

Rivera lets his feet do the talking



Clay's Wilfred Rivera, on knees, is just 16 but on the path to becoming a soccer superstar.

16-year old already on Orlando City FC B team

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FLEMING ISLAND – Just 16, Wilfredo Rivera may be the best soccer player to come out of Clay County.

Rivera was born in Puerto Rico and he spent much of his childhood living there. It was a very formative time in more ways than one, but nothing surpasses the love

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Sheriff: COVID-19 at jail was 'a matter of time'

156 inmates, eight corrections deputies positive with virus

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Sheriff Michelle Cook said the recent outbreak of COVID-19 at the county jail was not only expected, but inevitable.

After announcing 18 positive cases of the deadly virus a week earlier, Cook said a new round of tests have turned up 156 infected inmates and eight detention deputies.

Counting between "60 and 70" inmates who've refused testing, nearly half

of the jail population now is in isolation.

"As of [Monday] morning, we have 156 positive COVID-19 cases in the Clay County Jail among our population. This is among a population of 472 inmates. We have eight detention deputies that have tested positive, as well. We have 104 total deputies that work for us [in the jail]," Cook said.

"This is an area where people eat, sleep, live 24/7, so really was only a

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Vallencourt sets course record; finishes second at JAGA Senior Championship

By Don Coble
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ST. JOHNS -- Mike Vallencourt left the St. Johns Golf and Country Club without a trophy Tuesday afternoon, but he left an impression that forever will be etched in Jacksonville Area Golf Association history.

The Orange Park golfer birdied his last seven holes in the final round of the JAGA Senior Amateur for a course-record 10-under-par 62, but it still wasn't enough to win the 50-year-old division.

Vallencourt cut 14 strokes off his

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Michelle Cook's plan would reduce CCSO's operating budget

New sheriff makes good impression on BCC with proposed budget

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The new sheriff already has already impressed the Board of County Commissioners.

It's no secret that the BCC and previous sheriff Darryl Daniels ran into their own sets of budgetary roadblocks, but newly-elected Michelle Cook is already receiving praise from all five chairs on the board for her work on a new budget.

"As you know, election season is upon us and we have a new constitutional: a new sheriff," county manager Howard Wanamaker said. "Sheriff Cook – I've probably met with her almost half a dozen times at this point to talk about the sheriff's budget. There's quite a bit of difference with regards to the proposed budget."

Wanamaker told the BCC last week that the Cook's budget is shaping up to be a decrease of \$6.2 million – or \$835,000 year over year. He said this was the biggest ob-

stacle for the CCSO.

Cook made her first BCC regular meeting appearance as the new sheriff to discuss what some of the needs in her budget are, which focuses on the jail. She said CCSO has commitment for five deputies using a grant the office received and that the jail still needs to add two registered nurses "to make sure the folks in custody and control are safe."

"This is surprising but it's a good surprise," board chair Gayward Hendry said. "I think you've brought the numbers into something the county manager can work with."

The BCC praised her work so far and expressed excitement in working with her in the future.

"I just want to say how refreshing it is to see us working together in Clay County," board member Diane Hutchings said. "Sheriff Cook, we know you stepped into a big lift. We appreciate the way you've coop-

erated already to help out."

In other business, the BCC has voted unanimously to say that it recognizes the need of the county to have a new health facility, emergency supplies warehouse and business incubator.

"The response back from the [state CARES Act] treasury and consultant was this: we need to contact the board and the board needs to vote that this is a necessity on record," Emergency Management Director John Ward said. "This says that you as an elected board recognize that this is a necessity for your community."

The CARES Act staff, Ward and others can now move forward in formally finding buildings for each of these three things. These buildings will need to be affordable, justified by documentation so that CARES Act money can be spent on them, and their purchases will have to be approved by the BCC.



Sheriff Michelle Cook

Orange Park settles on budget; can't decide on fifth member

Millage rate remains the same, but higher property taxes mean higher taxes

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ORANGE PARK – The town council tentatively approved its 2020-21 fiscal year budget and did so with one of its five chairs remaining vacant.

The council still hasn't decided who will replace previous town mayor Connie Thomas' seat. It's narrowed the search to two candidates but with four council members currently on the dais, the board remains split, 2-2. The vote between Daniel Cobreiro and Virginia Hall have been deadlocked for two months.

A tentative budget was passed by a 4-0 vote nonetheless during the Sept. 15 meeting.

"The [tentative] budget for fiscal year 2020-21 includes a proposed millage rate of 5.8781 and the current rolled back rate is 5.6320," town manager Sarah Campbell said.

Campbell said the proposed millage rate exceeds the current rolled back rate by 4.40%. The rolled back is the rate the town's millage would need to be in order to make exactly as much money as it did through the millage. The town opted in-



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While the Orange Park Town Council agreed on a new budget, it remained deadlocked after two months on a replacement for fifth seat.

stead to keep its millage rate the same as last year.

Last year's millage rate was 5.871, and this year's is set to be the same although residents will see an increase in their taxes despite the exact same millage rate. This is because property values increased which means will likely pay more in taxes.

"The tax digest increased by 4.8% from \$539 million to \$620 million, which at a 96% collection rate, would generate \$3,508,870 in ad valorem revenue for the town in 2020-21 fiscal year," Campbell said.

The tentative budget approved Tuesday night breaks up into many different categories based on the town's previously decided strategic priorities. It includes \$6.6 million for public safety, \$851,000 for waterways and infrastructure, \$50,000 for strategic planning and visioning and an increase in

revenue and general fund by 1.7%.

Campbell said the sales tax capital project fund shows a slight decline while the water and sewer fund revenue shows a modest increase, with several new users predicted to join the town's water system in the coming year. The budget also includes \$25,000 for visioning follow-up and \$45,000 for the development of architectural standards for the town.

"The town's grant program has extended exponentially," Campbell told the council. "There are currently 31 grants that have been applied for, submitted or awarded, and \$3.5 million has been included to pay for grants programs."

There's also the inclusion of \$150,000 in the budget to bring employee pay up to the market range and another \$50,000 included to increase efficiencies within the operations of the town hall building, which

Campbell said could potentially create additional revenue generation for the town.

She concluded her budgetary breakdown by explaining to the council that expenditures have decreased by .99% and that personnel increases of 3% have been offset by operating costs reduced by 2%, and that \$3.9 million is anticipated for expenses in the stormwater fund.

"Of that, \$825,000 are for personnel and capital improvements and the other \$3.1 million is going toward the voluntary home buyout grant to restore conservation land."

The council approved the tentative budget with a 4-0 vote after holding the first of its two public hearings for the budget. The final public hearing will happen later this month and it's then that the council will vote to approve the final budget.

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Middleburg's Fitzgerald still digging up dirt on stellar racing career

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MIDDLEBURG – On a perfect night, Jason Fitzgerald's ears will ring, his hands will throb and his face will be covered with sweat and clay.

For a dirt racer, it doesn't get any better than that.

Fitzgerald said he's never been tempted to do drugs, but he knows what it's like to be an addict. Slinging rooster tails of dirt and dust has become a habit that's tough, if not impossible, to break.

The longtime racer still operates one of the premier teams out of his Middleburg shop. He maintains cars for his own use, and he runs the Fitz Factory which outfits other drivers with race-ready Late Model cars.

"It's hard to get away from it. I've never done drugs, but I can only imagine," he said. "It's the adrenaline, I guess. For me, it's all the people you meet. Everybody's like a big family. You might get a little aggravated with one guy one week, but the next week he'll give you the shirt off his back. It's the comradery and competition. I



Jason Fitzgerald won at Volusia on July 25.

can't get away from it. I've tried."

Fitzgerald's lost count of the number of main events he's won. Every wall at his shop is covered with trophy cases and Victory Lane signs. If he had to guess, he's got more than 200 trophies. But that's not why he's dedicated his career to dirt tracks.

"The dirt side is a whole lot more fun. It's not so political-driven, I guess. It's not so technical," he said. "You can't do this; you can't do that. The dirt fanbase is massive and obviously getting bigger. We're getting more TV stuff now, but it's still dirt

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University of Florida ranked in top 10 for public universities

By Drew Dixon
For FloridaPolitics

The U.S. News & World Report ranks the University of Florida as a top-10 public university, according to updated rankings released this month.

The school is now ranked No. 6.

Gator Country has been climbing steadily in national rankings in the past few years. It's the fourth year in a row UF has seen its U.S. News & World Report ranking increase.

That trend started in 2017 when UF was ranked No. 14 on the list. UF is the only university in the Sunshine State to make the top 10 and was tied at sixth with the University of California-Santa Barbara.

California universities accounted for five of the schools listed in the U.S. News & World Report top 10 list and was the only state with more than one school in the top rankings.

One of the main reasons UF saw its ranking increase was due to the school reducing the student-to-faculty ratio, which now stands at 17 students for every one faculty member on the Gainesville campus. That figure was 21 students to every one faculty member just four years ago.

Out of all the undergraduate classes offered at UF, only 10% have 50 or more students in a classroom.

"By nearly every measure, UF is continuing to make gains, and I'm thankful to the elected leaders, faculty, staff and supporters of the university who have made that possible," said UF President Kent Fuchs. "We have momentum, focus and hard work on our side, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for this university."

Meanwhile, Florida State tied for 19th among public universities with the University of Maryland, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Washington, after being ranked 18th last year. FSU was tied for 58th among national universities.

Sally McRorie, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said FSU improved in criteria such as class sizes and the graduation rate of students who receive Pell Grants, which provide financial help to low-income families.

"We continue to make investments to ensure our students have a world-class learning experience, and reducing class sizes helps our students have engaging, active classroom experiences," McRorie said.

The University of South Florida tied for 46th among public universities, while the University of Central Florida tied for 77th

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OPINION



Everything you need to know can be explained with a number

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Economics author Ron DeLegge II once said, "99% of all statistics tell 49% of the story."

But sometimes numbers tell stories easier than words.

Like:

- As of Wednesday, 4,629 residents and visitors of Clay County have tested positive for COVID-19, and 89 of them have died from the virus. The numbers represent a collection of data that started with the county's first positive test in March.

What it doesn't show – and it's nearly impossible to get a firm count – is how many currently have the disease.

Heather Huffman, the director of the Florida Department of Health-Clay County, said the typical incubation period for the coronavirus is 10-14 days, which means there could be as many as 600 who currently are infected.

But those numbers are skewed by a data dump of cases collected months ago by Quest Diagnostics last week, as well as a 164-case outbreak at the Clay County Jail.

More than one-third of the cases reported in the last two weeks came on those two days.

- The state said 328 have been hospi-

talized in Clay in the past seven months. However, only four currently are on ventilators, eight are in intensive care and 28 are in non-ICU beds, Huffman said.

- The Clay County School District said six students and six faculty and staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. The district also said 136 students have been ordered to quarantine, while 29 staff members are either on leave or in quarantine after displaying coronavirus-like symptoms.

There are 39,161 students in the district.

- An important number to remember is zero. That's how much it costs a county resident to be tested for the coronavirus. Just bring identification and a pen to the county health department. Results usually are returned in about three days, Huffman said.

- Since the county declared a state of emergency, as of Thursday the Emergency Management Office has been operational for 190 consecutive days, emergency director John Ward said. The good news, Ward said, is his agency now is working on how a vaccine will be dispensed.

"We've brought our planning team together," Ward said. "There's a discussion from our state and federal partners, and from the media, there is a vaccine that will be coming soon. We've started to look at what that's going to look like."

"Obviously when it first comes, it's going to be very limited doses and it will probably be after the first of the year when we start seeing those open vaccination areas. That's what we're starting to plan, what that would look like, what we

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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.

Purport: (per-PORT) a verb that means to falsely imply something.

"Discussion of policy and purport of the legislation are against the law."

This week in history

Five years ago, 2015

- Town commissioners to vote whether the Roadway Inn in Orange Park should be forced to close following numerous complaints about drug and criminal activity.

- The Arts Edge School of Dance and Theatre is recognized by the Quigley House for raising more than \$6,000 for the Clay County nonprofit.

- "Judy's Place," the county's only adult daycare operation is on track to be completed on the Moosehaven campus within three months.

10 years ago, 2010

- Residents in the Clay Hill area have scheduled a public meeting to find out if rumors of a solid waste landfill are true.

- The state awards \$1.4 million to make improvements on County Road 215 in Middleburg following several deadly crashes.

- Author Bert V. Royal returns to Fleming Island for the premier of his screenplay, "Easy A," where he answered questions and signed autographs.

20 years ago, 2000

- Two fugitives wanted in Illinois for stealing cars are captured in Orange Park by Clay County Sheriff's Office.

- David Powell and Chairman Gilbert Reed resign from Keystone Airpark Authority following criticism from Keystone Heights Mayor Archie Green.

- Ridgeview High teachers Linda Schriver and Monice Desuyo share a \$1,000 award from the First Coast Manufacturers Association for their work with students to develop at website.

30 years ago, 1990

- The City of Green Cove Springs hires the law firm of Coffman, Coffman, Andrews and Grogan to represent it in a labor lawsuit filed by Jack Camplesi.

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Opinions ...

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Soccer

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soccer that began there all those years ago.

"I was 4 years old when I first started playing soccer in Puerto Rico," Rivera said. "My mom put me in soccer because I was always a hyper kid. I wouldn't stop running around so she figured why not have me do so on the soccer field."

What began as a way to let Rivera expend his energy quickly grew into something more and now, 12 years later, he's one of the top prospects in the Orlando City SC organization.

