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Salvation Army presses forward despite unprecedented challenges

Organization committed to continuing longstanding holiday traditions

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MIDDLEBURG – Maj. Phillip Irish slumped in his chair and stared at the calendar on his desk. The only thing listed for Nov. 18 was the word “FLOOD.” And it was underlined three times.

His office at the Salvation Army headquarters was cluttered with empty red kettles and boxes. Things were stacked high on shelves, and the path to his desk was a maze of chaotic mess.

The season that’s defined the Salvation Army’s fundraising efforts for more than 100 years was rocked with a one-two

punch of COVID-19 and a broken pipe that flooded 75% of the building.

“It’s going to be a long haul for Christmas,” said Irish, commander of the Clay County facility. “It’s been so daunting, but you can’t worry about it. You have to put your trust in the Lord. If you dwell on it, you won’t see the good that will come from it.”

Despite the overwhelming challenges, Irish said the Salvation Army hasn’t stopped providing services to the community. The food bank is still operational, and the annual Rescue Christmas program that

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Despite the setbacks created by the pandemic and a flood at the Salvation Army headquarters, volunteers still are making sure all 32 Red Kettle locations are up and running in Clay County.



Swearing in new county commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners welcomed three new commissioners during its regular meeting last week. Pictured left to right: Kristen Burke, Betsy Condon and Jim Renninger.
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The Way Medical Clinic plans expansion to Orange Park

In the first of a three-part series, The Way Medical Clinic is pushing forward despite the challenges of COVID-19 and the economic slowdown that came with it. This week, a concerned resident donated a 5,100-square-foot building across from St. Johns River State College for a second location. Next week, a new program called ClayPass is an initiative for uninsured residents, and the series will conclude with a program by The Way and Chamber of Commerce to provide medical care to uninsured businesses in the county.

Nonprofit gets anonymous donation of 5,100-square-foot building for a second facility

By Wesley LeBlanc
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ORANGE PARK – College Drive will soon be home to the first medical clinic owned by The Way Free Medical Clinic.

The Way is a not-for-profit organization that’s provided basic medical care

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County Health Department: Clay may wait months for COVID-19 vaccines

Clay may wait months for COVID-19 vaccines

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The county is preparing for COVID-19 vaccines as the two most promising vaccines seek Food and Drug Administration approval this month.

Two COVID-19 vaccine suppliers, Moderna and Pfizer, are set to seek FDA approval this month, which means the vaccine could hit the market as early as a few weeks from now. Pfizer is a private vaccine producer ahead of federally-funded Moderna on the vaccine timeline and it's already manufacturing millions of doses. The vaccine will likely hit distribution within 24 hours of its expected FDA approval. Most in Clay County are likely months away from the vaccine, though.

"[Pfizer] will be distributing within 24 hours," Clay County Florida Health Department administrator Heather Huffman said. "We have about 220,000 residents and 20 to 50 million doses globally. We don't know how much will come down to the state, let alone the counties."

Huffman said the healthcare workers in large hospital systems will receive the first vaccines. Law enforcement, emergency management service workers, utility workers and office-based doctors and nurses will likely receive the second batch



Jim Renninger



Betsy Condon



Dr. Kristen Burke

of vaccines. She said people will have to provide proof that they belong in the designated category for vaccine distribution at that time. The more vulnerable populations like those 65 years of age and older will be up to bat next with the general population likely gaining access sometime later in 2021.

Huffman said the Moderna vaccine is just a few weeks behind Pfizer so that could change things as there will then be two effective vaccines on the market. She said Moderna will be easier to handle logistically because it requires a simple frozen storage whereas the Pfizer vaccine requires dry ice storage, which is more challenging for health departments.

The three new BCC members, Jim Renninger of District 3, Betsy Condon of

District 4 and Kristen Burke of District 5 listened to Huffman's presentation during their first meeting last week. Huffman also updated the BCC on the county's COVID-19 numbers.

She said the county is up about 35% going from 381 cases the week of Nov. 10 to 587 cases the following week. There was a large increase in tests performed though over those two weeks going from 3,800 to more than 5,000 from the week of Nov. 10 to the week of Nov. 17. Despite the increase in positive cases, the county's death rate has kept a steady 2% mortality rate, with 82% of those mortalities coming from those 65 years of age and older.

"Age and underlying health conditions continue to be the most contributing factors," Huffman said in regards to mortality

and hospitalization cases.

In other business, the county has received an additional \$7.65 million in CARES Act funding, which is 20% of its total expected allocation of \$38,257,783. The additional funding puts the county at the front of the pack in the state for counties with populations less than 500,000.

"Clay County is number one of the 55 counties with 500,000 or below who have been awarded this type of CARES Act money," Clay County EMS director John Ward said. "The majority of counties are still getting their 20% that we got a couple of months ago, so we are literally the lead of the state."

GCS children encouraged to send 'Letters to Santa'

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As Christmas approaches, a lot of things this year will be different, due to COVID-19. But as always, people are resilient. They find ways to deal with the interruptions to life as usual and keep pushing through.

Christmas 2020 in Green Cove Springs is no different.

Typically, Santa Claus is at Spring Park on Walnut Street to take Christmas letters and wishes from the city's children. Due to safety concerns, however, Santa won't be at the park this year.

Local children won't have to worry, though. Local families can still engage in the holiday spirit thanks to the efforts of



City of Green Cove Springs Event Coordinator Kimberly Thomas.

Thomas came up with the idea of "Letters to Santa." A mailbox has been placed in front of the pool pavilion at Spring Park. Families can drop off their letters to Santa before Dec. 15 so Santa can receive the children's wishes while keeping everyone healthy and socially distanced.

