clary is originally from Tennessee and has been a Clay County resident for almost 50 years.

Her husband founded their professional surveying and mapping business, Clary and Associates 37 years ago.

Following his death in 2018, she took over leadership of the company as principal and Chief Executive Officer.

Her experience in economic development is varied, including working with the Florida Department of Transportation, and both private and commercial development throughout Northeast Florida. She is also involved in community and civic organizations, which allow her to see the needs of the local economy.



Tina Howard

"I am a member of the Clay County Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Florida Survey and Mapping Society and they continue to strengthen my resolve to be proactive in the needs of the county," Clary said of the relationship between her occupation and its value to the community. "When Co-Chairing the Clay St Vincent Hospital annual fundraising event in 2017, I recognized the need for sustainable businesses in our bedroom community for industry that will attract other industries, provide jobs and add to our tax base. As President of the Council on Aging Board of Directors, I see the differences a strong infrastructure can make in serving our seniors as well as the general population."

Clary's goal with the CCDA is to be an essential part of recruiting businesses

that would stimulate the local economy. "I specifically would love to see the connector road 'Gregory B Clary Way,' attract businesses and provide jobs that would boost the quality of living in the county," she said. "Also, the revitalization of the Reynolds Industrial Park, where there is full access to land, air, and water, is something to keep in the coffers of our thoughts as well."

"On behalf of the CCDA board, I am excited to welcome these new board members. We appreciate the Governor's support for our organization. These appointments will help us fulfill our mission in supporting, promoting, and facilitating economic development in Clay County," said CCDA Executive Director Josh Cockrell.

Clary said she is honored to have been appointed as a member of the board.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Orange Park's Walsh earns doctorate degree at Florida

ORANGE PARK – Sharon K. (Fowler) Walsh, a State Line native and 1981 Seeger High School graduate, has earned a doctorate degree from the University of Florida in curriculum instruction specializing in educational technology.

She completed the university's graduate school requirements in December 2019 when her dissertation on teens reading for pleasure in a digital age was approved by committee and submitted for publication. UF spring graduates received their diplomas remotely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



Sharon K. (Fowler) Walsh

She previously graduated from Florida State University with a master's degree, the University of Southern Indiana with a bachelor's degree and Danville Area Community College with an associate's degree. She began working in the Clay County school system in 2001 as a science teacher, later becoming a reading coach and is now a district-level curriculum coach for beginning educators.

She and her husband Greg live in Orange Park and they have three daughters and four grandchildren.

Orange Park's Bills on Kentucky College Dean's List

LEXINGTON, Ken. – Angel Bills, of Orange Park, was named to the Spring 2020 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List.

During the term, Angel was majoring in Biology. This accomplishment is a sign of Angel's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 2,610 undergraduate students have qualified for the Spring College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List.



Mission accomplished: Veterans received paintings

CLAY COUNTY – Community Hospice & Palliative Care volunteers from across Florida painted 260 paintings for veterans.

"We met the goal for every veteran in our program to receive a patriotic art piece by the Fourth of July," said Betsy Miller, volunteer coordinator at Community Hospice & Palliative Care. "The paintings are our way of saying thank you to the men and women who have served our country."

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Fleming Island High had a banner season with an unbeaten regular season finish with two playoffs. Returning to try and repeat the effort will be up to the FHSAA and national guidelines for safety for COVID-19. Pictured are Fleming Island graduate captains, from left, Zack Payne, Dean Hyams, Bennett Corey and Shaq Magwood.

FHSAA: Push start dates (Who knows?)

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FloridaHSFootball.com

GAINESVILLE – Right now, it is “muddy waters.”

That comment made by Florida High School Athletic Association Executive Director George Tomyng regarding a potential plan involving a return to play for high school athletics in the Sunshine State.

The FHSAA held its second Fall Sports Task Force Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday morning with the idea at least in a recommendation to study more in pushing back the start of practices for high school athletics to no earlier than Monday, August 10.

In an 8-7 vote that was recommended

by Blountstown head football coach and athletic director, Beau Johnson, the plan would take an FHSAA plan that laid out four options for how high school athletics could proceed in different regions as presented by the FHSAA's Associate Director of Athletic Services, Justin Harrison in conjunction with the start date of August 10.