Rivera's family moved to the Fleming Island-Orange Park area when he was 7, and he immediately began playing soccer. The move wasn't a time for him to take a break. It was a time for him to hone in on his developing skills. He played junior high soccer for seventh and eighth grade but when he joined the Development Academy for soccer, he wasn't allowed to participate in high school soccer. "It's a league around the U.S.," Rivera said. "It's about six conferences made up of the best teams from each state and we all play against each other. There are playoffs and a championship game at the end of each season in San Diego."

Rivera remembers local coaches telling his parents that if he stuck to the sport, he would have a bright future in soccer and so that's exactly what he did. His abilities were eventually noticed by some teams in Orlando and when he was 14, he moved in with a host family.

He's been there for two years, and he currently is on the Orlando City B squad. He's been playing for that team for about nine months.

"I actually moved away two years ago because I was recruited by Orlando City," Rivera said. "They wanted me to play on one of their seven teams. They said I could board at school and go to school there at Montverde Academy."

"It was definitely pretty tough but I talked to my parents about it and they were with it all the way. My dad said that if it was a benefit for me and my future, it was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. He wasn't mad or sad about it because he knew it was something I wanted to do."

It's certainly paid off because he was selected second in the Top 10 Orlando City Homegrown Prospects just two weeks ago. He's also been named one of the Top 50 Soccer Players in the High School Class of 2021. He also played for the youth-17s national soccer team for Puerto Rico in 2019, something both his grandfather and father did during their soccer days.

Rivera contributes a lot of his success to his time playing in the Clay County Soccer Club. "They were the ones to truly believe in me first and they were the ones that guided me through most of what this has become and what it is now," Rivera said.

Still just a minor, Rivera sees soccer in his future for many, many years to come. He said it's possible because of his love of the sport and the support unit he has surrounding him.

"To be honest, it's the sport itself. I don't know how to describe it," he said. "It's a special feeling I get when I play the game and it's unreal knowing that I can do this for a living, doing something I love every day for the rest of my career. I want to thank my family for being so supportive through all of this. It's such a blessing to have someone like them alongside me in this journey."

Houston Texans outdrew the NBA Playoff game between the Los Angeles Clippers and Denver Nuggets, 27 million-1.3 million, the NFL's return still dropped by 12% compared to last season.

- The number 1 was prominent in Jacksonville when the Jaguars hosted Indianapolis on Sept. 13. That's the total number of incomplete passes thrown out of 20 by Jacksonville quarterback Gardner Minshew III.

- A phone number to remember are (904) 529-2900, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for any questions about COVID-19.

- And finally, there are only 14 shopping weekends remaining before Christmas.

40 years ago, 1980

- The Clay County Commission accepts a donation of land from Frank Scruby and Paul Armstrong to build a recreational park along Moody Road.

- Durwood Smith, an unsuccessful candidate for Superintendent of Schools, files a lawsuit against The Clay County Canvassing Board and The Clay Today for various election law violations.

UF

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and Florida International University was in a tie for No. 95. Florida A&M University, meanwhile, touted that it was the highest-ranked historically black public school in the country, coming in at an overall ranking of No. 117.

"It is a statement about a joint effort between our Board [of Trustees] and the President [Larry Robinson] to establish and stick with key priorities," Florida A&M board Chairman Kelvin Lawson said in a prepared statement. "We want to continue to push the envelope and focus on ongoing improvement in our operating model."

Among national universities, the University of Miami was tied for 49th, the second-highest ranking in the state behind UF. The University of South Florida was ranked in a tie for No. 103.

The top five national universities, in order of ranking, were Princeton University, Harvard University, Columbia University and the Massachusetts Institute of Tech-

nology and Yale University, which were tied.

Here's the complete list of top 10 public universities according to U.S. News & World Report:

1. University of California-Los Angeles
 2. University of California-Berkeley
 3. University of Michigan
 4. University of Virginia
 5. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 6. University of Florida *
 6. University of California-Santa Barbara *
 8. Georgia Institute of Technology *
 8. University of California-Irvine *
 8. University of California-San Diego *
- *Tie

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Number

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would need in place if that were to happen."

- To fully understand just how much COVID-19 continues to effect Clay County, the health department recently hired 23 full-time workers whose only job is woking with the coronavirus.

- The ratings game for televised sports can be tricky. But you don't need to be polled to know people aren't watching the NBA or NFL like they once did.

According to the Athletic, ratings for NBA are down by 40% on TNT and 20% on ESPN.

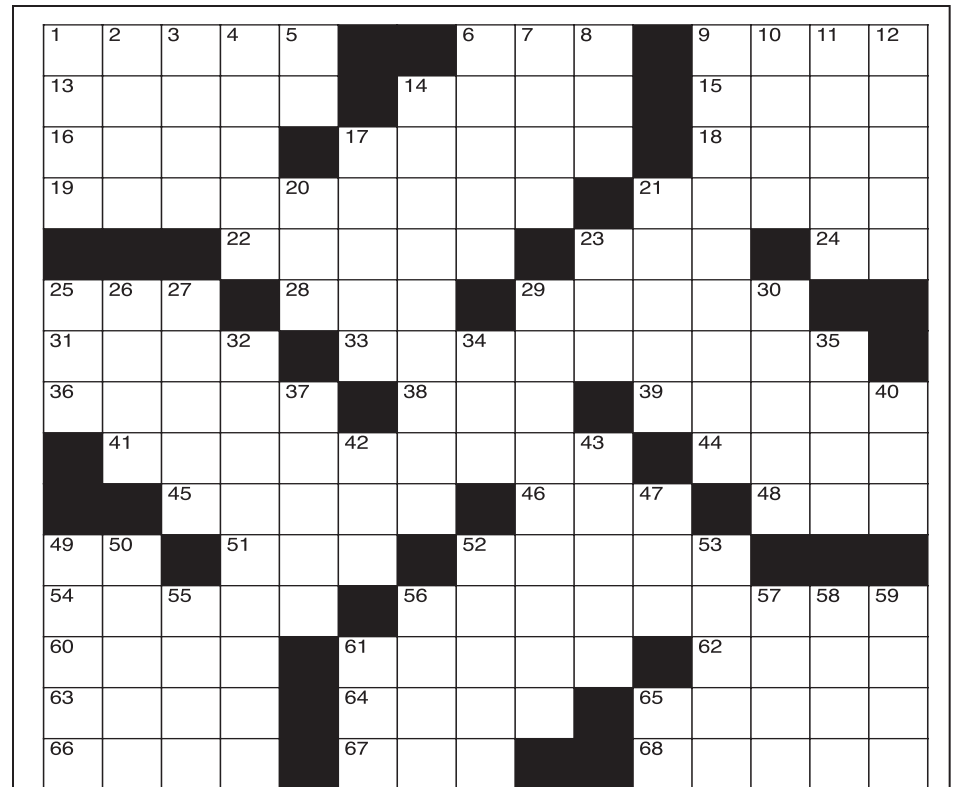
And while the NFL regular season opener between the Kansas City Chiefs and

History

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- The Board of County Commissioners vote to lower taxes after it identifies more than \$250,000 in unnecessary expenditures.

- Quarterback Jeff McCrone throws for 202 yards and a touchdown to lead Orange Park to a 10-7 win against Palatka to improve the Raiders' record to 2-0.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Emaciation
6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
13. Anatomical term
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. ___ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked
36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik ___ composer
46. Not young
48. Jewish term for 'Sir'
49. Secondary school
51. ___ student: learns to heal
52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical nonprofit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from Mayflower
68. Notes

CLUES DOWN

1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.'s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit ___
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund
14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people
21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman
26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. ___ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann ___, author of 'Siddhartha'
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
53. Small amount
55. Horse-drawn cart
56. Nocturnal rodent
57. Spiritual leader
58. Air mattress
59. Speaks incessantly
61. Auction term
65. Atomic #62

County libraries offering Wi-Fi hotspots, protection

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – All residents need to get free Wi-Fi for up to two weeks is a library card, thanks to a new county program.

The Clay County library system received a grant this year for \$9,000 that allowed them to purchase 25 Kajeet SmartSpot Wi-Fi devices.

The devices look like a deck of cards that create standalone Wi-Fi hotspots for users to access so that they can stream videos, surf the web and play games, although its original purpose was more educational.

“Kajeet Incorporated is an educational company and so this product is more centered on those looking to access the internet for educational purposes,” Assistant Director of Library Support Services Jason Black said. “It has automatic filters on it but if someone wants to access something blocked on it, they can contact us and we can unblock that site.”

Library services director Karen Walker said the device is especially helpful now

as thousands of students are currently attending school from home as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She said that 17% of residents in Clay County have limited or no access to the internet and that these SmartSpot Wi-Fi devices look to mitigate that.

There are currently 25 devices that can be checked out, and all that’s required is a Clay County library card. You must also be at least 18 years old. She said 15 are currently checked out with another eight on hold.

“It’s been a success in my eyes and we’re looking to get more should the demand and funding for it exist,” Walker said.

The devices can be checked out of the Green Cove Springs, Middleburg and Keystone Heights libraries. Those locations were picked because research has shown it has the highest density of no-internet-access residents live. Black said the device also doubles as a great tool for those looking to get back on their feet after losing a job as a result of COVID-19.

“You know, when we originally bought



these, they were for educational purposes and to help those without internet gain access, but now, because of COVID-19, people can use them to search for jobs or apply for government help,” she said.

The devices can be checked out on a two-week basis and Assistant Director of Programs, Activities and Outreach Lynn Capps said that the library also is open for internet needs.

“People need access to computers,” Capps said. “It’s so necessary right now with everything going on and we’re happy that we can provide remote access with the [SmartSpot] devices and with our computers here in our branches.”

Walker said Clay County libraries were closed earlier this year when the corona-

virus was surging, they’ve reopened when the number of positive cases flattened. Safety measures at branches included the removal of cloth furniture, the removal of more communal furniture, and of course, lots of sanitization.

It’s unlikely that you’ll find yourself seated within six feet of a stranger because of the way chairs, computers, reading nooks and furniture are arranged, but Walker said if you come in with a group of people and want to be together, additional furniture can be brought out so that everyone can sit together.

“We were so happy to be able to open our doors again,” Walker said. “People were happy we did, too, based on what we had heard. It was great to come back.”

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Fitzgerald

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on TV, but it's still a dirt-track atmosphere. Fans get to come down and check it all out. There aren't any restrictions. That's what makes dirt racing a little more fun.

"The racing part of it is a lot tougher with the technology and all that. It's gotten a lot harder to keep up with it all. On my end, having this business where I keep up with five or six cars a week out of here, so that makes it a little harder on me. We've got to get them done, load them up and get the next one in. A lot of my guys will just come and pick them up, race them and drop them off and pick them up for the next race. That's more what we do now more than anything, as far as the business side goes."

Fitzgerald isn't the only one who can't quit. Tony Stewart retired from IndyCars after winning one championship and NASCAR after winning three more to devote his time to his dirt program.

It's also where you can find former NASCAR drivers Kenny Wallace, Kasey Kahne and Ken Schrader.

"I've been in it since I was a kid, about 7. I think I started racing in '92 or '93," Fitzgerald said.

His race team picks its tracks carefully by examining the field, the payouts and local rules. One week he's down the road at Volusia Speedway Park. The next he's at Screven, Georgia.

"We do Volusia, All-Tech [Raceway in



Jason Fitzgerald has been racing for more than 28 years.

Lake City]. We go to Georgia, Alabama," Fitzgerald said. "Last year we went to North Carolina and Virginia. It just depends on who's racing, the type of motor, how much they're paying. We do a lot of regional stuff where I used to travel all over. I don't do a lot of that anymore, but we'll go if it's within eight-to-10 hours. I got too many customers to keep up with, to keep up with their schedules.

We won a bunch of big, big races, like Eldora [Ohio]. That was a lot of fun."

Being a mentor to another generation of drivers has rekindled Fitzgerald's enthusiasm. He's been on the road long enough to stay away from a fulltime return. Home time now is just as important as race day.



But he will never close his shop.

"I would say I'll do it until it's not fun, but I think I'll always be in it in one way, shape or form," he said. "It's why I created this deal I have here. I know I can't drive forever, but I'll always have my hands in it. Last year I was getting a little burned out, doing a lot of work and stuff, and not having the results. This year, I have two 12-year-olds in my camp, and they're really, really good. They brought a little spark back to me. They're keeping it fun. If you let it get you down, it will get you down. I'm going to do it as long as I can. I got the best of both worlds."

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the nearly three-month shutdown that came with it,

was a challenge. Racing, however, was the first sport to emerge from seclusion. And it hasn't slowed down since.

"The performance side has been tougher," Fitzgerald said. "This year's obviously been tough with the corona [COVID-19] and all that stuff. In our little area, we're somewhat back to normal. Surprisingly, for the last month-and-a-half we've been going pretty hard. We were shut down for two, two-and-a-half months."

Grandstands are full; car counts are up. Drivers and fans are excited to be back enjoying racing's most basic, and compelling, roots. To them, asphalt is how you get to the track. Dirt is where you race.

Tools and tuxedos: Bryan's ACE Hardware has it all Retailer in Keystone Heights offers variety of unique goods

By Bruce Hope
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — If you need plumbing supplies, a shovel, a hammer or any hardware tools and supplies, Bryan's Ace Hardware is your go-to.

If you also need small pet bearded lizards, fish, chicks, stuffed animals, flowers, or even tuxedo rentals, then the store is also your go-to.