Letters also can be mailed directly to city hall: attention Santa's Helper. All notes, whether dropped off at the mailbox in Spring Park or sent to City Hall, must have a return address so that Santa can respond to them.

"This was a pretty cool way to get around Santa not being here in the flesh," said Cody Milsap, a father of two from Green Cove Springs. "As adults, we know why Santa isn't here this year, but a lot of times, it's much tougher to explain these kinds of things to young kids. We [my wife and I] had to tell our kids that Santa was just so busy this year that he didn't have enough time to come here, but they could send letters."

Mariah Mason, another Green Cove parent of young children, agreed.

"I knew that Santa wasn't going to be able to be here this Christmas," she said. "But I'm grateful that the city was able to come up with a great substitute. These letters for Santa is a great idea. Another plus is that my kids get to practice their writing, but in a way that they want to. They don't even realize that they are working. They see it as being in their own best interest because they're asking Santa for Christmas gifts."

So not only will Santa be busy this year in his workshop, guiding the elves through building, testing, packing and delivering toys for children of the world, he'll also be burning the midnight oil, reading and responding to letters from the children of Green Cove Springs.

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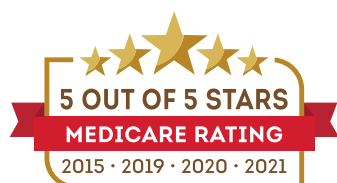
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DeSantis: Long-term care facilities will be first up for COVID-19 vaccine

By Kelly Hayes
For Florida Politics

Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced updated plans on COVID-19 vaccine distribution and new coronavirus treatments ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

As the vaccine awaits approval from the Food and Drug Administration, the state is already putting in plans on distribution among its most vulnerable populations, including elderly residents and health care workers.

DeSantis said the initial doses of the vaccine are estimated to be 40 million by the end of December nationwide. Each vaccine requires two doses, meaning about 20 million Americans will likely be vaccinated initially, forcing the state to prioritize its distribution.

The pre-Thanksgiving update follows Gov. DeSantis' recent conversations with officials from Operation Warp Speed, as well as CVS Senior Vice President of Pharmacy Growth Chris Cox and Walgreens Vice President of Specialty Pharmacy Luke Sauter.

Both pharmacy executives assured DeSantis once the vaccine is available for use, it will be deployed to Florida's more than 4,000 long-term care facilities, and more than 3,000 long-term care facilities have already signed up.

"Our goal will be to provide vaccines to every resident of long-term care facilities throughout the state," DeSantis said. "In Florida, we are going to set priorities focusing on specifically those most vulnerable, elderly residents in long-term care facilities, as well as our frontline health care workers who are interacting with vulnerable patients day in and day out."

The FDA will meet on Dec. 10 regarding the Pfizer vaccine approval, and it's expected to review Moderna's vaccine shortly thereafter.

The Governor also discussed new treatments for the virus showing promise, including Regeneron, a new monoclonal antibody therapy meant for those most vulnerable to COVID. The drug has received emergency use authorization and is on its way to hospitals throughout the state, DeSantis said.

This effectively doubles the supply of Bamlan – Eli Lilly's monoclonal antibody



Gov. Ron DeSantis

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OPINION



Maybe it's time to the blow whistle on sporting events

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

The high school football season was plagued by, well, a plague. Games were canceled; the playoffs were as much about passing COVID-19 protocols as blocking and tackling.

The college season has been just as bad. Florida State postponed games against Clemson and Virginia on the morning of kickoff. Clemson and Virginia had already made the trip to Tallahassee for the game, only to pack up and go home before putting on their shoulder pads.

Now the Seminoles' game against Duke has been canceled by the Atlantic Coast Conference.

FSU clearly has lost control of containing and preventing the deadly virus.

"Contact tracing this morning determined that, with opt-outs and injuries, we had just 44 scholarship players for the game, with some position groups depleted almost entirely," FSU Director of Athletics David Coburn said.

"We deeply regret that many Florida State and Virginia fans have already traveled to the game as well as Virginia's team. We simply had no way of knowing we would not be playing until this morning. We made every effort to play, but we

could not do so in a way that was safe for the players."

It's time Florida State close its locker room. By taking one step back, maybe the once-proud program can finally move forward – next year.

The Florida Gators' game against LSU was postponed by the coronavirus. The Miami Hurricanes will play at Duke this Saturday, but only after the ACC juggled the schedule after the game between Miami and Wake Forest was postponed.

FSU coach Mike Norvell, Florida coach Dan Mullen and Miami coach Manny Diaz have all tested positive for COVID-19 this year. So has Alabama coach Nick Saban, UCLA's Chip Kelley, Arizona's Kevin Sumlin and Kansas' Les Miles.

Southern California, Arizona State and Washington State all are waiting until Saturday to see if they have enough players who've passed the test to compete.

Although the Pac-12 delayed the start of its season until Nov. 7, the league already has had nine cancellations in the first four weeks of its abbreviated season. The Big Ten has had six postponements; the Southeastern Conference has had 10.

The NFL season also is coming apart quicker than \$3 watch.

The game between Pittsburgh and Baltimore was originally scheduled for Thanksgiving night. It was moved to Monday after more than a dozen Ravens players, including MVP quarterback Lamar



Don Coble

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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.

Grandiloquence: (gran-DIH-luh-kwunss) a noun that means extravagantly colorful or pompous manner, especially in language.

"While arguing the merits of his case, the attorney's grandiloquence changed to eloquence to win over the jury."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2015

- City Manager presented five bids to the Green Cove Springs City Council from companies who want to manage the city's electric distribution system.