The plan from the FHSAA would give schools and school districts various options of how to proceed with various sports seasons. This plan came about after one recommendation to approve a change in calendar start dates for fall sports on recommendations that came from the Florida

SEE FOOTBALL, 19

Stratton outduels Waiguru for Keystone 5K title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – In one of the very few 5K road-running races in the state, St. Johns Country Day School's Matthew Stratton figured on cruising to the win until Clay High's Carlton Waiguru decided to make the race interesting with a pesky chase that Stratton eventually pulled away from for the win Saturday morning in Keystone Heights.

“I thought he would die so I went out hard in the first mile,” said Stratton, a junior at St. Johns and last year's Class 1A cross country second place finisher with a 15 minute, 39 second finish. “He was there for most of the race and I had to take him on one of the last hills.”

Stratton, who pulled away for the win in 16:22.90, had a contingency of Spartan teammates with him as coach



Freedom 5K finishers Ashton, left, and Robert Ludwig, a daughter/father tandem at Saturday's July 4 run through the steets of Keystone Heights, carry the flag to the finish line.

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Open for fun

Seven-year-old Josiah Conner bounds on the newly proclaimed Eli Warren Memorial Fitness Course in front of the Warren family; from left, dad Charles, brother Ian, sister Evie and mother Releia after a Thursday ceremony honoring 10-year old Eli Warren at Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury. See story, page 18.



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Eli Warren joins Ronnie Van Zant Park aura

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

LAKE ASBURY - Clay County Commissioner Chairman Gayward Hendry was contrite when naming Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury as one of his favorite parks in the county and added a bit more to add to the park's allure when he introduced the Eli Warren Fitness Course to the park's offerings in a somber ceremony Thursday

morning.

"For those that don't know Eli Warren, he was a wonderful child tragically lost too early in life by a car accident," said Hendry in front of a crowd of family, county officials and church friends of the Warrens from Maranatha Church of Jacksonville. "His name is going to be said thousands of times in the years to come because of this, the Eli Warren Fitness Course at Ronnie Van Zant Park. From what I understand, he



A large contingent of supporters attended the Thursday ceremony dedicating the Eli Warren Memorial Fitness Course at Ronne Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury.



The Warren family, with County Commissioner Chairman Gayward Hendry, left, show off a picture of son Eli Warren and his dedication sign for the Eli Warren Memorial Fitness Course in Ronnie Van Zant Park.

was loved people, physical activity and this facility is a fine tribute to him."

The Eli Warren Fitness Course consists of a series of physical obstacles; jumps, climbs, balancing and strength made for young children-sized athletes to enjoy.

For the Warren family, the moment was a bit overwhelming.

"I'm just overwhelmed, I don't know what to say," said father Charles Warren, noting Eli was 10 years old. "He always like the Ninja TV shows and the WipeOut shows. He would have loved this."

Warren, with Eli's siblings Ian and Evie,

noted that the course and park facility was a complete surprise that came via an anonymous donation.

"I'm awestruck," said Warren, 47. "Who would have thought?"

Mom Releia Warren, joined by a grandmother of the family, Reba Cribb, Eli's memory is a good tribute to her son's youthful energy.

"This is something that Eli would have loved," said Releia Warren. "He loved people and being outside. He was the most

SEE FITNESS, 21

Clay graduate Borsheim uses Ultras to ease doctor duties

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

Former Clay High volleyball and basketball standout Brianna Borsheim, if she was inclined to, had the perfect role model to take up cross country or track when she was a Blue Devil, but never really had the bug of distance running despite dad Ron Borsheim being a world class American marathoner in his heyday.

"Since starting medical school, I really got interested in long distance running, especially trail racing," said Borsheim, 24. "Like the 50K, 40 milers, with the Pilot Mountain to Hanging Rock one of my favorites. The trail running in North Carolina with the hills here was always very depressing. After every exam, I would drive up to Pilot Mountain, run up and then just take it all in."

Borsheim's running genetics from dad Ron surfaced late in her life, but she reiterated that her Clay High volleyball and basketball days were most enjoyable.