You can find pretty much whatever you want at this store. There is even an entire room full of Yankee Candles.

Joe Bryan, the original owner of the store, began with hardware products as the bread and butter of the store.

To try and gain more attention from women, the store started to diversify its merchandise.

They began to sell more gift items, and the store continued to grow.

"A little company would go out of business, and they'd call us," said Ray Cunningham, one of the owners of the store. "That's how we got into Yankee candle."

Simply put, Bryan's Ace Hardware has it all. They have one of the most comprehensive and best-selling knife sections in northeast Florida.



Ray Cummings is a co-owner of Bryan's Ace Hardware, where customers can find a variety of tools, toys and tuxedos.

"We get people from three to four hours away coming here to buy knives," Cunningham said. "We'd like to think we have one of the largest knife selections in the northeast [Florida]."

Animals are well represented, with selections of small lizards, fish, scorpions and chicks. Of course, in having all of these available, there is feed for them all and feed for larger livestock.

As with any hardware store, there are



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also plenty of plants in an outdoor nursery. There is a large lawn and garden section as well.

With COVID-19 keeping many at home from earlier in the year, the store saw some of the same spikes in sales that many other hardware stores have.

"Pretty large lawn and garden for us. Lawn and garden is a huge thing for us," Cunningham said. "Anything outdoors was huge this year."

When the store purchased a florist years ago, the tuxedo rental business came along with it. That part of sales does well, often supplying many students from nearby Keystone Heights High for their proms and homecoming events. They also supply many people for weddings in the area. Cunningham believes that the store is the only one in town that provides tuxedo rentals.

"You've got your traditional hardware [items] in the middle of all that," said Cunningham.

"Your plumbing, electrical, just your basic hardware. Grills have been really good the last couple years; we've expanded that. That's the thing. We're always looking at what's the new niche? It's all about what kind of new niche can we bring in? if one niche isn't working, that's ok because something else is."

Chances are, whatever you need, short of groceries, Bryan's Ace hardware will have it.

"It's a family environment. The whole family comes in and shops. One will go this way, one will go this way, and the kids go over to the pets. They all meet in the middle. It's nothing to be in here for an hour, just shopping. We pride ourselves in the customer service for a family-oriented visit."

The store is located at 251 E. Walker Dr.

Orange Park Medical Center earns All-American Heart Association awards

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – For the fourth year in a row, Orange Park Medical Center earns all American Heart Association and American Stroke Association's Get with the Guidelines Recognition Awards. The awards recognize high performance in treatment for stroke, heart failure, resuscitation, atrial fibrillation and coronary artery disease.

To qualify for these awards a medical facility must meet quality standards developed by the American Heart Association. Earning these recognitions demonstrates Orange Park Medical Center's commitment to provide quick and quality treatment to those suffering from a stroke, heart failure, heart attack and the early detection of atrial fibrillation.

"Tackling heart and vascular disease before a heart attack or stroke occur is key," said Dr. Ahmad Younes, Cardiologist at Orange Park Medical Center. "Having this type of comprehensive cardiac care in Clay County provides our community the tools they need to better control their health and have better outcomes." According to the American Heart Association and

American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds.

"I believe in comprehensive cardiac

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OPMC, fire departments remember first responders from Sept. 11

ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Fire Department, Clay County Fire Rescue and hospital staff came together at Orange Park Medical Center for a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and all first responders. The hospital also lit their new patient tower in red, white and blue for the night.



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Facebook question of the week

What do you miss most during COVID-19 pandemic?

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – It’s safe to say this year it will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. With COVID-19 still a fear around the country, Clay Today asked our readers what they’re excited to do first when the fear of this virus is gone. The general consensus for this week’s Facebook Question of the Week seems to revolve around interacting with others in the same way we did before the shutdowns in March.

“Smiling at strangers, shaking hands

and giving hugs,” resident Kari Woodworth said. “I do all this with my friends now, but it would be nice to be able to really smile at people again and reach out with a helping hand. Just the small things, really.”

Lillie Andrews agreed and said she’s excited to give and get hugs and talk to people closer than six feet apart.

She is excited to not cringe when people get too close to her and smile at strangers again. There’s a million other things and they all revolve around enjoying people, she said.

There are those who look forward to

their next major vacation, perhaps doing something they can’t do right now like a cruise or multi-generational family trip.

“Cruise, eat out with friends and go to Walt Disney World,” Janet Messcher said.

Christine Luther and Gary Goble are also excited about going on a cruise once more. There are those who have found a greater appreciation for what they already have in life.

“Honestly, I don’t miss anything,” Rebecca-Jane Grimm said. “I mean, during this time, it has given me and my family time to really focus on the basics and get back to the basics, and to really die into

our church, our beliefs, and what really matters most, our family.

“So really, other than masks and struggles with my special needs daughters, I hope to continue doing what we’re doing, which is our best.”

Michael Hull responded by saying he can’t wait to living life without intimidation. What are you most excited to do when things start to settle and COVID-19 is either something behind us or something this country has a firm and safe grasp on? Let us know by commenting on the Facebook Question of the Week currently up on the Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page.

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and vascular care. This requires strong collaboration amongst a team of specialists and clinical staff to achieve optimal patient outcomes. It takes a village and we have that here,” said Dr. Younes. In late 2019, Orange Park Medical Center opened a 12,000-square-foot expansion with 14 recovery rooms and two electrophysiology labs that treat patients suffering from irregular heart rhythm conditions such as atrial fibrillation.

Orange Park Medical Center treats

nearly 500 patients each year for abnormal heart rhythm conditions such as atrial fibrillation.

Dr. Younes says if you feel like you are having a heart attack or stroke, call 9-1-1 or get to the emergency room immediately. Avoiding medical treatment due to fear of COVID-19 could mean life or death.



Dr. Ahmad Younes

COLLEGE NEWS

Harff to serve on Hamilton’s WHCL radio executive board

CLINTON, N.Y. – Green Cove Springs’ Amy Harff has been selected to serve on the executive board of Hamilton College’s WHCL radio for the fall 2020 semester. Harff is serving as webmaster.

WHCL is a non-profit, student-run FM station that operates seven days a week, 24-hours-a-day when school is in session. The station offers music, sports, and public affairs programming and is housed in the Sadove Student Center on Hamilton’s campus.

Harff, a senior majoring in art and environmental studies, is a graduate of Wheeler School.

Middleburg’s Fields graduates from Kennesaw State

KENNESAW, Ga. – Nicholas Nicholas Fields of Middleburg graduated with a Certificate in Computer Science Foundations from Kennesaw State, the state’s third largest higher education institution.

Nearly 1,500 students earned bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degrees during the Summer 2020 semester.



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Obituaries

Carson Luther Hensley

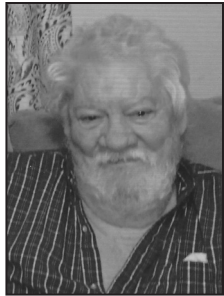
Carson Luther Hensley, 76 of Keystone Heights, Florida. Carson went to heaven on August 21, 2020

Born in Surgoinville, Tennessee, on September 26, 1943. Born to Lucian Carson Hensley and Ruby Lee Christian Hensley.

Carson leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years, Suzanne (Sue) Kline Hensley. He was predeceased in death by his parents and a infant grandson David Earl Hensley.

Carson is survived by his children, John Edward Hensley; Robert David Hensley; Tamara Lou Hendel; Kimberly Jean Boalch (Micheal); William Joseph Hensley; Thomas Charles Hensley; Kenneth Mark Hensley. 12 Grandchildren and 4 Great Granddaughters. Carson is also survived by his sisters, Eliza Lea Garland, and Linda Marie Roderick (Ron), also his brothers, Carl Hugh Hensley, James Lucian Hensley (Carol), Ronnie Eugene Hensley, and Dale Curtis Hensley (Molly). He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Carson also leaves behind his 6 Dachshund dogs and his new Dachshund puppy. Carson loved to watch wrestling on T.V. and also loved to fish all his life. He loved to watch and feed the squirrels and birds outside.

Carson will be dearly missed and loved by everyone. Love you very much Sue.



Carson Luther Hensley

Delbert N. Hupp Jr.

Delbert N. Hupp Jr., 65, passed away on September 10, 2020. He was born on July 26, 1955 in Newark, Ohio and proudly served in the US Navy with an honorable discharge.

He worked many years for the Newark City School system in Ohio and the Clay County School System in Florida, retiring in 2017. Del was a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan, he enjoyed watching NASCAR and western movies especially John Wayne. He will be remembered for his love of playing practical jokes and always making others laugh.

Mr. Hupp is preceded in death by his father Delbert N. Hupp Sr. and is survived by his mother, Ida Smith; step mother Ann Hupp; 3 children: Daughter, Tracy (Kevin) Marshall of Social Circle, GA; and 2 sons, Douglas Hupp of Newark, OH; and Christopher (Charissa) Hupp of Covington, GA; brother, Douglas (Patty) Hupp; 3 sisters: Patty (John) Sullivan, Correna Hupp and Tracie Pifer; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons; life partner Cindy McCammon; several nieces and nephews and a host of extended family and friends.

The family will hold a memorial service in honor of Del at a later date. Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg, FL. Please post words of comfort at www.hollyhillfunerals.com.



Delbert N. Hupp, Jr.

Alma "Jeanette" Baker

Alma "Jeanette" Baker, 83, of Hendersonville passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, September 5, 2020.

She was born in Maxville, Florida to the late Millard T. and Pansy May (Godwin) Knight, and is also preceded in death by her first husband, Lex Baker; husband, Parnell Carter; and brothers, Walter, Edwin and Owen Knight.

Jeanette grew up in Maxville, FL, lived in Keystone Heights, FL, and moved to Asheville, NC in 1977. She owned Jeanette's Jewelry store in Asheville, NC



for 10 years, and most recently worked as a GNA. Jeanette was a member of Hooper's Creek Baptist Church.

She traveled out west on a mission trip to minister to the Native American community. Jeanette was an entrepreneur in real estate, and also a private pilot. She loved a good find at a yard sale.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Christy Baker and partner Debbie Revis of Fletcher, NC and Patrick Baker and wife Marie of Hendersonville, NC; two sisters-in-law, nieces, a nephew, cousins and many special friends.

A private graveside service will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers please donate to the charity of your choice in memory of Jeanette Baker. Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.forestlawnhendersonville.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUIT TOBACCO CLASSES: are being offered on Sept. 17 at the Answers Health and Resource Facility, 115 NE Commercial Circle in Keystone Heights from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges and workbooks will be offered.

CLAY SAFETYNET ALLIANCE: will meet Sept. 17 at 8:30 a.m. at Haven-Custead Care Center, 745 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park. Representatives from local government, faith-based groups and nonprofits collaborate to find solutions for important issues affecting Clay County.

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, Administration Building, third floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.

COMMUNITY PARKING LOT SALE: is planned for Sept. 20 from noon-4 p.m. at the New Balance parking lot at 1871 Wells Road in Orange Park. Sponsored by The Hall Closet, there also will be food vendors and door prizes.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DURING PANDEMIC: will be offered as a webinar session by Community Hospice & Palliative Care on Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. To register, visit zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7k80pDHuSqyT7MNXXhpMug.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Sept. 24 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

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Robert Creegan

Robert Creegan, 67, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away September 11, 2020.

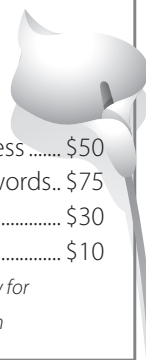
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Green Cove Springs exploring wage study to keep, attract top employees

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The city council heard a prolonged presentation and discussion of the recently completed Wage Study for employees of the city during its regular meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15.

The goal in assessing the wages of city employees was to find a fiscally responsible way to retain tenured employees and attract new ones with pay comparable to other similarly sized cities in the area.

Evergreen Solutions conducted the study and recommended the council approve a step plan that would overall city wages.

The council agreed, 5-0.

In other business, the Green Cove Springs City Council approved the first reading of resolutions that would adopt the tentative millage rate for next year at 3.8

milis; an operating budget of \$44,940,317; and, a capital improvement plan of \$18,665,075.

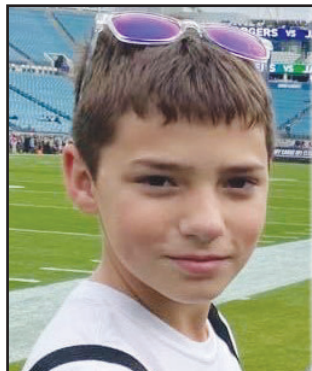
The final readings will be at the next meeting on Sept. 29.

The final public hearing item was a request to the council to approve the Community Development Block Grant applica-

tion. Mike Daniels briefed the council on prospective projects for the city. The projects were: stormwater improvement; sidewalks between Idlewild Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; and, improvements to Spring Park. The motion passed 5-0. The council also reviewed proposed site plan changes at the Augusta Savage

Arts and Community Center as part of the CARES Act projects. Some of the proposed changes include a circular driveway for the food pantry, as well as a cover for it, and to use some of the community center classrooms into extra storage for the food bank.

The motion was passed, 5-0.



Community: Help needed to pay for 11-year-old's funeral

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The family of 11-year-old Colton Perrie needs the community's help. Colton died recently from a brain aneurism. He is the grandson of Leonard Taylor, who works at Darren's Customs.

The funeral costs were \$8,300. Donations can be made in his name at Broadus-Raines Funeral Home at 501 Spring St. in Green Cove Springs.