- The Clay High football team loses 34-24 to Wakulla in the Class 5A state semifinals.

- Edgar Prather of Middleburg wins a \$40,000 TrophyCatch bass boat in a blind drawing by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

10 years ago, 2010

- When Karen Helseth picked up groceries at Waste Not Want Not she was honored with a bouquet of balloons as the nonprofit organization celebrated giving away one million pounds of food to needy residents.

- Clay County high schools all score well on the FCATS test with no school scoring worse than a B.

- Fleming Island librarian Paul Clark earns the "I Love My Librarian" award, \$5,000 and a trip to New York from the Carnegie Corporation.

20 years ago, 2000

- Newly elected Christie Fitzgerald joined incumbents Larry Lancaster and George Bush in a swearing in ceremony for the Clay County Board of County Commissioners.

- Green Cove Springs plans to enforce strict enforcement of the way city buildings are numbered.

- Joyce Alford, Director of Student Services for the Clay County School District, was selected by the Florida Association of School Psychologists and Administrator of the Year.

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Opinions ...

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Guest Column

Why create a tobacco/vape free policy in the workplace?

By Joy Moritz
Clay County Community Health Advocate

Clay County has gained more tobacco free worksites over the past year, which creates safe and healthy environments for employees and customers. Companies such as St. Vincent's Hospital maintains a 100% tobacco/vape free grounds. By providing a healthy environment with clean, smoke-free air, this shows how much St. Vincent's cares for their employees and customers.

Fleming Island Plastic Surgery has a tobacco/vape/nicotine free policy for their customers and requires a urine test prior to surgery. Dr. Wallace from Fleming Island Plastic Surgery feels that it is important for his client's to be as healthy as possible before performing any surgery and explains to the client that nicotine in the system slows down the recovery process after surgery is performed. Grumpy's restaurant has implemented a tobacco free policy for their employees and offers an incentive program if their employee who currently uses tobacco products succeeds at quitting.

It is important to create tobacco/vape-free environments in the workplace because it helps create a safe and healthy workplace for employees and customers. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention mentions most tobacco-free policies increases the success rates for those making a quit attempt. By establishing and maintaining a smoke-free workplace, it will protect those in workplaces from involuntary, secondhand exposure to tobacco smoke and air borne emissions from e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine

delivery systems. Smoke-free workplaces should be established in connection with tobacco cessation support programs like Tobacco Free Florida.

On the third Thursday of each November, The American Cancer Society encourages the estimated 32.4 million smokers in the United States to begin the "journey to a smoke-free life" during "The Great American Smokeout." According to the World Health Organization, those who stop smoking around 40 years of age gain nine years of life expectancy compared with those who continue to smoke; those aged about 50 years gain six more years; and those aged about 60 years gain three more years.

The tobacco-free partnership of Clay County participated in The Great American Smokeout that was held on November 19th, 2020 by meeting with businesses to go over the benefits of tobacco/vape free workplaces and offered free resources for employees that would like to quit tobacco/vape products.

Educational and Quit Your Way materials from Tobacco Free Florida were also distributed through email and at the local Clay County Health Department. The tobacco free partnership of Clay County encourages all workplaces to implement a tobacco/vape free policy and would look forward to any company/business who is interested in creating a healthier environment for their employees and customers.

Please contact the tobacco free partnership at Jmoritz@QuitDoc.com for more information.

our vulnerable seniors in long-term care facilities," he said. "If we can redouble our efforts to protect the most vulnerable until the vaccine is deployed, we will help safeguard the lives of thousands of Floridians."

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Clay County.

40 years ago, 1980

- A new sign at the city limits reminds visitors Green Cove Springs is home to the oldest Woman's Club in Florida.
- Green Cove Springs studies the possibility of buying the 360-acre property at Rosemary Hill for a landfill.
- A grand jury decides William Roger Ziegler acted in self defense when he killed businessman Willie James Plummer.

Sports

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Jackson, tested positive for the virus.

Monday's game eventually was pushed back to Tuesday. And after two more people in the Baltimore organization tested positive on Tuesday, the NFL decided to play the game on Wednesday.

It's clear some football programs either don't have the ability or the resolve to control the disease. As cases mount, the NFL decided to take a tougher stance against violations of COVID-19 protocols. In fact, the NFL ordered all four quarterbacks with the Denver Broncos to be sidelines for last week's game against New Orleans after former Florida QB Jeff Driskel tested positive. The league found photographs of all four quarterbacks in a meeting room, and none were wearing a mask.

Kendall Hinton, a wide receiver on the

practice squad, wound up starting in a 31-3 loss.

We love our sports. Games have been a much-welcomed diversion to all the problems of the moment, including COVID-19, social unrest and a contentious election season that doesn't seem to end.

But do we need sports this bad? Is it about entertainment or making money? It's now as exhausting waiting for games to be canceled as it is monitoring the daily numbers of new infections and virus deaths.

I love sports. They play an important role in our society. But we've reached a point where controlling the virus, and eventually beating it, is more important than three hours of our time in front of the television every Sunday afternoon.

I can't wait to see teams return to the field at full strength and virus-free. And I can't wait to see filled grandstands and faces without masks.

Maybe next year.

Vaccine

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treatment that arrived at hospitals just over a week ago. Both treatments are administered by IV and are meant to be taken shortly after receiving a positive test.

As Florida residents await the FDA's approval of the vaccine, the Governor has set aside an additional 500,000 rapid tests for Florida's long-term care facilities.