"I don't know if I would have wanted to trade that to run because my dad was so good, but I did finish a 50K race which is farther than he ever competed at," said Borsheim. "He has always just let me go



Clay High, University of South Florida and soon-to-be Wake Forest Medical School graduate Brianna Borsheim, center, smiles with parents Shellie and Ron after graduating from South Florida.

and do my own thing."

Dad Ron Borsheim is an accomplished athlete with a 1988 Olympic Trials Marathon berth with a 2:17:04 finish and a 1989 USA World University Games competitor that finished 13th in the marathon in 2:25.19.

Borsheim's results in her new passion

for running include a fourth overall finish and first female in 2018 in the Pilot Mountain Goat Three Miler in 42:16; a 37th place in finish in 7:06:36 at the 2019 Pilot Mountain to Hanging Rock Ultra 50K and a 35th overall, fourth female at the Pilot Mountain Goat Seven Miler in 1:23:14.

Borsheim, after graduating Clay High

in 2014, finished up her bachelor's degree at University of South Florida in just three years (2017, Bachelor of Science/Biomedical Science) before embarking on medical school at Wake Forest University in July 2017.

"My initial major was more toward medical statistics, but I quickly realized I liked people more than numbers," said Borsheim. "That is what pushed me toward medicine."

One of Borsheim's most intense moments was an assist in the transplant of a heart of a 48 year male patient.

"I had been a part of kidney and pancreas transplants and had an opportunity to assist in the heart transplant," said Borsheim. "I got to take the heart out and then release the clamp to get the blood flowing into the new heart. It was really cool. The whole room was like holding their breath until the heart starts beating. I nearly broke the sterile field by clapping so hard."

The heart transplant experience itself was truly monumental, said Borsheim, but more unexpected.

"Not a lot of medical students get to be a part of transplants in general," said Bor-

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Football

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Athletic Coaches Association was voted down.

The Florida Athletic Coaches Association's recommendations recommended four different options that had a potential start date going from as scheduled all the way out to a September 8 start date for practices that would extend playoffs and state championships into late-December through mid-January.

Among other ideas was an idea of moving the sports seasons around that came in from Dung Nguyen, the Athletic Director for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. That plan was ultimately not considered as most agreed that flipping the seasons around could set up a "double-whammy" situation, especially for spring sports that saw their seasons canceled as a result of COVID-19.

However, the plan that was voted on and approved to be studied further is only in the recommendation and does not change where the FHSAA's current calendar stands as of today that the first fall practices for most sports will take place starting Monday, July 27.

"At this time, no plan has been accepted, addressed or adopted. No final decision has been made", Tomy said as he made clear about the current July 27 start date still standing.

With the FHSAA plan, the start dates for a first regular-season contest will range with three different dates going from August 31, September 14, and September 21.

Under the options of the start dates, the state series would be kept intact, but it was noted even by FHSAA staff that have a state series for any sport is no guarantee at this time.

When looking at recommendations from FHSAA member schools and seeing where things stand, in a survey that was sent out to nearly 780 member schools, 178 responses said that schools would start between the slated August 10-14 dates that most schools are projected to have for opening school for the 2020-2021 school year. 122 said extracurricular activities would be allowed while 90 still had no decision on this.

When it came to things regarding travel, the survey had a very mixed bag of responses with 73 saying they have travel

restrictions, 70 said no, 69 are still unknown. Some will not be allowed to travel, or travel to a specific area.

Other points made during the meeting:

Duval County Public School Athletic Director Tammie Talley is recommended that state championships be held at a school site on a neutral field instead of the central sites. However, that was tied into the FACA proposals on calendar dates.

Collier County's Coordinator of Interscholastic Athletics, Mark Rosenbalm said that football needs to be able to go off with fans because football is the biggest revenue sport for most #FHSAA member schools. Budgets would be devastated if fans are limited in attending games. "If the football season doesn't go without a hitch... it's going to devastate most of our budgets and we're going to have to figure something out."

John Scarpino of the Mid-Coast Officials Association is saying that different policies will most likely be needed for indoor vs. outdoor spots and contact vs non-contact sports as well as looking at geography. Scarpino also recommended some protocols for football officials, but nothing official at this time.