Clay Today will follow up on this story next week.

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Police Briefs

CCSO: Bank robber caught shortly after Orange Park stickup

ORANGE PARK – A man was arrested after he held up the Fifth/Third Bank on Sept. 11.

Elvis Xhepaj, 33, of Fleming Island, was charged with armed robbery and grand theft after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies said he took \$330 from a teller at the bank at 311 Crossings Blvd.

Xhepaj ran from the bank and into a wooded area by The Reserve at ARIUM apartment complex. He was arrested after CCSO set a perimeter in the area.



Elvis Xhepaj

The sheriff's office said the money wasn't recovered from the stickup.

His bond was set at \$200,006. His next court appearance is scheduled for Oct. 12.

Woman busted in Flagler following rash of break-ins

MIDDLEBURG – A woman was arrested Sept. 9 following a string of car break-ins in Middleburg, Argyle and Lakeside areas.

Shyanne Renee Sumner, 26, of Jacksonville, was charged with nine counts of burglary, three counts of attempted burglary and grand theft auto following a week-long spree.



Shyanne Renee Sumner

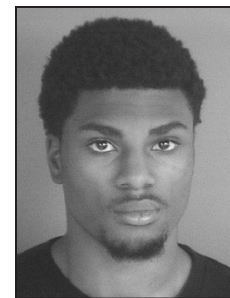
Sumner was identified on several surveillance cameras on Sandhill Crane Terrace and King Rail Lane in Middleburg, Argyle Forest Boulevard and Oakdale Drive in Lakeside.

Sumner was stopped by Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies on June 25 who were responding to a reported stolen car. An inventory of the car resulted in the retrieval of several stolen items.

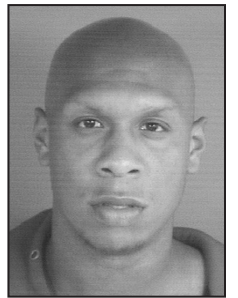
She was returned to Clay County last week to face a litany of charges. Her bond was set at \$102,542.

Trio charged with attacking inmate at Clay County Jail

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Three men were charged with battery inside the Clay County Jail after they ganged up and punched and kicked a man, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.



Jhatarrion Sampson



Jhamar Pryor

Jaylon Hankerson, 22, of Starke, Jhatarrion Kakwan Sampson, 19, Orange Park, and Jhamar Tyrone Elbert Pryor, 22, of Waycross, Georgia all face additional charges following the Sept. 9 attack.

According to the arrest report, the victim was first punched by Hankerson. While he was on the floor, Hankerson, Sampson and Pryor all repeatedly kicked him.

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, Sept. 15

Myles D. Callahan, 25, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI

Nicola S. Brooks, 27, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Robert C. Blodgett, 3, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand theft auto

Melwin Nieves Rivera, 27, Orange Park, driving without a valid license

Ashley N. Handy, 32, Middleburg, domestic battery

Monday, Sept. 14

Charles O. McMillan, 41, Middleburg, non-support

Jacob M.G. Collier, 44, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

Cody W. Crenshaw, 28, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Ryan V. Bevis, 32, Green Cove Springs, trespassing, retail petit theft

Reynard K. Griffin, 20, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Oshea L. Beaver, 27, Middleburg, four counts burglary

Jeffrey W. Bierman, 38, Orange Park, retail petit theft

James C. Ambrose, 28, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Rosina J. Moore, 44, Orange Park, two counts simple battery, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Cory L. Phillips, 34, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Sunday, Sept. 13

Clifton J. Rowe, 25, Green Cove Springs,

possession-marijuana

Mark A. Berk, 44, Melrose, simple domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Michael S. Edwards, 33, Orange Park, DUI

Shavon M. Ramos, 40, Orange Park, DUI

Andy A. Tzul, 26, Fleming Island, DUI

Rachel L. Atkinson, 22, Orange Park, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

David M. Roberson, 42, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

John H. Veres, 37, Orange Park, two counts simple battery, disorderly intoxication

Jeffrey J. Crossman, 60, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

David W. Vaughn, 44, Green Cove Springs, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon

Christopher R. Ballou, 34, Keystone Heights, possession-fentanyl, FTA-petit theft, FTA-resist/obstruct/oppose police

Lorena Valencia, 40, Fleming Island, DUI

Saturday, Sept. 12

Betina S. Jones, 40, Orange Park, DUI

Austin K. Miller, 21, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

John R. Kraft, 64, Middleburg, roadway solicitation of money

Lorenzo A. Ward, 43, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR

Alyssa N. Wiseman, 25, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police, trespassing

Michael P. Grimes, 36, Middleburg, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DUI

Shige A. Hill, 42, Middleburg, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Paul M. Cheek, 53, Fleming Island, DUI

Friday, Sept. 11

Jacob D/ Loper, 38, Keystone Heights, trespassing

Heather K. Vance, 28, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana

Jerry A. Hodge, 27, Fleming Island, DUI

Mark E. Orbe, 49, Orange Park, resist/ob-

struct/oppose police, trespassing

Shonna M. Jenkins, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Amanda J. Hart, 38, Melrose, discharge firearm in public

Shyanne R. Sumner, Lakeside, burglary, grand theft auto

Jermel L. Wilcher, 37, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery, VOP-criminal mischief

Davelyn T. Lane, 21, Orange Park, DWLSR, giving false name/ID

Isaiah A. Johnson, 27, Green Cove Springs, out of state fugitive warrant

Jessica N. Berge, 26, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance

Nicholas Cetrulo, 52, Fleming Island, simple battery

Elvis Xhepaj, 33, Orange Park, armed robbery, grand theft

Bernard A. Carey, 42, Green Cove Springs, felony battery

Anthony J. Johnson, 27, Orange Park, sale/delivery-heroin, sale/delivery-cocaine

Kayla R. Sands, 28, Middleburg, DUI

Ashley M.R. Green, 30, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Thursday, Sept. 10

Beverly L. Sikora, 42, Middleburg, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DUI

Chelsea R. Koenig, 30, Fleming Island, DUI

L/Ce C. Gibson, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA by Zoom-DWLSR

William A. Myrick, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance

Sherry A. Albright, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-cocaine, FTA-DUI

Tyrone R. Brazell, 73, Green Cove Springs, trespassing

Melissa R. Butler, 30, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Troy J. Massey, 47, Keystone Heights, DUI-

third offense, refusal to submit to BAL test

Chad E. Knox, 39, Orange Park, possession-Alprazolam

Micah J. Lewis, 42, Orange Park, DWLSR, failure to register vehicle

James C. Coffman, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery

Jacob M. Williamson, 32, Orange Park, FTA

Timothy T. Perry, 20, Middleburg, FTA-possession-cocaine, FTA-possession-marijuana

Joseph R. Shepherd, 40, Middleburg, simple assault, simple stalking

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Rudy McClain, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Andrea X. Castro, 25, Orange Park, DUI

Jaylon Hankerson, 22, Green Cove Springs, battery in detention center

Luther A. New, 37, Orange Park, trespassing

Jhatarrion J. Sampson, 19, Green Cove Springs, battery in detention center

Jhamar T.E. Pryor, 22, Green Cove Springs, battery in detention center

Shyanne R. Sumner, 26, Lakeside, court order transport, nine counts burglary, three counts attempted burglary

Dontavious J. Thomas, 24, Orange Park, trespassing

Kiyatana L. Simon, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA by Zoom-failing to redeliver leased property

Kenneth B. Johnson, 28, Green Cove Springs, burglary

Isaiah A. Johnson, 27, Green Cove Springs, giving false name/ID

Christopher D. Pruitt, 30, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice

Sherine L. Young, 47, Orange Park, petit theft

Carlos M. Blount, 40, Fleming Island, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Joshua R. Welch, 37, Orange Park, simple battery

Martin A. Tackling, 65, Middleburg, DWLSR-second offense

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, Administration Building, third floor, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB RUMMAGE SALE: is Sept. 25-26 at 130 Kingsley Ave. from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Plants and masks will be featured.

FLEMING ISLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE: will meet on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Harbor Swim Park at 1800 Eagle Harbor Pkwy.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Oct. 1 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL: will meet Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Oct. 8 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION-ORANGE PARK CHAPTER: will meet Oct. 20 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Club Continental, 2143 Astor St., Orange Park.

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DURING PANDEMIC: will be offered as a webinar session by Community Hospice & Palliative Care on Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. To register, visit zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_7k80pDHuSqyT7MNXXhpMug.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Oct. 22 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DURING PANDEMIC: will be offered as a webinar session by Community Hospice & Palliative Care on Oct. 28 at 11 a.m. To register, visit zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_jDTEKG3gS-iHCf01cfNtw.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Oct. 29 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL: will meet Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 555 S. Lawrence St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet

Nov. 5 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: Will host its first golf tournament on Nov. 7 at the Keystone Golf and Country Club. Shotgun start for the captain's choice tournament is at 9 a.m. Prizes include \$10,000 for a hole in one. For more information, contact Keith Hatch at (904) 806-2710.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. at the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Nov. 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Keystone Golf and Country Club, 294 SE 43rd St., Keystone Heights.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on Nov. 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2042 Park Ave.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION-ORANGE PARK CHAPTER: will meet Nov. 17 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Club Continental, 2143 Astor St., Orange Park.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights.



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James Ross with his wife following reroofing of their Palatka home a year ago.

KayCo Roofing's 'Shingles for Heroes' to help local first responders, military

By Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – KayCo Roofing and owner Clark Briggs, Jr. cares about the community – so much they've announced the second annual "Shingles for Heroes" roof giveaway.

The Shingles for Heroes initiative is a chance for KayCo Roofing to give back. Between Sept. 14 and Nov. 11, local first responders, including Emergency Medical Technicians, police, firefighters and military personnel (active-duty and retired), may be nominated for a chance to have a free roof done on their home.

"Growing up in Clay County, I have always had a lot of respect for those who serve and keep others safe, whether it was a first responder or military member. I have seen many friends and family members sacrifice over the years and have always wanted to give back. We are in a place now that we can, even if it's only one

roof a year, we're making a difference. It is such an honor to help someone. Especially now, with the unprecedented series of events this year has brought. Providing a hero with a new roof that will protect them for years to come, helps", said owner, Clark Briggs, Jr. said in a press release.

"He [Briggs, Jr.] had always expressed an interest in giving back to the community. He had expressed that he would like to get the point where he would be able to give away a roof," said Jessica Quiett, who works in marketing for KayCo Roofing. "So keeping that in mind, probably 10 months to a year later, we started to really look at the possibility of doing so and how we would launch it and who we would really want to help impact. He has always a soft spot for those who put on the uniform and those who serve the community."

That is how the concept of Shingles for Heroes came about. KayCo partnered with a roofing supply company last year and

was able to bring the dream to fruition and give away their first roof.

Last year's recipient, Mr. James (Jim) Ross of Palatka, is a Vietnam Conflict veteran and Purple Heart recipient in the U.S. Army. He was selected 50 years to the day that he was wounded in combat. About a week and a half after the conclusion of the nomination and selection period, Ross's home was reroofed.

People have reached out to KayCo Roofing to inquire as to whether or not they will be doing "Shingles for Heroes" again this year.

"People had noticed that we had done it last year," said Quiett. "A handful of people have asked about it this year. We're very happy to respond and say, 'yes, we are doing it again this year'... we want to be able to help another individual or family in need to be able to give back to them."

Jail

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matter of time before an employee or an inmate brought COVID-19 into the facility. Now that it's here, we're doing everything we can to keep everybody safe."

The agency has been diligent working to prevent the coronavirus since Clay County reported its first case in March, Cook said. Those efforts will be increased, Florida Department of Health-Clay County Director Heather Huffman said.

"We continue to maintain contact with the new sheriff, Michelle Cook, along with the jail administration," Huffman said. "That is a congregate setting so there's going to have a higher risk association because they live, eat, sleep, everything there. We've done some recommendation guidance out of the CDC in order to help mitigate the strategy, mitigate the process that's happening right now. How do we cohort the positives together? How do we cohort the people who are symptomatic together? And how do we take those that are negative, or are asymptomatic in other dormitories?"

"We look at things like enhanced cleaning, social distancing, making sure the inmates have the use of masks is they'd like to or limiting their movement inside the jail.

"We've sent in a three-person investi-



Sheriff Michelle Cook

gation team to do interviews with all those positives cases and we'll get the contact exposures. We've also sent in a two-man team [on Monday] to do additional testing. We're going to start on a rotation of every

"For those inmates who are in our custody and care, they are screened, they are brought in and immediately isolated and quarantined, depending on if they had any symptoms or if they have a fever. We continually monitor the inmates for symptoms. We provide masks to the inmates. We provide additional cleaning items to our inmates to clean their areas. Again, they have access to medical personnel 24/7."

– Sheriff Michelle Cook

two weeks testing in the jail setting so we can identify those individuals that are positive and immediately isolate them."

None of the infected are "in severe medical distress," Cook said.

Inmates are divided among eight dormitory pods, Director of Detention Chris Coldiron said. Once an inmate tests positive or shows signs of the virus, they are removed from general population and placed with other inmates with similar symptoms.

"We have an initial isolation period of seven days, and we've now extended that to 14 days," Coldiron said.

Inmates are screened during the booking process, Cook said. Once behind bars, they have extra cleaning supplies and masks made available.

But it's impossible to completely prevent COVID-19 in an environment like a jail, Cook said.