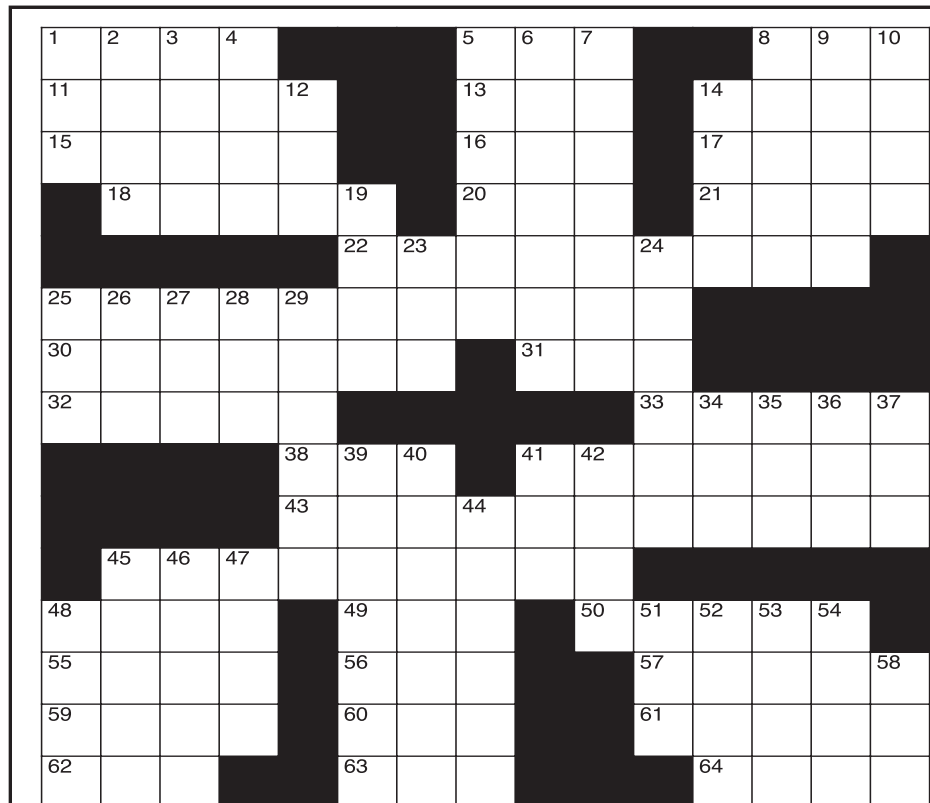
"As we anxiously await the vaccine, I think it's important to double down on protecting our most vulnerable, particularly

History

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30 years ago, 1990

- Clarence Brooks is given a life sentence after a jury convicts him of two counts of grand theft and one count each of armed robbery and attempted robbery.
- There were 41 entries on display during the Green Cove Springs Christmas parade.
- The just-completed census indicates a reappointment of congressional districts may include a new district that includes



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- Opposite of west
- ___ Caesar, comedian
- Helps little firms
- A way to censor
- Expresses atomic and molecular weights
- Chalcedony
- Type of sword
- A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
- Attired
- A sequence of winding turns
- Pal
- Expresses pleasure
- Amendable
- Clear
- A way to cut off
- Indigenous Thai person
- Pale brownish yellow color
- Aquatic plants genus
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Merchants
- Fix a chair
- Throws into disorganization
- Famed German composer
- Keyboard key

CLUES DOWN

- One point south of due east
- Wings
- One point south of southeast
- The shirts on our backs
- One who works on the seas
- Select jury
- Small intestines parts
- Plant of the heath family
- Extrasolar planet
- Creates more of
- Before
- Forms over a cut
- Runs down
- Exercise regimen ___-bo
- Unkeyed
- Oral polio vaccine developer
- Partner to pain
- Where golfers start
- Jenny ___: weight loss program
- Sailing dinghy
- Suffix that forms adjectives
- Speeds at which music is played
- Body part
- Fall back
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Principle underlying the universe
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Residue
- Company that rings receipts
- Rugged mountain range
- Commercials
- NY footballer
- They ___
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Poked holes in the ground
- Pitchers
- Your
- Diana ___, singer
- Important document for inventors
- Bangladesh capital
- Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
- Famed daguerreotype photographer
- Where military personnel work
- Play a role
- La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- Unstressed-stressed
- Type of palm tree
- Judo garments

Ascension St. Vincent's Clay distributes 400 meals on Thanksgiving

Local hospital, agencies continue a 27-year tradition

MIDDLEBURG – Volunteers and associates from Ascension St. Vincent's prepared approximately 850 warm Thanksgiving meals for local families in need.

It was the 27th consecutive year the health system has prepared the meals. Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County prepared 400 meals, while the Riverside facility prepared approximately 450 meals, using:

- 1,300 pounds of turkey
- 240 pounds of green beans
- 300 pounds of potatoes
- 125 pounds of cornmeal for dressing
- 80 pounds of fresh cranberries
- 75 fresh baked pies

The health system continued to ensure all appropriate COVID-19 precautions were taken, including wearing personal protective equipment when preparing the meals, as well as screenings and universal masking.

"COVID-19 has changed a lot about how we all live and work, but one thing that remains the same is our commitment to caring for our community both within the walls of our facilities and outside of them," said Ascension Florida and Gulf Coast President and CEO Tom VanOsdol. "Without this team

effort, hundreds of people might otherwise go without a warm Thanksgiving meal. We're so thankful to all of our partners and volunteers for preparing and delivering the meals to local families in need."

Ascension St. Vincent's partners with Aging True Community Senior Services to identify meal recipients. Aging True serves 6,000 clients annually in the Northeast Florida area.