It is unknown when the FHSAA will schedule a Board of Directors meeting to take up this recommendation or if the FHSAA will require the Fall Sports Task Force to meet again if more things are needing to be reviewed at this time.



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The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, one of the most prolific minor league teams in Major League Baseball, will not have a regular season schedule in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jumbo Shrimp 2020 season canceled

First time since 1969 for Jacksonville without professional baseball season

JACKSONVILLE – The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp 2020 season has been canceled per an announcement by Minor League Baseball Tuesday afternoon.

"The news that we will not have Jumbo Shrimp baseball at 121 Financial Ballpark is devastating," Jumbo Shrimp owner/CEO Ken Babby said. "While we are disappointed there will be no Jumbo Shrimp baseball in 2020, we are looking forward to the many socially-distanced and safe events that continue to bring Affordable Family Fun to our community."

Fans who have purchased individual game tickets for any game of the 2020 season will automatically receive a credit to their Jumbo Shrimp ticket account. That credit may be utilized at any point for any

2021 Jumbo Shrimp ticket purchase as tickets, season tickets or mini-plans are released for sale. A 2021 season schedule and promotional schedule will be announced at a later date, prior to individual game tickets going on sale for the 2021 season. "We are incredibly disappointed and crushed to not have a Jumbo Shrimp baseball season at 121 Financial Ballpark in 2020," said Jumbo Shrimp executive vice president/general manager Harold Crow. "We still look at ourselves as leaders in part of the safe reopening of Jacksonville, and safety for our fans and staff will always be our top priority. Thanks to the trust instilled by the community, we are providing alternative affordable and fun outdoor and socially-distanced events at 121 Financial Ballpark. We will hopefully await Jumbo Shrimp baseball to return in 2021."



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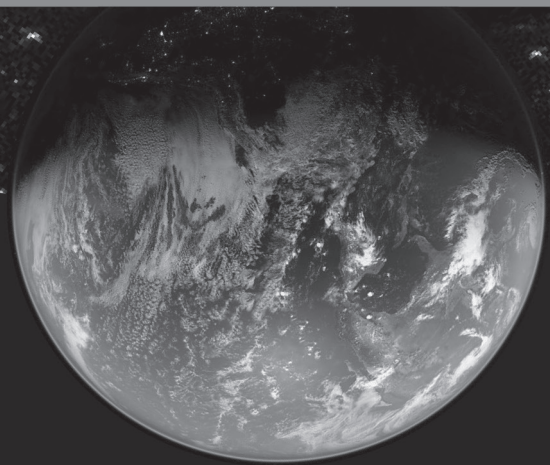
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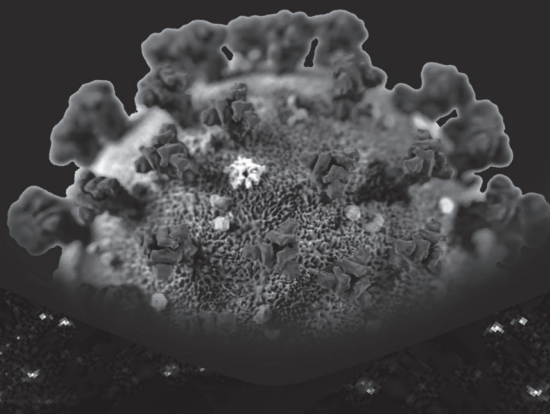
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St. Johns Country Day School incoming junior cross country runner Matthew Stratton showed off some readiness for his 2020 season with a strong win at the Freedom 5K road race in Keystone Heights. Stratton was second at the Class 1A championship race last year.



Fleming Island master's runner Holly Sanford, also a noted Pavement Killers' team member out of Fleming Island, powered to a second place finish at the Freedom 5K with Providence and University of North Florida standout Eden Meyer winning the women's title. Meyer is a pro runner based in Atlanta.



Runners take off at the start of the Freedom 5K, one of a handful of full 5K races in Florida, in a return to the roads after a hiatus from 2017.

Keystone

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Greg Stratton decided to let the boys flex a bit of muscle prior to the anticipated season start in the fall.