"For our employees, we require them to wear masks and appropriate PPE [personal protection equipment]," she said. "We have provided additional hand sanitizer to all of our employees, and we check our employees' temperatures at the beginning

of each shift before they come into the facility.

"For those inmates who are in our custody and care, they are screened, they are brought in and immediately isolated and quarantined, depending on if they had any symptoms or if they have a fever. We continually monitor the inmates for symptoms. We provide masks to the inmates. We provide additional cleaning items to our inmates to clean their areas. Again, they have access to medical personnel 24/7."

Movement is limited throughout the jail, Coldiron said.

Cook said other measures have been implemented to control the virus.

"All of our inmate program has been suspended. We have limited our inmate work crews. We isolate and/or quarantine the inmates that have tested positive, who refuse testing or show any sign of symptoms," she said. "We have had these preventative measures in place and we will continue to keep these measures in place and we will be doing additional testing in two weeks."

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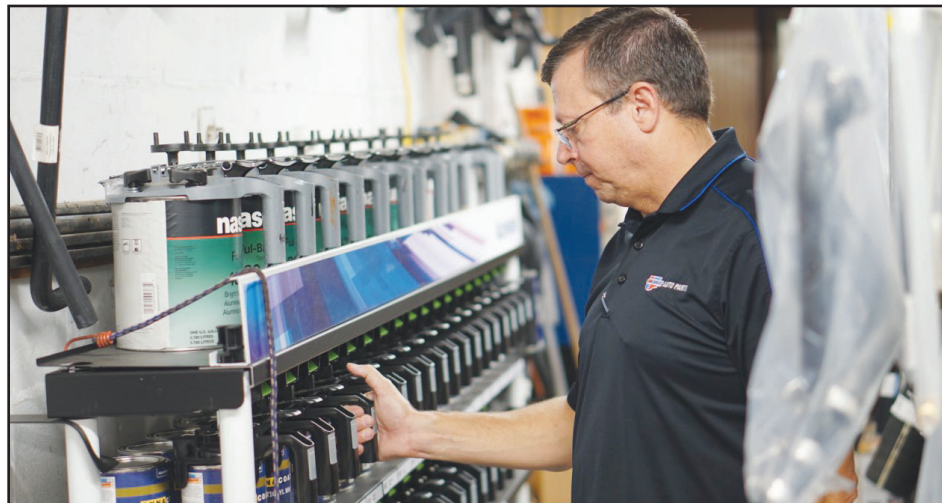
By Wesley LeBlanc
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – CarQuest has been serving all of the city’s automotive needs since 2006, and despite all that 2020 has been, it’s been one of the shop’s best years.

CarQuest Auto Parts owner Clinton Gillen was born and reared in Keystone Heights. It’s a small city that means a lot to him and it’s not only home to his business, but home to him. Gillen has always loved the automotive industry but he feels more blessed than ever to be a part of it all these years later.

“The Lord has truly blessed us and has blessed me and I’m thankful for that,” Gillen said. “I have to give him credit for all that he’s done in my life and for this business.”

Gillen’s history with CarQuest goes back to 1994 when he began working for its corporate offices. His only move away from Keystone Heights came during a stint



CarQuest Auto Parts owner Clinton Gillen

with the corporate offices in Gainesville, Tallahassee and Jacksonville, but he eventually made his way back to the rural city in 2006 when his father purchased the building standing at 7419 State Road 21.

It was a NAPA auto parts store for decades but when Gillen’s father purchased it, it became a CarQuest. Gillen worked at the shop and helped run it but it didn’t officially become his until 2016 when he bought the shop from his father.

“I grew up loving cars and my dad worked at the NAPA that used to be here so I basically lived in this shop,” Gillen said. “I guess you could say it was always

meant to be. It definitely came full circle.”

Gillen said in the shop’s 14 years, he likes to think that he’s built a special relationship with Keystone Heights, a city that is also home to an Advance Auto Parts and an AutoZone. Gillen said his shop hires tried and true automotive professionals with experience.

“I think that’s the difference with us,” Gillen said.

There’s also the community service aspect of CarQuest, which regularly donates to local charities and students in need of fundraising. It’s two-fold, Gillen said, in that Keystone Heights helps CarQuest stay in business and in turn, CarQuest gives back to the community when it can.

“For everyone here, servicing cars and helping people is all we’ve ever done our entire life,” Gillen said. “I don’t think you can get that at any other shop here.”

Gillen said it’s the satisfaction of helping a customer that keeps smiles on he and his staff’s face. People generally only go into an auto parts store when some-

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Vallencourt

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first-round score of 76 by making 11 birdies and a three-putt bogey for a 36-hole score of 6-under 136.

Tim Cobb, who moved to Northeast Florida three months ago and joined St. Johns, eventually finished with a 4-under 68 to finish at 7-under 135.

A torrential downpour stopped play for nearly an hour. Vallencourt was in the middle of the fairway at the 18th hole, while Cobb had just made the turn.

"It's a good thing I didn't know about what Mike was doing," Cobb said.

Vallencourt ultimately hit his approach at the water-logged final green, and he calmly rolled in a 12-footer to beat the course record by two shots.

"Sometimes you stand over it, you look at it, you decide where you want to hit it and it works," Vallencourt said. "Sometimes things just fall in line."

The 61-year-old player decided to compete in younger Senior division for players between 50-59. Jacksonville's Gary Blackwell (73-74) won the Super Senior division (60-69 years old) at 3-over, while Kingsland, Georgia's Danny Daniels (69-71) won the Grand Senior class (70-plus) at 4-under.

Tuesday's round made the first-round troubles easy to forget for Vallencourt. He started with two bogeys and two double-

bogeys in his first 15 holes before rallying with birdies at 16 and 18.

Over a two-day stretch, Vallencourt made 13 birdies in his final 21 holes.

"Seventeen is a 200-yard par-3, so all I wanted to do was hit the green," he said. "I was 25 feet away and I made it. When I stood on the tee at 18, I don't care what they say, you're nervous. I tried to take it one swing at a time.

"I didn't win, but it was way special. The bar has been reset. I had a great time. I've never had anything like that happen before. It's something I'll remember for a long, long time."

Cobb clinched the championship with a bogey-free final round.

Chad Branton of Cartersville, Georgia tied Vallencourt for second place, while St. Augustine's Billy Lodise, another St. Johns Golf and Country Club member, was fourth at 4-under, while David Anthony of Marsh Landing Country Club was fifth at 3-under.

Other local efforts included Orange Park's Richard Ames (2-over), who was tied for ninth in the Senior division, and Middleburg's Chuck Kirk (4-over), who tied for ninth.

John Lobb's run at a record-tying three straight – and four of the last five – JAGA Senior Amateur titles was tied for 11th. The retired Naval Station Mayport executive officer was derailed by back-to-back triple bogeys on the 12th and 13th holes during the first round.



Mike Vallencourt shows his signed scorecard after breaking the St. Johns Golf and Country Club course record with a 10-under-62 during the final round of the JAGA Senior Amateur. Vallencourt, of Orange Park, closed with seven consecutive birdies.

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North Florida Land Trust once again expands at the Trail Ridge Preserve

The acquisition is the final piece of privately owned property in the preserve

JACKSONVILLE - North Florida Land Trust has acquired the final piece of privately owned property within the Trail Ridge Preserve in Clay County.

The nonprofit land conservation organization purchased 40 acres of land located near Camp Blanding and within the critical Ocala to Osceola, or O2O, wildlife corridor.

The purchase means the entire Trail Ridge Preserve will remain undeveloped forever.

"Acquiring this final piece of property will allow us to better manage Trail Ridge Preserve using management techniques

like prescribed burning," said Jim McCarthy, president of NFLT. "The preserve is habitat for some endangered wildlife and preserving it is crucial to their survival. This purchase will guarantee this land is free from development in perpetuity. We once again partnered with Camp Blanding to acquire these lands which will also serve as a buffer for the military installation."

The property in the O2O was purchased through funding from the Army National Guard.

It is part of the Department of Defense's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program which funds lands identified for conservation through the Army Compatible Use Buffer program designed to secure buffers around military

installations.

It allows soldiers at Camp Blanding to train up to the fence line without fear of disturbing the quality of life for neighbors.

The acquisition of the 40 acres is comprised of upland sandhill habitats.

It is located within the O2O corridor, a 1.6 million-acre network of public and private lands that connect the Ocala and Osceola National Forests. It provides habitat connectivity for the black bear, along with endangered species like the red-cockaded woodpecker, indigo snakes and gopher tortoises.

NFLT leads the O2O Wildlife Corridor Partnership, an effort by public and private organizations to accelerate land conservation within this wildlife corridor.

The 73,000-acre Camp Blanding Joint

Training Center is central to the O2O landscape and partnership.

About North Florida Land Trust

North Florida Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to protect the natural resources, historic places and working lands (farms and ranches) throughout north Florida. Founded in 1999, NFLT has preserved tens of thousands of acres of land through donation or purchase of land as well as conservation easements.

NFLT is funded largely by private and corporate contributions and works closely with willing landowners and public agencies at all levels of government, not-for-profit partners, and foundations. For more information, visit nflt.org.

WJCT expands at-home learning broadcast and digital resources

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY - As First Coast families adapt to a new school year unlike any other, WJCT is expanding its support for educators, parents and caregivers with a suite of mostly free, high-quality, accessible educational media resources. All information about programming and resources is available at wjct.org/education.

Since March, WJCT has aired the At-Home Learning Service (for learners grades 6-12), on WJCT World Channel 7.5, which is available to all homes free of charge with an antenna. Starting Sept. 14, WJCT will simulcast this block of educational programming on WJCT More! Channel 7.4 which is also accessible on Comcast 212.

In conjunction with these programs, viewers can find a schedule online at wjct.org/education with links to at-home learning resources that educators can use to supplement distance learning plans, and parents can use to provide added enrichment and support for children's educational needs.

The WJCT PBS KIDS 24/7 Channel 7.3 (Comcast 211) will continue to provide the

engaging and educational programming families count on for young learners ages 2-8. A new schedule begins October 5 with the integration of the newest addition to PBS KIDS family, "Elinor Wonders Why," which aims to encourage children to follow their curiosity, ask questions when they don't understand and find answers using science inquiry skills.

WJCT reaches a majority of Northeast Florida households with a deep trove of digital resources (including Florida PBS LearningMedia, pbskids.org, PBS KIDS for Parents) designed to support both in-school and at-home learning for students. This programming was critical at the end of the 2019-2020 school year as local safer-at-home initiatives were implemented, and will continue to play a significant role in modified learning plans for the new year. Other free educational assets for educators and parents include:

WJCT PBS KIDS 24/7 Channel: Anytime access to more than 20 series aligned to curriculum goals - from science and math, to literacy and life lessons. Available on-air via WJCT PBS KIDS 24/7 channel 7.3 (Comcast 211), livestreaming on the PBS KIDS Video app and at pbskids.org.



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WJCT WORLD and WJCT More! Channels: From noon to 5 p.m. on weekdays, programs on math, science, social studies and English language arts, curated by educators and aligned to related digital resources on PBS LearningMedia.

Florida PBS LearningMedia: Educators, parents, and students can find at-home learning resources connected to current broadcast programming, professional learning support, lesson planning kits and more in the PreK-12 Resources for New School Routines (florida.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/new-school-routines/) collection, which will continue to be up-

dated.

PBS KIDS for Parents: Parents can find tips, resources, printables, an Activity Finder and more tools for learning at home with young children, including a special "Learn at Home with PBS KIDS" collection and "Learn at Home" Bingo at pbs.org/parents.

pbskids.org & PBS KIDS Video App: Full episodes, clips, games and more educational tools for children 2-8.

WJCT Kids Connect Newsletter: Weekly local newsletter for parents, delivered every Monday to help keep everyone entertained and learning. To sign up, visit wjct.org/education/parents/.

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go into an auto parts store when something is wrong with their vehicle be it a dead battery, a broken alternator, a busted headlight or something else. Gillen said it's especially important that his team be as helpful as possible and as knowledgeable as possible because of that.

"And I like to think our customers do always leave happy," Gillen said.

This year has hit local businesses and franchises alike hard as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic but oddly enough, Gillen said 2020 has been one of

CarQuest's best years yet.

"We are truly blessed by the Lord to be having the year we're having and I know that we as a company are lucky when there are so many businesses out there closing shop," Gillen said. "I can't really tell you why 2020 has been so great for us business-wise. I can't really put a finger to any one reason why."

Gillen is humble but one trip around the store and a couple of discussions with the employees smiling ready to help and it's obvious why 2020 has been great for CarQuest: it's a shop with doors open to make money, sure, but more importantly, it's a business in the business of helping customers.

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Clay High first year coach Kyle Kennard celebrates with his team after 33-12 upset of Class 2A Final Four finishing University Christian in Kennard's season opener at Clay High School.

Kyle Kennard opens with Final Four upset

By Doug Deters
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - After watching the storied Clay High football program struggle through a one-win season last year, new head coach Kyle Kennard, a former defensive coordinator for three area high schools including Clay in 2019, opened 2020 with some high-flying shenanigans as he let senior quarterback Tre Griner loose on Class 2A Final Four finisher University Christian to the tune of a lightning-fast first quarter scoring barrage en route to a 33-12 upset

Friday night at Clay High School.

"It's just exciting, our players have worked so hard in the off season with the goal to get this program turned in the right direction and it starts tonight " said Kennard, who replaced departed John Stilianou, now at Middleburg High, who replaced Joshua Hoekstra, now at Bolles.