"We've been extremely grateful and fortunate to have partnered with Ascension St. Vincent's, zTrip and numerous volunteer groups for nearly three decades to ensure our most frail, elderly seniors receive a special sense of caring and community Thanksgiving Day," said Aging True Community Senior Services CEO Teresa K. Barton. "Our partnership is even more critical this year as the pandemic has paused, to a tremendous degree, family togetherness and traditions."

In Clay County, the health system partners with community organizations including the Green Cove Springs Police Department, Orange Park Police Department, the Clay County Sheriff's Office and several local churches to deliver the meals to needy families.

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Ascension St. Vincent's employees prepared and delivered 850 warm Thanksgiving meals, including 400 at their Middleburg hospital.



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Salvation

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includes the Red Kettle, Fill-A-Stocking and toy distribution programs haven't been affected.

"We will be here," Irish said.

A pipe for the building's fire suppression system cracked during the night on Nov. 18, sending a stream of water into a room that housed all of the communication and internet systems. When employees arrived for work the next morning, they walked into a building with an inch of standing water.

"We had no phones, no internet, no communications," Irish said. "All of the tile had to be dug up. The walls were water-logged. It was an incredible mess."

The chapel is closed and the public address system is damaged. The floors are sticky from the glue used for the tile. There's still a faint odor of stagnant water.

And yet, the mission continues.

The toy giveaway is scheduled for Dec. 14-15. All 32 Red Kettle locations are up and running.

COVID-19 presented a new set of obstacles for the Salvation Army. More people are shopping online and not in stores, both for convenience and safety. That means fewer people are answering the call of ringing bells.

The virus also forced the Salvation Army from posting their Angel Trees around the

county. Instead of residents pulling a tag from a tree to fill the gift wish of a local child, several groups stepped up to provide the toys.

Walmart, Advent Lutheran Church, Orange Park Medical Center, Parallon Business Solutions, Fields Automotive Group, Clay County Public Safety, Moose Lodge, Soaring Eagle, Fleming Island United Methodist Church, Orange Park Presbyterian, Center State Bank and the Art Guild of Orange Park all came forward to grant the wishes.

"We're certainly working under different conditions," Irish said. "Everything is more complex now than ever because of COVID. But we're still moving forward. We are still getting a lot of help supporting our community. I find that reassuring."

"We're just not firing on all cylinders."

Much of the contact information for volunteers was washed away in the flooding. Organizations can sponsor a red kettle site for a day and volunteers are needed to man the posts. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Lt. Jeff Marquis at (904) 276-6677.

Irish said the first week of Red Kettle collections have been "encouraging."

Despite the complications, Irish said the Clay County Corps won't surrender to doubt and hopelessness.

"Sometimes it feels like you're alone," Irish said, "but we're not. We're still going forward. You can't get mad about it; you just roll your eyes."



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The flooring and walls have been pulled down around the room where a leaking pipe flooded the Salvation Army headquarters. Nonetheless, the organization's traditional Christmas programs are continuing as planned.

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Obituaries

LeRoy R. Schaub

LeRoy R. Schaub, age 74, passed away Friday, November 27, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida.

LeRoy was born on July 10, 1946 in Chamberlain, South Dakota to Edward Albert Schaub and Alma Dorthea Breeding Schaub.

He proudly served in and retired from the United States Navy.

His proudest accomplishment was becoming a Chief Petty Officer. LeRoy served 22 and half years of dedicated service. He was a member of the VFW Post 1988, American Legion Post 0250, Fleet Reserve Association Branch 91, and Fraternal Order Eagles 4505.

LeRoy married his loving and faithful wife, Emma Dianne, in May 1970. They were married for 50 years. LeRoy was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He will be deeply and sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

LeRoy is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Alma Schaub.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Dianne Schaub; his children Michele Christianson (Chris), Gloria Russell, Tina DeCarlo, Edward Schaub, and Dawn Schaub; grandchildren Michele Schaub, Justin and Chelsi Christianson, Crystel and Christopher Russell, and Victor, Nick, and Grace DeCarlo; five great-grandchildren with one great-granddaughter due in February, 2021; and brother Edward Schaub (Dorothy).

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Hardage-Giddens Rivermead, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida 32073. The family received friends one hour prior beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Hardage-Giddens Rivermead Funeral Home, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida 32073, is serving the family.



LeRoy R. Schaub

Russell E. Pence

Russell E. Pence, age 88 was a resident of Green Cove Springs, FL and formerly a longtime resident of Middletown, OH.

Russell was the beloved husband of Janet M. Pence; loving father of Bradley A. (Celia) and Steven E. Pence (Julie); cherished grandfather of Kallie (Stewart), Austin, and Braedan; great-grandfather to Jaxon and Samuel; and dear brother of Nancy Hathaway.

Russell was born February 28, 1932. He passed peacefully at Orange Park Medical Center in Orange Park, FL. Russell served our country for several years in the United States Air Force.

A memorial service will be planned once the COVID-19 pandemic is under control.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to any charity of choice.

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



Barbara Anne McMichael

Barbara Anne McMichael passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

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



Robert George Woodworth

Robert George Woodworth, 88, of Orange Park, FL, passed away November 30, 2020.

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

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Robert N. (Bob) Schuler, Sr.

Robert N. (Bob) Schuler, Sr. passed away peacefully at home in Davie, FL on November 15, 2020 at the age of 92.

Bob was a dedicated husband to the late Leona "Noni" Schuler and loving father to his children Roberta "Bobbye" Schuler, Robert (Nancy) Schuler, Jr., Dorothy (Melvin) Barnett, 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was born on March 21, 1928 in Kingsford, Michigan and was the youngest of five children.