"We haven't run a race in a while," said Matt Stratton. "It's a great experience to run a race and also to bring some teammates."

The Freedom 5K is staged to benefit the Jordan Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund, a volunteer non-profit named for a Keystone Heights High School student.

Waiguru, a regional finisher last year in Class 2A, finished second in 16:47.82 just ahead of women's champion Eden Meyer who followed in 16:54.59.

Meyer, 23, a professional runner out of Atlanta, is a former Providence High standout and an NCAA nationals runner at 10K for the University of North Florida.

"I know the family that put the race back together and wanted to share in its return," said Meyer. "The group up front was running a pretty good clip for this weather."

Behind Waiguru, Julian Bautista of Gainesville took third in 17:04.60 with

Ryan Collins, son to race director Kerry Collins, fourth in 17:49.08. Richard Nichols of Jacksonville took fifth male in sixth overall in 18:21.71.

The top five in the womens division had Holly Sanford, 44, of Fleming Island, as runnerup in 20:33.60, Sarah Searle, 23, of Starke, as third female in 17th overall in 21:32.73, Michelle Anderson of Gainesville as fourth female in 18th overall just eight seconds away from Searle in 21:43.97. Linda Ramsey of Ocala was fifth female in 21st overall in 21:36.86.

"Watching someone like Eden run was awesome, she was so smooth," said Sanford. "I only saw her for the first 200 meters. We hung in there for the whole race despite not racing for a long time. This is the best speedwork and it doesn't feel like July 4 unless you run a race."

One notable competitor, Mark DeToro, a former Clay High wrestling standout and former coach, finished as the lone wheelchair competitor in 26:37.96.

There were 96 competitors in the event timed by Florida Race Day.

For Freedom 5K race results and more photos, visit claytodayonline.com

Fitness

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extroverted kid I've known. He would have loved making a fool of himself running through this course."

Grandmother Cribb was a bit more solemn about the occasion, but appreciated the town's efforts.

"The day makes your heart hurt seeing his picture up there and all," said Cribb. "It's a great way to honor him."

Maranatha Church brought a large cadre of Warren friends dressed in Pigster Animation T-Shirts.

"Eli wanted to be a YouTube star like a lot of the kids on their now," said Charles Warren. "He created this Pigster group and has a few videos there."

Maranatha pastor Jeff Henderson, who was sporting an ankle boot for an injury, spoke of Eli as a church friend and also as a child who exuded the spirit of Jesus and of life.

"All of us would give whatever we could to not be here naming a park in his memory," said Henderson. "If Eli were alive, we could still fittingly name the park to him as a living memorial because he very appropriately represents the joy and beauty of this place. He truly loved his family and friends."

According to Annalease Winter, spokesperson for the Clay County Commissioners, the donor had traveled with the Warren family on a trip to Spain that got the ball rolling for the fitness course.

"The donor came to us about a year and a half ago, said the Warren family used to live near Van Zant Park and he wanted to make a donation," said Winter, "That got the ball rolling and we started construction thereafter. I think it could become a great visit for local gym classes, even the Clay County Sheriff has shown interest for their PAL program."

Winter noted that more items will be added to the park per the anonymous donor.

PUZZLE FUN

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to mobile phones. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 20 = e)

A. 8 2 19 12 20

Clue: Communication device

B. 24 20 15 24

Clue: Worded message

C. 7 20 17 17 14 4 20

Clue: Form of communication

D. 4 14 7 20 17

Clue: Enjoyable activities

Answers: A. phone B. text C. message D. games

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to phones.

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Answer: Alert

Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in England on July 10, 1993. I performed at school as a youngster, but never thought of myself as a great singer. That all changed when my bandmates and I became the first all-girl group to win "The X Factor" singing competition.

Answer: Perrie Edwards

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WORDS

- ACTIVATION
- ADVANCED
- ALPHANUMERIC
- ANDROID
- APPLICATION
- BANDWIDTH
- BINARY
- BLUETOOTH
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- CAPACITY
- CELLULAR
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- DATA
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- FINGERPRINT
- ILLUMINATION
- KEYPAD
- NETWORK
- PROVIDER
- SECURITY
- SERVICE
- STREAMING
- WIFI

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

Borsheim

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a part of transplants in general,” said Borsheim. “My experiences were extraordinary. The most rewarding one was a kidney transplant for a 15 year that was not able to go to high school because of her dialysis situation. With a new kidney, she was expected to go to high school before the CoronaVirus Pandemic hit.”