Griner, who has run the show for nearly three years under the coaching changes, showed how much he has improved over the off season on drive number one of 2020.

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Run game rolls for Eagles

By Bruce Hope
Sports Writer

FLEMING ISLAND – After a nearly perfect start which saw scores in every phase of the game, the Fleming Island High Golden Eagles celebrated Senior Night in their 2020 season opener with a 29-7 win over the visiting Palatka Panthers.

The win is the 10th regular season win in a row for the Golden Eagles who finished with a region semifinal loss to Niceville last year after a 9-0 regular season record.

The Golden Eagles got points in every conceivable way during the opening quarter, getting out to a 23-0 nothing lead before holding the onto the lead in an uneven performance the rest of the way. Fleming Island scored on a touchdown run, a safety on a botched punt attempt by Palatka, a kickoff return following the safety, and a touchdown pass on the following drive. Fleming Island did not score again until the fourth quarter.

"We started putting different kids in, younger kids," said Golden Eagles coach



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY LAURA ANDERSON

Fleming Island High running backs Sam Singleton, left, and Joseph Stevens get set to move ball downfield in Golden Eagles 29-7 win over Palatka in season opener.

Damenyum Springs of the slowdown after the hot opening quarter. "We were trying to make sure our kids don't get

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Splash power

Orange Park High butterfly specialist Jose Medina powers through water in dual meet against Clay High at Rolling Hills. See more pictures inside.

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Oakleaf High blockers JC Johnson, left, and Jalana Hope go after ball sent over net by Middleburg's Leslie Catlett during Lady Broncos 3-1 win over Knights.



Cline opens as winning coach

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - Former Keystone Heights High School multi-sport athlete Kaitlyn Cline returned to her hometown after some college athletics to earn her first win as the newest girls volleyball coach for the Lady Indians.

"When I was asked to coach the team, I had to wrap my mind around that," said Cline, a 2017 graduate and a athlete for volleyball, softball and basketball for the Lady Indians. "I asked Jordan Jennings, a Keystone Heights teammate, to help me and we are here."

In her career opener, a home match against West Nassau High, Cline, who played at Florida Gateway College in Lake City and is an elementary school teacher at McRae Elementary School, saw her team lose by five points.

"I didn't panic and told them that we got this," said Cline. "If you lose by five, it makes you play harder. We did. We won."

With the 3-1 match win Tues., Sept. 8, Cline opened up her career on a positive

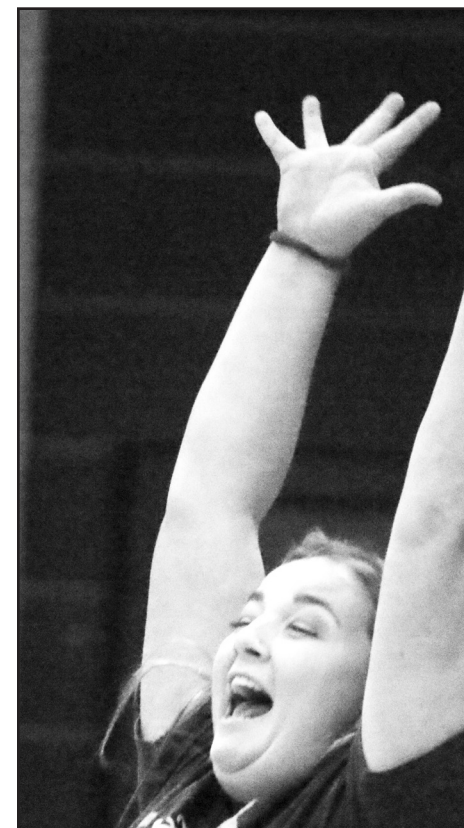


Keystone Heights High blocker Sarah Siebert goes up for ball and Lady Indians season opening win over West Nassau.

note and looked forward to more success.

"This is a young team and I think we learned a lot about ourselves last night," said Cline. "I think that first game was a team of sophomores suddenly realizing they were on a varsity volleyball court. They settled in and played great the next three games."

Keystone Heights won game two over Interlachen before running into Fleming Island where Cline's streak ended abruptly.



Former Keystone Heights High multi-sport athlete Caitlin Kline, now head coach volleyball at Keystone High School, celebrates first game win en route to first match win against West Nassau.

BUDGET SUMMARY

CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA - FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

*THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FLORIDA ARE 23.1 % MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

County Services	5.3021
Unincorporated Services MSTU	0.1110
Law Enforcement MSTU-4	2.1831
Fire Control MSTU-8	0.5048
Challenger Ctr Dev MSTU	3.0000

ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes:	Millage per \$1,000					
Ad Valorem Taxes - Operating	5.3021	28,674,559	36,181,418	-	-	64,855,977
Ad Valorem Taxes-Unincorporated MSTU	0.1110	-	1,220,802	-	-	1,220,802
Ad Valorem Taxes-Law Enforcement MSTU-4	2.1831	-	24,192,234	-	-	24,192,234
Ad Valorem Taxes-Fire Control MSTU-8	0.5048	-	5,860,810	-	-	5,860,810
Ad Valorem Taxes-Challenger Ctr Dev MSTU	3.0000	-	741	-	-	741
Other Taxes	8,711,165	25,144,596	-	3,151,253	-	37,007,014
Charges for Services	7,155,713	2,428,906	-	-	4,500,000	14,084,619
Intergovernmental Revenue	25,796,479	12,187,382	-	4,000,000	-	41,983,861
Fines and Forfeitures	3,500	299,300	-	150,000	-	452,800
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,876,540	18,309,613	-	7,010,500	220,000	27,416,653
Permits/Fees/Special Assessments	-	2,824,044	-	-	16,595,426	19,419,470
TOTAL SOURCES	72,217,956	128,649,846	-	14,311,753	21,315,426	236,494,981
Interfund Transfers	-	17,127,588	8,402,500	10,628,915	-	36,159,003
Non-Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	24,658,402	51,226,454	-	155,910,682	36,469,151	268,264,689
Statutory Reserve (F.S. 129.01)	(3,610,898)	(6,248,902)	-	(715,588)	(1,065,771)	(11,641,159)
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	93,265,460	190,754,986	8,402,500	180,135,762	56,718,806	529,277,517
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	30,975,878	21,343,597	8,402,500	707,500	-	61,429,475
Court Related Expenditures	258,300	6,236,264	-	-	-	6,494,564
Public Safety	28,134,182	78,266,786	-	4,970,648	-	111,371,616
Physical Environment	623,898	15,294	-	-	22,003,203	22,642,395
Transportation	3,017,311	12,906,511	-	35,885,264	-	51,809,086
Economic Environment	297,224	5,115,880	-	-	-	5,413,104
Human Services	7,430,748	20,554,897	-	714,000	-	28,699,645
Culture/Recreation	7,276,676	1,133,752	-	449,783	-	8,860,211
Grants and Aid	290,612	-	-	-	-	290,612
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	78,304,829	145,572,981	8,402,500	42,727,195	22,003,203	297,010,708
Interfund Transfers	2,045,708	19,113,295	-	15,000,000	-	36,159,003
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	12,914,923	26,068,713	-	122,408,567	34,715,603	196,107,807
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	93,265,460	190,754,989	8,402,500	180,135,762	56,718,806	529,277,517

Note: This table is non-inclusive of Lake Asbury MSBD Budget (\$722,800)



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Ridgeview High linebacker Gavin McCormack celebrates after first of five turnovers for Panthers defense in 28-7 season opening win over Wolfson Friday night.

Knauss opens with win

Smith Defense: "100 miles per hour"

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Three scoring passes from quarterback Max Monroe and a 13-tackle defense effort by both linebackers; Miika Tuisano and Joe Reed, powered the Ridgeview High football team to a season-opener 28-7 win over Wolfson High Friday night at Ridgeview High School.

"I think we were a little sloppy to start with no preseason games and we concentrated on less scrimmages in practices to avoid injuries," said Ridgeview High second year coach Matt Knauss, who was 1-9 in his debut last year. "I think the rest helped the rust; I'd rather have rest than rust, and it showed with five turnovers and a high level of intensity."

Both teams opened with three downs and out situations before Knauss' vaunted

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Clay County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy	\$ 89,555,423
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes	\$ 263,637
C. Actual property tax levy	\$ 89,291,786
This year's proposed tax levy	\$ 96,130,563

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on :

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Visit www.ClayCountyGov.com for hearing information.

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

Legal No. 46676 published September 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Knights offense revs up for Georgia showdowns

Next: Oakleaf (1-0) at Lowndes County (GA) (2-0)

By Joshua Wilson
Correspondent

GAINESVILLE – Oakleaf High football got stunned on the first play of their first game of the season; at Citizen's Field in Gainesville against Buchholz High, with a 50 yard pass play to a one yard scoring plunge putting the Knights on their heels right off the bus.

Quick response was the Knights' answer with senior quarterback Walter Simmons III punching up a 32 yard scoring run of his own to knot the game.

From there, the Knights settled into their strong run game and lightning fast air game under Simmons' direction to rumble to a 35-14 win. The Knights got two interceptions from senior defensive back Trey Thomas, who returned one for

a touchdown to add to the scoring for Oakleaf.

After two stops and a second punt, the Knights fought quickly again to take the lead on a Simmons pass to wideout Terrance Anthony, the first of the duo's connections in the end zone of the night.

"We felt comfortable with our plan. We needed to execute better. We calmed down at half time and got that taken care," Oakleaf coach Frank Garis said after the win.

Garis will travel again this week with a trip to nationally-ranked Lowndes County High School in Valdosta Georgia. Lowndes, 2-0 with wins over Archer (35-21) and Griffin (45-6), is ranked number one in Georgia after a state 7A runnerup finish to Marietta High last year and ranked number nine nationally by Max-preps. Oakleaf also has Camden County (1-1), a semifinalist 7A finisher last year

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY DON LONG

Oakleaf High running back Mike Mitchell takes off for 53-yard fourth quarter touchdown in Knight's 35-14 season opening win over Buchholz Friday night in Gainesville.

Mistakes doom Raiders in opener

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

ORANGE PARK - Multiple miscues and a rugged Baker County ground game proved too much for Orange Park to overcome as the Raiders fell 49-0 in their 2020 opener at Hoyt B. Cotney Field Friday night. "We've got good players," said Orange Park head coach Tom MacPherson. "Tonight we just were not ready to play a football game."

The first two shotgun snaps of the game sailed past quarterback Tavien Wilkerson for 43 yards in losses, resulting in a punt from the Raiders one yard line. There were six dropped passes. A punt was muffed, a field goal attempt was botched, and another snap was fumbled over to the Wildcats, who went to the Class 5A playoffs last year and

thumped Bradford 33-6 in their season opener September 4.

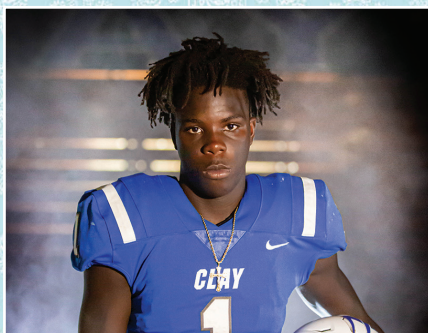
"The biggest issue was having only six kids that had played varsity football before, and then not having spring practice, not having a typical summer, not having a kickoff classic, and opening against a good team," said MacPherson.

The Wildcats' boasted five returning starters on their offensive line, which paved the way for Scooby Graham, Cameron Smith and Jamarian Baker to rush for a combined 188 yards and four touchdowns in the first half. Baker County amassed 214 rushing yards in the game.

Despite the score, MacPherson was not discouraged.

"When we executed, we moved the ball," he said. "JoJo [Restall] had some solid runs. He is going to be explosive for us."

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Tre Griner
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Clay High football exploded into the 2020 season with senior quarterback Tre Griner popping for two quick touchdown scores; 68 and 35 yards, to grab a quick lead against Class 2A Final Four finisher University Christian en route to pseudo-upset win Friday night; 33-12. The win was first for new head coach Kyle Kennard.



Emma Millson
Senior, XC Fleming Island

Fleming Island cross country runner Emma Millson continued her onslaught of top finishes for the Golden Eagles team with her best-in-county finish; fourth overall in 19:51, at the Craig Speziale Cross Country Invitational at Ponte Vedra High School.

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Week Two
Sept. 18

Oakleaf (7-3, 8A) at Lowndes (GA) (14-1, lost in 7A Georgia state final 17-9)
Game One: Oakleaf beats Buchholz 35-14. Lowndes (2-0), 35-21 over Archer (region semis

7A last year), 45-6 over Griffin (5A region finalist last year).

This is a Super Bowl I game for Knights. Lowndes High storied championship history; ranked number one in Georgia and ninth nationally on MaxPreps as of August 26. Lowndes rushed for nearly 300 yards per game last year; passed for 100. Junior quarterback Jacurri Brown returns (1340 Yds/10TDs passing) (1500/20TDs rushing). Enuff Said.



Middleburg (3-7, district 2-6A) at Hawthorne (1A, 8-4 lost in region 4A semifinals to 1A runner Pahokee)

Game One: Middleburg loses 49-0 to St. Augustine. Hawthorne (2-0) wins over Newberry (20-14), Zarephath Academy (54-0).