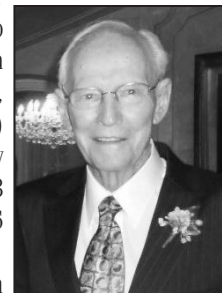
He enlisted in the Army in 1950 and fought in the Korean War. He was awarded a purple heart after being injured during the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge. After two years of active duty he transferred to Army Reserves for four years.

He began his civilian career in 1955 at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Alabama. When the base was closed in 1965, he joined the Naval Training Device Center at NAS Jacksonville moving the family to Orange Park, Florida. His career evolved and he was "a leader in A-7 Weapon Systems Trainer modifications and F/A-18 support. ... one of the first Field Engineering Representatives to take an active role in the establishment of software baselines and the in-house software modification program on the A-7 training device." He retired in 1986.

Along with his profession, Bob was extremely involved with St. Mary's Catholic Church (which became St. Catherine's) and later also attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was an avid bowler and active member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, VFW, and American Legion.

He resided in Orange Park until October 2016 when he moved south to Davie, FL to be closer to his children.

Per their wishes, Bob and Noni will be interred together at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Florida. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Robert Schuler

Richard Franklin Chapman

Richard Franklin Chapman passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2020. Aaron and Burney Bivens Funeral Home, 529 Kingsley Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 264-1233.



Brenda Sutherland

Brenda Sutherland, 65, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away November 24, 2020.

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Community Calendar

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: will meet Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. on the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB: will meet Dec. 3 at 7:30 a.m. at Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75th St., Starke.

TAI CHI FOR SENIORS: is offered for free Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall Park, 2042 Park Ave. For more information contact Aging True at (904) 803-6312.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: will be held virtually for people grieving the death of a loved one on Dec. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, visit <http://hopefortheholidays2020.eventbrite.com> or by calling (904) 407-7001.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: will meet on Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the BCC Meeting room on the fourth floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

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More than 3,000 students opt to return to traditional classrooms

School board also considers an oversight committee for new sales tax funds

By Wesley LeBlanc
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FLEMING ISLAND – More than 3,000 students have elected to return to brick and mortar education following the upcoming holiday break.

The Clay County School District recently sent out surveys to parents and students to determine what their plans are for the second half of this school year that begins in January. Superintendent David Broskie said more than 3,000 students are planning to return to their in-person school as opposed to their current distanced learning.

“From the people that were surveyed and those that responded, 2,400 are coming from OneClay portal and 966 are coming from Clay Virtual Academy to brick and mortar classrooms,” Broskie said during the school board’s Dec. 1 agenda workshop meeting. “Our parents are saying, ‘we want our students to come back,’ and we’re ready for them.”

Broskie spoke about the district’s continued dedication to in-school safety and said he’s excited for the return of some stu-



Each school board member will select two Clay County citizens and one alternate to serve on the district’s half cent sales tax overview committee.

dents. This comes right after an executive order from Gov. Ron DeSantis that essentially tasks school districts with reaching out to the parents of students who aren’t performing as expected in distanced learning scenarios. The parents of students performing poorly in CVA or OneClay portal will receive a call from the district to ask if they’d prefer to return to a traditional classroom.

It’ll be up to the parents or guardians to choose how to proceed, Broskie said.

The majority of the agenda workshop was spent discussing the board’s process for creating its sales tax review committee. This committee will be responsible for reviewing purchases made with the new half-cent sales tax money approved by

voters on the general election ballot last month.

The school board’s lawyer, Bruce Bickner, tasked the school board with getting the ball rolling so that the committee can get going early next year as half-cent sales tax money begins to roll in.

“There seems to be a lot of misconception and concerns in regards to what this oversight committee is about,” Bickner said. “The committee will be made up of Clay County citizens and shall be established and appointed by school board policy. This guides what you can do as this is what you decided on. The plan...is malleable [and] malleable to an extent...but the (ballot) resolution is your guiding star.”

Bickner said how the committee is

formed is entirely up to the board. The board decided each member will name two members from their district and one alternate. The plans to have at least one additional workshop to further determine how this committee will work. Bickner said there is no minimum or maximum set of numbers and that the number of members and how they’re selected is entirely up to the board.

He also said the committee won’t be making decisions. It instead will be monitoring the decisions made by the school board in regards to spending the sales tax money. The spending will be a separate budget line much like the one mill tax approved by voters a few years back.

School board member Janice Kerekes said the board should research how surrounding counties are handling their sales tax committee. The Duval committee has more 20 members made up of company representatives, citizens and hand-selected members from the school board, for example, and the committee meets quarterly.

“Credibility is going to be an issue,” Bickner said. “That’s the issue you’ve had since Day 1 [with this half cent sales tax]. The people will ask: ‘What are you doing with our money?’ and credibility is what you’re trying to get. You want an honest report that everyone believes in.”

Keystone Heights Christmas parade scheduled for Dec. 12

By Wesley LeBlanc
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The Lake Region Kiwanis Club has to do things a little differently this year, but fear not: Santa and his Christmas parade still will make its way through the city.

The Kiwanis Club is a Keystone Heights-based nonprofit focused on children in the area.

They are committed to building new play areas at local schools, getting food and drinks to families in need and getting cleaning supplies and other necessities to children for school and at home.

The nonprofit wraps up each year nicely with a bright, red bow in the form of a Christmas parade and despite some new changes, it’s happening once more.

“With this year being a wash with the pandemic, things are a little different,” Kiwanis board member Debbie Beals said. “Signups for the parade are going a little slower, but we’re still expecting at least 30 people signing up.”

These expected 30 signups will be responsible for the individual “floats” of the parade in the form of decorated pickup trucks, light-laden golf carts, tractors and other vehicles.