Borsheim is now on her way into her fourth year of medical school at Wake Forest with the Coronavirus Pandemic having a double-edged effect.

“Most of fourth year is applying to residencies and rotating through potential hospitals you may want to work in,” said Borsheim, noting Wake Forest had kind of a Clay High feel to it. “The teachers were very friendly. The campus was small and it was so friendly like Clay was.”

On top of her studies, Borsheim recently produced, with four co-horts; one her fiancé, Stanton Prep and South Florida grad John Blizzard, and now at Albany Medical College in New York, with interest in emergency medicine, a study and report dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. The study, titled Preparation for the United Medical



Brianna Borsheim and dad Ron, a world class marathoner in his day, got to compete together at the Gate River Run 15K as the last race across the country before March's pandemic shutdown.

Licensing Examinations in the Face of COVID-19 and published in the Medical Science Educator, centered around how the Co-Vid 19 Pandemic affected medical education.

“Our mentor, Dr. Yenya Hu, is pretty high up in medical education and suggested us to write it because of the effect on the third and fourth years of medical school,” said Borsheim. “The main effect of the virus was to shutdown the testing sites for third year

studies to become fourth year students. You study for months for it and it is a very rugged test. We studied how that delay caused different levels of stress and burnout. We found strategies to aid students to reduce the stress levels.”

Borsheim thought that the study had ramifications for other education levels, including high schools.

“The Virus effected normal high school curriculums by shutting down entire states and making students use virtual classes which can be stressful on both the student and the parents in the house,” said Borsheim. “High schoolers take the ACTs and SATs, just like our medical exams to make decisions on college and future education. The delays with no idea of the return is a recipe for burnout.” Borsheim’s main strategy is to make small goals along the way, target weaker test areas and use extra time to supplement.

“The big thing we found is to ramp down your studying to small, manageable amounts each day,” said Borsheim. “Maintaining high intensity studying for steady months leads to burnout.”

As she focuses in on her medical career, Borsheim is targeting a pediatrics path with pediatric cancer patients her major interest. “I know I’m concentrating on pe-

diatrics,” said Borsheim. “Pediatrics as a sub-speciality with oncology and chemotherapy; cancer patients, because I’m fascinated with the transplant surgery.”

Borsheim downplayed the surgical ambition of her studies mainly because of the serenity of her trail running and ultras.

“I want to have time to do these trail runs when I’m in residency,” said Borsheim. “The Pilot Ultra was my first and I placed third in about six hours, 40 minutes. Then I was first female in 2018 at the Pilot Mountain 7-Miler with a fourth in 2019.”

Why fourth?
“I brought some friends with me to the 2019 race and they loved it and finished first and third,” said Borsheim, with a snicker. “I will rethink who I invite next time.”

Nowadays, Borsheim is using ultra-distance trail running to ease her way to the finish of medical school at Wake Forest University. “John and I are looking to Colorado and Utah area children’s hospitals, but I think we both like this area and may wind up right here at Wake Forest,” said Borsheim. “He’s in Albany, NY, and anytime he comes here, he meets with the people here and they seem to like him.”

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ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; NOTICE OF POSSIBLE REMOTE PROCEDURES DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

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

DATE: TIME:	August 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Rolling Hills Amenity Center 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

It is anticipated that the public hearings and meeting will take place at the location above. Currently there is in place federal, state, and local emergency declarations ("Declarations") in response to COVID-19. In the event the Declarations remain in effect and/or future orders or declarations so authorize, the District may conduct the public hearings and meeting by telephone or video conferencing communications media technology pursuant to such 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, and any extensions or supplements thereof, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

While it may be necessary to hold the above referenced public hearings and meeting 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. To that end, anyone wishing to listen to and/or participate in the meeting and obtain information about how the meeting will occur should refer to the District's website, www.rollinghillscdd.com or contact the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, at (904) 940-5850 or joliver@gmsnf.com to obtain access information. Participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions and comments to the District Manager's Office at Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, or by calling (904) 940-5850 by August 10, 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.