Middleburg opened with St. Augustine (6A) and then put a 1A on the schedule, but Hawthorne is not a small school looking for wins. Last year, Hawthorne drew Pahokee in their region playoff. Pahokee lost to Madison County by one point in state semifinal. Madison County beat Blountstown 70-35 in final. Hawthorne is not a small, 1A school from rural Gainesville. Hawthorne loses two senior RBs and a 20 TD 2019. If Middleburg goes strong with St. Augustine, Padgett boys could run the table.

Orange Park (5-5, district 5-5A) at Clay (1-9, district 5-5A)

Game One: Orange Park loses 49-0 to Baker County. Clay beats University Christian 33-12.

Interesting dichotomy; One has a new coach, Clay; the other has a mostly new lineup, Orange Park. Who blinks first? This may be a scoreless slugfest with a fourth quarter conditioning mistake the difference. Clay big first win for coach Kyle Kennard provides springboard momentum.

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Ridgeview
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run-pass option offense hit high gear on a seven play drive that finished with senior running back Rasheed Baker taking a swing pass 10 yards out to put the Panthers on the scoreboard first 7-0. Kicker Austin Leonard; perfect on all four PATs, kicked the initial kick.

In the drive, Monroe got an 11 yard out pattern to Josh Dorsainvil and a 15 yard slant to sophomore Bryce Hampton to set up Baker's scoring run.

On the next Wolfson series, Panther linebacker Brian Cole corraled Wolfson

quarterback Josiah Jean for a 12 yard loss to the Wolfpack 25 with a second tackle for loss from Reed putting the Wolfpack at a third and 25 at their own 20.

"We had lots of hats to the ball," said Reed, a transfer from Clay High who missed much of 2019 with injuries. "We knew we wanted to attack behind the line of scrimmage."

Part of the Panthers' reinvigorated defense is defensive coach Jason Smith, who is known in north Florida as a guy who likes to combine speed and hard work.

"If you are on the field, you better be going 100 miles per hour," said Smith. "The whole defense; five turnovers, surprised me as a unit because they were flying the whole game. Our team goal was three turnovers; we got five."

For Monroe, the night was full of getting the ball around his backfield with Hampton getting a 25 yard scoring run and Monroe hitting wideout Ed Whipple with a perfect 41 yard pass that found the fleet-footed Whipple alone on the Wolfson sideline.

Monroe's final strike was a 16 yarder to Gamble late in the game.

"It feels good to be vertical for most of the game; the offensive line did a great job," said Monroe. "We had our little outs, the deep one to Eddie. We got three guys that if we can get the ball to can take it in from anywhere."

Hampton's 25 yard scoring run got loose behind a crushing block from Whipple downfield to put Ridgeview up 14-0 near the end of the first quarter.

As the second quarter started, linebacker Gavin McCormack emerged from a scrum near midfield with the ball to put Monroe back on the field.

Just one play and Whipple was flying downfield for a third Panther score.

Next Wolfson series and Baker out-leaped a Wolfson pass for an interception that put Monroe and friends back on the field, but the drive stalled.

In an ironic play on the field, Whipple caught a perfect spiraled punt off Monroe's foot near the Panthers' 25 yard line.

"It looked like a pass," said Whipple.

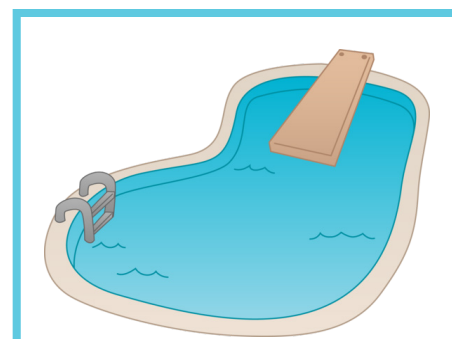
With a strong lead, the Panther defense moved as a pack behind nosetackle Derek Mosley's front rushes that set up tackles for losses from nearly the rest of the defensive unit as Wolfson had no answer up front. Mosley finished with five tackles.

Just before the half, McCormack would blast through with a big hit that linebacker Rae Barger scooped up the jarred ball for the third turnover of the first half.

Wolfson would get a score from Jean in the fourth before Gamble took a swing pass for the Panthers' final final score and the final 28-7 score.

Reed, 13 tackles, one sack, and one forced fumble, grabbed an interception, but cramped on the return effort and Nick Martin picked up a fourth quarter fumble to seal the game.

Ridgeview has a bye week before facing off with county-rival Fleming Island in two weeks; September 25 at Fleming Island High School.



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Griner found wide out D'Maurion Frazier twice during a fast-moving first offensive drive including a 68 yard touchdown pass less than three minutes into the game for a quick 6-0 lead over the Christians. University Christian lost in last year's state sectional, lost in region finals in 2018, lost in Class 2A championship in 2017 and won the Class 2A title in 2016.

"This team is learning what it takes to win such as mental preparation, belief and doing the right things," Kennard said. "This win tonight is not about me. It's about our players and how they have worked. I love coming to work each day because we have good kids and they are fantastic to work with each day."

After their initial scoring salvo, Clay's defense locked down the rugged Christian running game and gave Griner shot two at paydirt.

Griner kept the pedal to the medal by mixing the running and passing game to keep the Christians defense off balance. Clay running back Al Querious Ray dominated the second level of the Christians while the Clay high offensive line pushed away the University defensive linemen with ease. Griner would find wide out Jaden Bryan on a pass to the University 39 yard line before finding a slash pattern to Reid Waugh from 12 yards out to push the lead to 12-0.

Again Clay's defense locked down despite a successful fourth down conversion.

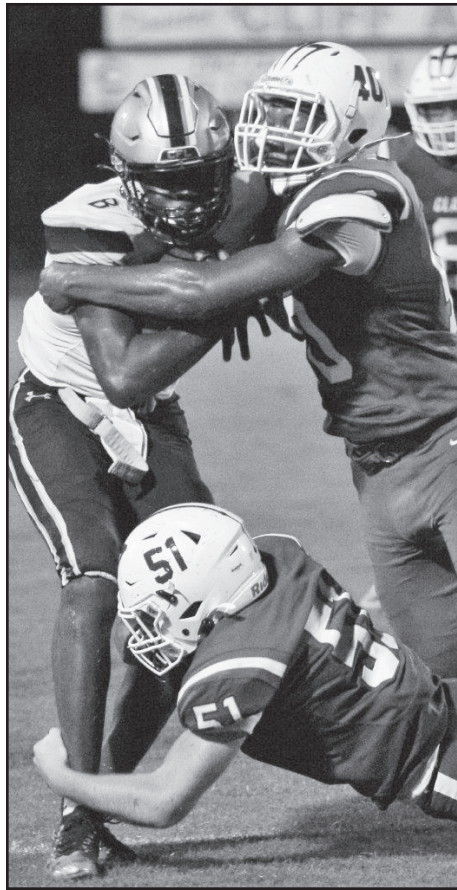
Drive three for Griner was equally wicked as the Ray started to grind out on the ground with a 13 yard scoring run pushing the quick lead to 20-0 midway through the second quarter.

A mishandled third down scramble and fumble from Griner led to a University touchdown just before the halftime break.

In the third, University Christian benefited from a late hit call on Bryan on fourth down that turned into a three yard run for the Christians to close the gap to 20-12.

The Blue Devils didn't flinch and, within two minutes, Ray pounded out a 33 yard touchdown run to push the lead to 26-12 with 2:30 left in the third quarter.

As fatigue and heat settled in and both teams slowed their roll a bit, University



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA
Clay High tackler Izaiah Butler. No. 51, goes low in tackle during Blue Devils upset win over Class 2A University Christian Friday night.

would answer with a 78 yard pass all the way to the Clay 11 yard line that portended to disaster at home for Clay. With University knocking on a one or two point game, a sack from Brandon Peavy took 10 yards away before cornerback Jarvis Lee snatched an interception off a tipped pass to turn the tide.

In the fourth quarter, Clay would put together a 90 yard drive behind the running combo of Griner and Ray. The drive would end with a three yard touchdown pass to Bryan with seven minutes left in the game for a 33-12 lead the Blue Devils would not relinquish.

After the fourth quarter clock hit 0:00, Kennard got an ice cold powerade bath from two of his Seniors to help celebrate the first of what the Blue Devils hope are many wins.

The Blue Devils hope to keep their winning ways as they host conference rival Orange Park this week at home.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY LAURA ANDERSON
The Fleming Island High football offensive line, led by number 75 center Evan Sheets, powered through Palatka's defense for 29-7 win in season opener.

Fleming

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hurt; to get out of this game."

The Golden Eagles began to find success in the running game the rest of the game, only throwing 10 passes on the night.

"We seen it on film, that our run game could be pretty decent," said Springs. "That's always going to be our identity as a football team, is to run first. Our offensive coordinator, offensive staff, they do a great job of getting these guys ready to play low, play hard, play fast. So that's our identity."

Fleming Island rushed for 233 yards on the night, with sophomores Musthafa Marshall and Jhace Edwards combined for 186 yards (Marshall - 116, Edwards - 70). Sam Singleton chipped in with 47 more on just four carries.

Palatka, running a triple-option-style offensive scheme, settled in after the first frame, and had more success in the ground game, but it was already out of reach for a team that could not score quickly.

"When we came out [of the half], we went with our second and third string on defense," said Springs. "They

started running inside trap early and stuff like that. Our second and third string guys were backing up and not going downhill."

Fleming Island senior quarterback Grant Travis did not play particularly well outside of a first quarter touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Darion Domineck. Travis over and underthrew receivers throughout the game and completed under 50 percent of his passes on the night.

"First, we just gotta go back and watch film, and watch his mechanics and see what was going wrong. Then we'll fix it from there," said Springs of his quarterback's inefficiency in the passing game. "Probably second thing is, him just relaxing, you know, just relax; first game jitters. So just get him relaxed."

The Golden Eagles feel they have established their offensive identity as a tough football team in the trenches.

"We got these running backs, me Sam and Timmy [Thomas]," said Marshall. "We got the great O-line, and the coaching staff helped us put work in. Working everyday in practice, and we just executed in the game. Our mindset is go get 'em. Defense executes, offense executes, we win the game."

Fleming Island (1-0) plays next on the road at Fletcher (1-0, 23-0 over Terry Parker) on September 18 while Palatka (0-2) visits Ponte Vedra High.

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Frank

Meowdy there! Name's Frank. I'm sort of a stoic but blunt kind of person - and honestly, I'm a little blue right now. I had a family, but they went somewhere far away, and couldn't take me with them. I'm a shy guy, until I get to know someone. And I really don't like dogs. Ugh! I just need some patient, loving humans to help heal my broken heart.



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Oakleaf

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(lost to Marietta) coming to Oakleaf in two weeks.

Both teams were determined to keep each other in check in the first half with back-to-back interception scoring runs amping the sidelines on both sides.

The first of two pick-sixes on the night between both teams took place in the first quarter when Buchholz linebacker Eric Alvarez picked off Simmons' pass at the Oakleaf 48 returning it to the endzone for six to tie the game up 14-14 with 4:07 left in the first quarter.

Oakleaf defensive back Trey Thomas answered for Oakleaf with an interception midway through the second quarter in what was mostly uneventful quarter



both teams that saw mostly punts or turnover on downs ending drives along with a missed field goal by Buchholz in the final second of the first half.

The second of the pick-sixes of the night for Thomas came in the third he picked off a Hevesy pass around the Buchholz 40 taking it in untouched to put the Knights up 21-14 with 8:31 left in the quarter.

On top of Thomas' pick-six in the third quarter, the Knights picked up two more scores during the third and fourth quarters. That was all the while the Knights worked to keep the Bobcats off the scoreboard in the second half thanks to their stingy defense that got fired up by the coaches at half time. The second to final touchdown of the night came on another five-yard pass from Simmons to Anthony to cap off the duo's scoring for the night with 3:10 left to go in the third quarter.

The scoring for Oakleaf would be capped off officially with a 52-yard touchdown run from running back Mike Mitchell with 2:50 left to go in the game that would give Oakleaf a 35-14 advantage.

Mitchell finished the night with just two carries for 53 yards with the lone touchdown score

"Our seniors, two of the guys are our captains. They are on our leadership council. They are great program guys. They buy into what we are selling, they buy in to what the program is about. They radiate it to the young players, which is what we really, really appreciate," Garis said.

Simmons finished the night 19-of-31 passing for 159 yards through the air with two touchdowns.

For good measure he also had 19 total net yards rushing along with his lone rushing touchdown. Thomas finished the night with two interceptions and six tackles while Anthony officially had seven receptions for 80 yards to go along with two touchdowns. Oakleaf will travel Friday night to Valdosta, Ga. where they will take on the nationally-ranked Lowndes Vikings with the tilt slated to kickoff 8 p.m.

Week

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Fleming Island (10-1, lost in 7A region semifinal) at Fletcher (6-4)

Game One: Fleming Island beats Palatka 29-7. Fletcher beats Parker 23-0.

Damenyum Springs gets to see one of his coaching cohorts in Frank Hall who will be on the Fletcher sideline this fall.

Hall better boost up his defensive troops as Springs is loading up his holster with bevy of weapons; Kocak, Stephens, Singleton, Thomas, Domenick, et.al.

Fletcher, with new coach Bobby Raulerson who played under the guy he is replacing, Kevin Brown, is powerhouse from beach with successful 7-2, 7-4, 7-4 and 6-4 finishes past four years with handful of top NCAA Div I college players off their roster.

A barn-burner.

RHS BYE

Game One: Ridgeview beats Wolfson 28-7

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Game One: Keystone Heights loses 26-0 to Bradford. Logan Williams top rusher with 51 yards for Indians. Colton Tibbetts with 18 yard pass play.