Kiwanis is still taking applications for floats and you can reach out to Kiwanis president Todd Beals for information about

that at (904) 588-2083.

The parade usually makes its way through State Road 21, but the city’s streetscape construction meant that wouldn’t be possible this year.

The parade instead will make its way down S.W. Grove Street and proceed toward Keystone Heights Junior-Senior High, which is where it will end.

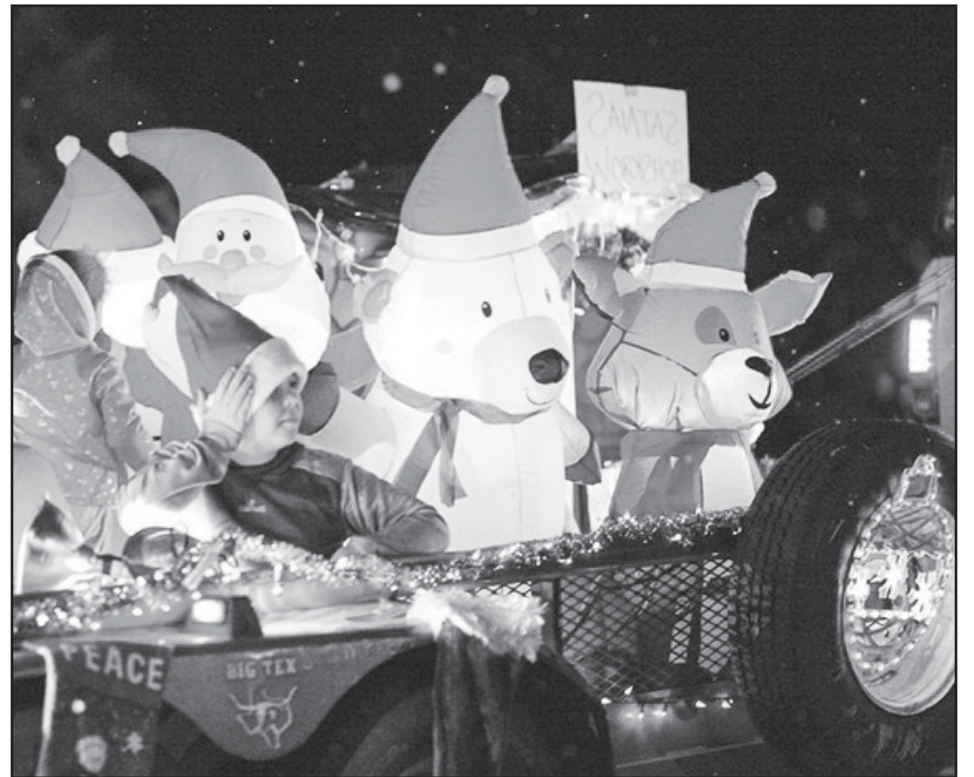
“It’ll be a different route, but it gives us the opportunity to bring the parade to people’s houses,” Beals said.

Some lucky families will be able to view the parade from the comfort of their front lawn.

Santa, his helpers and parade participants will be handing out candy to the children watching from the sides of the streets, and parents need not worry: Kiwanis will be picking up leftover candy from the parade the Sunday after it makes its way down the street so nobody’s lawn will be covered in Tootsie Rolls and candy canes.

This year’s parade is yet another in Kiwanis’ longstanding tradition that goes back for years, Beals said. And despite the difficulties Kiwanis has faced making sure it happens this year, it was never a question of “if” for the nonprofit.

“We know it’s a big event here in the city and it’s something so many look forward to,” Beals said. “There was no way we weren’t going to have it. Anybody that



The Kiwanis Club’s annual Christmas Parade is still a go this year, despite 2020’s difficulties, and it will begin at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12.

wants to be in the parade can be in the parade, and they should. It really is a special event.”

Santa won’t be driving down the streets and instead will walk the streets, interacting with all the children along the way. Clay

County Sheriff’s Office deputies will be handling safety in the form of barricades. Beals said, when the parade makes its way through the city on Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

“We hope to see everyone in the city celebrating Christmas with us,” Beals said.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Parade of Trees adds holiday cheer to Spring Park

Green Cove Spring's Parade of Trees has turned Spring Park into a Christmas wonderland. More than 130 trees have been decorated by civic groups, businesses and residents. The display by the pavilion will be open, free of charge, to the public until Dec. 31.



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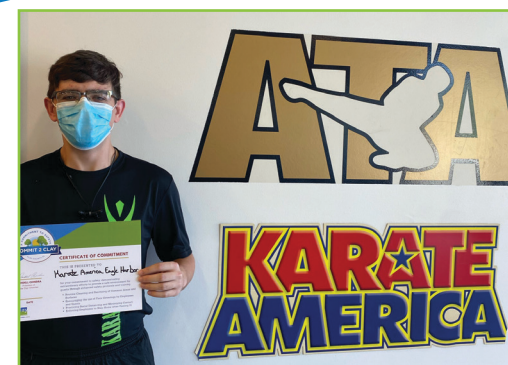
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New Keystone Heights RV Resort a tranquil home away from home

By Bruce Hope
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Florida is a destination for many people from the north during the winter and the place of choice for many vacationers during the summer. The newly-opened Keystone Heights RV Resort offers a comfortable homefront for all.

Some visitors move to the sunshine state permanently. Many of the people who arrive are no longer coming by traditional means – driving or flying. They use a different method to better control how long they stay, cut out the middleman of paying for a hotel, and bring more of home with them wherever they go. They are traveling in RVs recreational vehicles and motor homes. The only question is when they arrive, where do they park?