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 ("**Fiscal Year 2020/2021**"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("**O&M Assessments**") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021; to consider the adoption of an assessment roll; and, to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefitted property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget. Pursuant to Section 170.07, Florida Statutes, a description of the streets and areas to be improved, description of services to be funded by the O&M Assessments, and the properties to be improved and benefitted from the O&M Assessments, are all set forth in the Proposed Budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Land Use	Total # of Units/Acres	ERU Factor	Proposed O&M Assessment (including collection costs / early payment discounts)
Platted	375	1	\$371,250.00
Unplatted	386	.75	\$280,185.05

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Clay County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.3632(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

For Fiscal Year 2020/2021, the District intends to have the County tax collector collect the assessments imposed on certain developed property, and will directly collect the assessments imposed on the remaining benefitted property by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2020. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title, or for direct billed assessments, may result in a foreclosure action, which also may result in a loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, or by calling (904) 940-5850 ("**District Manager's Office**"), during normal business hours, or by accessing the District's website at <https://rollinghillscdd.com/>. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

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

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty (20) days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Oliver, District Manager

Legal 46317 published July 9 and July 16, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

RESOLUTION 2020-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT APPROVING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO FLORIDA LAW; ADDRESSING TRANSMITTAL, POSTING AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; ADDRESSING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the District Manager has heretofore prepared and submitted to the Board of Supervisors ("**Board**") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("**District**") prior to June 15, 2020, a proposed budget ("**Proposed Budget**") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021 ("**Fiscal Year 2020/2021**"); and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to fund the administrative and operations services (together, "**Services**") set forth in the Proposed Budget by levy of special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes* ("**Assessments**"), as set forth in the preliminary assessment roll included within the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that benefits would accrue to the properties within the District, as outlined within the Proposed Budget, in an amount equal to or in excess of the Assessments, and that such Assessments would be fairly and reasonably allocated as set forth in the Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Proposed Budget, including the Assessments, and desires to set the required public hearings thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

- 1. PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED.** The Proposed Budget prepared by the District Manager for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is hereby approved as the basis for conducting a public hearing to adopt said Proposed Budget.
- 2. DECLARING ASSESSMENTS.** Pursuant to Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the Assessments shall defray the cost of the Services in the total estimated amounts set forth in the Proposed Budget. The nature of, and plans and specifications for, the Services to be funded by the Assessments are described in the Proposed Budget, all of which are on file and available for public inspection at the "**District's Office**," c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092. The Assessments shall be levied within the District on all benefitted lots and lands, and shall be apportioned, all as described in the Proposed Budget and the preliminary assessment roll included therein. The preliminary assessment roll is also on file and available for public inspection at the District's Office. The Assessments shall be paid in one more installments pursuant to a bill issued by the District in November of 2020, and pursuant to Chapter 170, *Florida Statutes*, or, alternatively, pursuant to the *Uniform Method* as set forth in Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*.
- 3. SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.** A public hearing on said approved Proposed Budget is hereby declared and set for August 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing may be conducted remotely, pursuant to Zoom communications media technology and/or by telephone 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, as such orders may be extended or supplemented, respectively, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., *Florida Statutes*. In the event that Executive Orders are not extended and the Board is required to meet in person for quorum requirements, and/or if conditions allow the meeting to be held in person, it will be held at the following location:

**LOCATION: Rolling Hills Amenity Center
3212 Bradley Creek Parkway
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043**

4. TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET TO LOCAL GENERAL PURPOSE GOVERNMENT(S). The District Manager is hereby directed to submit a copy of the Proposed Budget to the Clay County, Florida at least 60 days prior to the hearing set above.

5. POSTING OF PROPOSED BUDGET. In accordance with Section 189.016, *Florida Statutes*, the District's Secretary is further directed to post the approved Proposed Budget on the District's website at least two days before the budget hearing date as set forth in Section 2, and shall remain on the website for at least 45 days.

6. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE. The District shall cause this Resolution to be published once a week for a period of two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Clay County. Additionally, notice of the public hearings shall be provided in the manner prescribed in Florida law.

7. SEVERABILITY. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

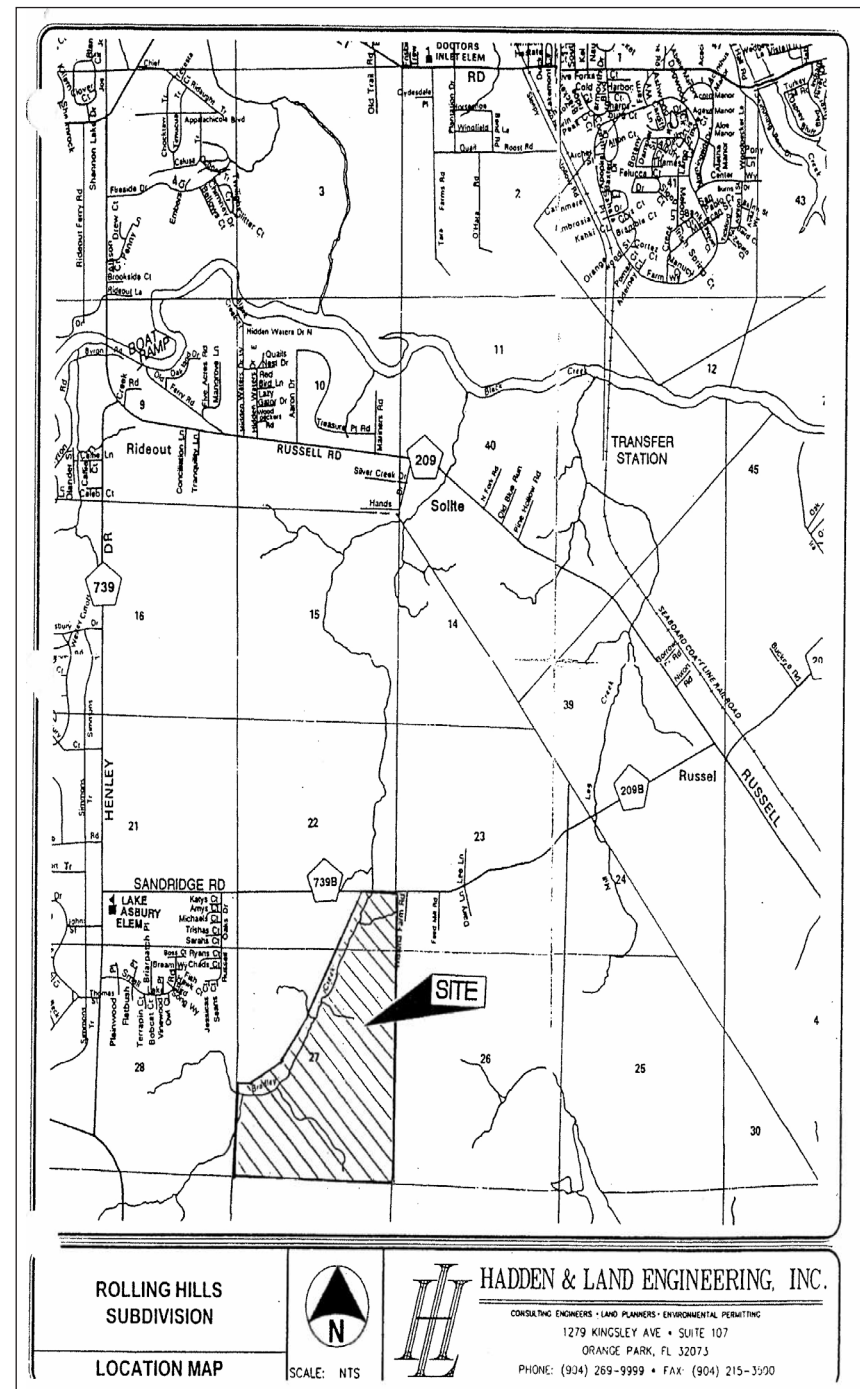
8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2020.

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