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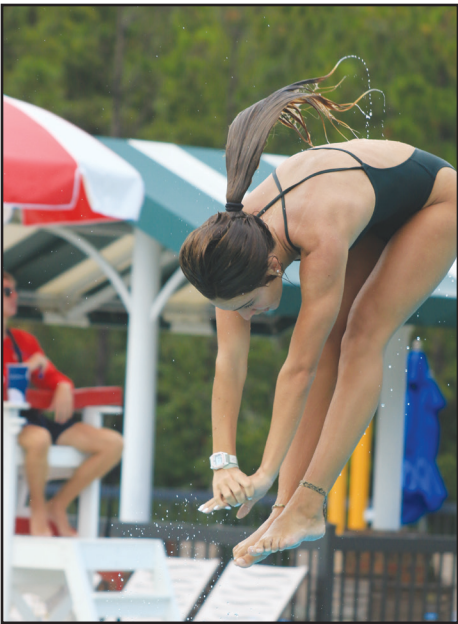
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Area swimming action included top left Fleming Island diver Killian LaBelle, top right, Orange Park sprinter Ryan Pritchard and bottom Clay High specialist Sara Stotler.



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Two Clay County cross country aces; Emma Millson, left, and Emma Mussante battled at finish line for fourth and fifth place at the prestigious Craig Speziale Cross Country Invitational held Saturday at Ponte Vedra High School. Millson, of Fleming Island High, and Mussante, of Middleburg, finished fourth and fifth in 19:51.

Emma vs. Emma (Again); Stratton, too

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PONTE VEDRA - Cross country from Clay County has centered around the frontrunning duo of Fleming Island's Emma Millson and St. Johns Country Day School's Matthew Stratton and the pair did not disap-

point in a highly-charged field at the Craig Speziale Cross Country Invitational at Ponte Vedra High School.

A third name in the hopper of surprising names popping in to be noticed as a state contender is Middleburg High senior Emma Mussante, who bested 20 minutes for the first time in her career last week at the Clay County meet, then answered the question of course length with a crazy sprint finish with

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Level: Intermediate

Emmas

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Millson to the finish at Ponte Vedra.

The girls field featured many of the state-ranked St. Johns County schools battling up front against Fleming Island and Mandarin from outside the county.

In the boys race, Nease's Bradley Ball got his second win in the early season (with teammate Harrison Rheinart chasing four minute miles) with St. Johns Country Day School's Matthew Stratton in second ahead of Creekside's Jesse Benavides. Ball ran a quick 15:36, Stratton 15:59 and Benavides 16:16. Top Fleming Island runner was senior Jayden Scherer in 13th in 17:04.

For Millson, who has had top finishes in the Cecil Field Preseason Classic and the Clay County Invite in the past month, went toe-to-toe (pun) with the likes of St. Augustine's Reilly Barber, the dominant front runner in 18 minutes, 46 seconds with Creekside's Elizabeth Iliff second at 19:26, Ponte Vedra's Lauren Bing third at 19:46 as the top three, with the two Emmas following in fourth and fifth, both timed in at 19:51. Reilly was 11th in Class 3A last year with Iliff ninth at the 2019 Class 4A championship race. Bing was 35th in Class 3A.

For the Clay County duo, Emma Millson was injured for most of 2019 and Emma Mussante finished a near-miss 17th (at 20:53) at the region championship race.

For the girls team finishes, Creekside was team champion with 69 points on top of Ponte Vedra (85) and St. Augustine (94) with Fleming Island fourth (107). Oakleaf, led again by Sierra Berrera in 21:52, was eighth (226) with Middleburg ninth (244). St. Johns Country Day School, led by front-runner Rebecca Stratton's 23:15, was 12th with 351 points. In the boys race, Bartram Trail was top team finisher with 51 points with four runners in the top 10 followed by Creekside (75) and Nease (78). Fleming Island finished fifth with 166 points with no runners under 17 minutes. St. Johns was 13th with 395 points. Oakleaf, led by freshman Graham Myers 17:55 for 43rd was 17th with 450 points. Ridgeview was 18th with 476 points with Dominik Fietze top finisher at 18:46 for 62nd.

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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to pet care.

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Answer: Groomer

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Answer: Will Smith

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to pet care. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)

A. 23 11 15 11 25 22 21 13 25 22 13 21

Clue: Provides medical care

B. 26 14 11 10 15 11 25

Clue: Protection from the elements

C. 15 25 13 22 21 22 21 2

Clue: Teaching skills

D. 10 11 13 26 14

Clue: Restrains a pet

Answers: A. veterinarian B. shelter C. training D. leash

PET CARE WORD SEARCH

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

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE

THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2018-CA-909 DIVISION: B DARRELL O'NEAL and SUSAN FAULKNER-O'NEAL, husband and wife, Plaintiffs, v. WAYNE A. GLENN, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE S, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HIM; ELIZABETH CORRIGAN, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED, HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE S, CREDITORS, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST HER; GOVERNOR'S LANDING CONDOMINIUM, INC. a Florida corporation; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, AND/OR OTHER PERSONS IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY WHOSE REAL NAMES ARE UNCERTAIN, Defendants. Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an order or a summary final judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as: Unit 113 of Governor's Landing, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, recorded in Official Records Book

Notice of Sale

861, Page(s) 544, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida, and any amendments thereto, together with its undivided share in the common elements. at public sale by the Clerk of this Court to the highest and best bidder for cash on Clay County's Public Auction website: www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of October, 2020. Notice of such sale shall be published as provided by statute. That any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 28th day of August, 2020. (seal) TARA S GREEN CLERK OF THE COURT Rebecca Crews As Deputy Clerk Legal 46609 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2019-CA-000479 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAROLE COLODNY, ET AL. Defendants NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2020, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000479, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R9 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CAROLE COLODNY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CAROLE COLODNY; HEATHER HARPER A/K/A HEATHER COLODNY, are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 24th day of November, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 17, BLOCK 82, JACKSONVILLE SOUTH UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1999 MOBILE HOME VIN # FLA14614797A AND FLA14614797B If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrinpr @coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this 27th day of August, 2020. (seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By Jaimie Pippin As Deputy Clerk Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Legal 46606 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2019CA001323 DIVISION: THE MONEY SOURCE, INC PAINTIFF vs. MATTHEW E. TETREAU, et al., Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 15, 2020, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 13, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. at https://www.clay.realforeclose.com/, the following described property: LOTS 297 OF TWO CREEKS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 52, PAGE(S) 62 THROUGH 104, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 1416 King Rail Lane, Middleburg, FL 32068 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED Dated: August 27, 2020 (seal) TARA S. GREEN, CLERK CLAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT By: Jaimie Pippin Deputy Clerk AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2565; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtrinpr @coj.net. Legal 46608 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 138565

Notice of Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2020, and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-001067 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL VAUGHN F/K/A COURTNEY M. GARDNER A/K/A COURTNEY MAYO GARDNER, ET AL. Defendants NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2020, and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-001067, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5, Plaintiff and MICHAEL VAUGHN F/K/A COURTNEY M. GARDNER A/K/A COURTNEY MAYO GARDNER; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEAMERICAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 24th day of November, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 30, WHITFIELD AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGE 58-67, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrinpr @coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated this 27th day of August, 2020.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2018-CA-001067 THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and MICHAEL VAUGHN F/K/A COURTNEY M. GARDNER A/K/A COURTNEY MAYO GARDNER; OAKLEAF PLANTATION WEST PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEAMERICAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 10:00 AM, on October 19, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 24, BLOCK 4, LAKESIDE ESTATES UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 53 AND 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2807 PACES FERRY RD S, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 19th day of August, 2020. (seal) Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Taylor Tison As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 46566 published Sept 17 and Sept 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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(seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By Stacie Towns As Deputy Clerk Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. Legal 46605 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 2019-CA-000014 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEE S, ASSIGNNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM W. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 04, 2020, and entered in 2019-CA-000014 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEE S, ASSIGNNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM W. STEVENS, JR. DECEASED; ROBERTH STEVENS; LORI BARNES; VICTORIA GUEST; ANDY STEVENS; MICHAEL HEARN; DAVID STEVENS; VICKY CORCORAN; JOE JOEHLER; SUE STREIT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CLAY COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT, STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ROBIN AHLGRIMPSTEVENS; MIRANDA LYNN STEVENS; REBECCA LEE WALSH; JOHN RICHARD STEVENS; TIMOTHY JOSEPH STEVENS; ROBERT PHILLIP STEVENS; BRIAN MICHAEL STEVENS are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 10:00 AM, on October 19, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 24, BLOCK 4, LAKESIDE ESTATES UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 53 AND 54 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 2807 PACES FERRY RD S, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031. Dated this 19th day of August, 2020. (seal) Tara S. Green As Clerk of the Court By: Taylor Tison As Deputy Clerk IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrinpr@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Legal 46566 published Sept 17 and Sept 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE #: 2019-CA-001341 ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. Plaintiff vs. CLARENCE D. ENNIS; ET. AL.; Defendants. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 11th day of March, 2020, and the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated September 3, 2020, both entered in Case No. 2019-CA-001341, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, where, ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC., is the Plaintiff, and CLARENCE D. ENNIS AND UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A JENNIFER MCBRIDE, are Defendants. TARA S. GREEN, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 AM, on the 9th day of December, 2020, the following described property as set forth in said final judgment, to wit: A PORTION OF LOT 10, NOLAN ROAD EAST, UNIT B, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO AN UNRECORDED PLAT THEREOF, PREPARED BY LOUIS H. MCKEE, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1221 ON JUNE 14, 1968; SAID LOT 10 BEING DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTH 1,280.00 FEET, OF THE NORTH 1,320.00 FEET, OF THE EAST 330.00 FEET, OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST; SAID PORTION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10, NOLAN ROAD EAST UNIT B; THENCE ON THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, (ALSO BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF BIG BRANCH ROAD, AS PER OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 184, PAGE 655, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY), RUN NORTH 89° 39' 30" EAST 165.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00° 40' 00" EAST 264.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 30" WEST 165.00 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE, NORTH 00° 40' 00" WEST 264.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING 1.00 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, IN AREA. THE GRANTORS HEREIN GRANT TO THE GRANTEE S HEREIN, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, AND ALSO THE GRANTORS HEREIN RESERVE UNTO THEMSELVES, THEIR HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS, A NON-EXCLUSIVE, PERPETUAL EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, AND UTILITY PURPOSES, COVERING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION OF SAID LOT 10: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 10; THENCE ON SAID SOUTH LINE OF BIG BRANCH ROAD, RUN THE FOLLOWING TWO CURVES: (1) NORTH 89°39'30" EAST 150.00 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; (2) NORTH 89°39'30" EAST 30.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°40'00" EAST 480.22 FEET; THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE WESTERLY, AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 50.00 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 98.84 FEET, THE BEARING OF SAID CHORD BEING SOUTH 08°03'43" WEST; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID LAST CURVE, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 98.84 FEET, THE BEARING OF LAST SAID CHORD BEING NORTH 09°23'43" WEST; THENCE NORTH 00°40'00" WEST 480.39 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. INCLUDING A 1984 RIVT MOBILE HOME, SERIAL #GDWGA248432339, WHICH IS PERMANENTLY ATTACHED AND AFFIXED TO THE REAL PROPERTY. PARCEL ID NUMBER : 060524-005945-005-00 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1854 HAPPY VALE CT., MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2020-CC-590 HAMILTON GLEN AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, v. PATRICK J. O'ROURKE AND KRISTINNA D. O'ROURKE, et al., Defendant(s) TO: PATRICK J. O'ROURKE AND KRISTINNA D. O'ROURKE Last Known Address: 691 Briar View Drive Orange Park, FL 32065 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Claim of Lien on property in Clay County, Florida: Lot No. 126 of Hamilton Glen at Oakleaf Plantation, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 50, Page 52, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 07-04-25-007869-806-26 Property Address: 691 Briar View Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, McCabe & Ronsman, whose address is 110 Solana Road Suite 102, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082; Telephone No. (904) 396-0090, on or before 30 days from 1st day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated this 2nd day of September, 2020. (seal) TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Court Amanda Helmer as Deputy Clerk Legal 46636 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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order to participate in a program or service of the Court, please contact the Court Administrator's Office at (904) 255-1695 at least seven (7) days prior to your scheduled date, or immediately upon receiving the notification of the time of the appearance if less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing impaired, please call 1-800-955-8771 for assistance. Dated this 4th day of September, 2020. (seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk Legal 46647 published Sept 17 and Sept 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2020-CC-590 HAMILTON GLEN AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, v. PATRICK J. O'ROURKE AND KRISTINNA D. O'ROURKE, et al., Defendant(s) TO: PATRICK J. O'ROURKE AND KRISTINNA D. O'ROURKE Last Known Address: 691 Briar View Drive Orange Park, FL 32065 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Claim of Lien on property in Clay County, Florida: Lot No. 126 of Hamilton Glen at Oakleaf Plantation, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 50, Page 52, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. Parcel Identification Number: 07-04-25-007869-806-26 Property Address: 691 Briar View Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, McCabe & Ronsman, whose address is 110 Solana Road Suite 102, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082; Telephone No. (904) 396-0090, on or before 30 days from 1st day of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. Dated this 2nd day of September, 2020. (seal) TARA S. GREEN Clerk of the Court Amanda Helmer as Deputy Clerk Legal 46636 published Sept 10 and Sept 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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