The new resort, located at 1177 SE Keystone Ave, opened on Nov. 1. It provides a place to park and enjoy the time in northeast Florida.

“It’s geared toward long-term or seasonal stays,” said Ken Loyd, general manager. “There’s a lot of people that are living in their RVs all the time now – full-timers.

And then there are folks that just come down for the winter and stay, and then they go back up north to their homes up there. We’re trying to give them an attractive place to stay and enjoy the Florida weather.”

After almost a year of construction that was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the resort had a soft opening earlier this month. There is still work to be done before the grand reopening, but some people have already pulled in to get a spot in the new resort.

Just about everything is provided for the renter when they reserve a spot. They come equipped with connections for electricity. There will also be a clubhouse that can be rented out to hold parties and gatherings, including for functions of non-residents, a game room, a fitness room and a small library. There will also be a bath and shower house and a large 87,000-gallon pool.

On completion, the park will hold nearly 400 RVs.

Art Stockwell and his wife Debbie have already reserved a spot and are currently parked at the resort. The Stockwells are



Debbie and Art Stockwell

originally from Michigan and spent the last 10 years in Tennessee before moving down to Florida. They’ve been at Keystone Heights RV resort since it opened.

“I like this place here,” said Stockwell. “We saw it when there was nothing here, just a bunch of bulldozers. I have a niece that lives here, and she shopped around for us while we were getting ready to physically move down here. I like it because it’s spacious and I think that when they finally get it finished, it’s going to be a really nice park.”

Stockwell likes the size of the concrete slabs as opposed to some other RV parks, as well as the amenities that are on their way.

Scott and Tracy Ranshaw are also from

Michigan and now are at the RV park. They arrived about a week ago.

Scott travels for work and is currently in Florida. His family joined him recently.

“I like it; it’s a little more open than a lot of ‘em,” said Renshaw. “A lot of ‘em, you feel like you’re so cramped into a campground or RV park down here. This one just seems a little more open, a little more inviting.”

“This particular place, with all the amenities they’re gonna have, it’ll be just a wonderful, for a family, for anybody who’s traveling or whatnot, it’s just luxuries that you don’t normally get from a hotel or things like that. Makes it nice for traveling for sure.”



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Home Instead's 'Be a Santa to a Senior' finds new ways to spread cheer

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – At a time when it may be more important than ever, Home Instead's seasonal favorite "Be A Santa to a Senior" returns stronger than ever with new options for community participation.

Program coordinators evaluated the important holiday program and made adjustments with the safety of donors, seniors and volunteers in mind. With seniors in northeast Florida more isolated than ever because of concerns due to the virus, this year, for the first time in the program's 17-year history, along with traditional trees with gift-request ornaments, Home Instead is teaming up with Amazon Business, to create a contactless gift-giving experience for volunteers and recipients.

The new Amazon Business collaboration will provide the same holiday cheer to local seniors while also prioritizing the safety and wellness of all who are involved.

"The Be a Santa to a Senior program brings so much joy to seniors in our community," said Betsy Miller, owner of the



Home Instead office serving north and west Jacksonville and Clay County. "We've all felt isolated at some point during the pandemic, but seniors are especially at risk of feeling isolated and a simple gift can show them that we are thinking of them.

And that's more important this year than ever."

Be a Santa to a Senior relies on the generous support of the local community and volunteers, as well as area businesses, nonprofit organizations and retailers.

It's easy to help. Members of the community can visit the Be a Santa to a Senior tree on display at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220, Fleming Island. The tree will be up from Nov. 30 to Dec. 11 and be decorated with ornaments featuring seniors' first names and gift sug-

gestions. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament, buy the requested gift and return it unwrapped with the ornament attached to Whitey's.

Shoppers can also visit BeASantatoaSenior.com and enter their zip code to view Wish Lists for local seniors in the area which are available on Amazon Business through December 11.

A personalized greeting can be included with the gift which will be safely delivered to the senior.

"We need the community's help more than ever to make sure our seniors feel connected this year," said Miller. "With all that's happened this year, we knew we had to find a way to reach those seniors with some holiday cheer, and we are grateful for the community's support."

Since the program's creation in 2003, Be a Santa to a Senior has provided approximately 2.1 million gifts and brightened the season for more than 750,000 deserving seniors nationwide. With adjustments, Home Instead will be able to continue the annual gift-giving program while following social distancing and safety precautions during COVID-19.

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The Way Free Medical Clinic received a 5,100 square-foot of property from an anonymous donor and it soon will be the first clinic owned by the not-for-profit organization.

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and some specialty care to low income and uninsured residents in Clay County for the past 15 years. The organization has called an old church home for about 12 years, but after an anonymous donation, it will soon open the first clinic it's ever owned.

"I went through a series of doubts and I was constantly pinching myself in case I was dreaming," The Way executive director Don Fann said. "This has been an issue for the clinic – not having a permanent home for the 15 years since our inception – and I think all of the events surrounding the donation of this building and the planning process has been divinely inspired. It's been incredibly easy and everyone in the process has been beyond supportive."

The Way currently works out of an old Church of Christ building located at 479 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs, but the building isn't owned by the organization. This building is owned by the county and The Way is able to work there for free. Fann said that's been a blessing, but that when the county determines other plans for the building, The Way will have to relocate.

He said The Way will remain in the vicinity of Green Cove Springs though as it serves as the southern operation for the county. The new College Drive location will act as the northern hub to expand and more than double the organization's operations. Fann said this new building will provide new levels of safety the church building simply cannot.

"The design of this new building will dramatically improve the way we treat patients and dramatically decrease the risk of airborne disease infection," Fann said. "The building we have now is a church. You come in the front door of the sanctuary, which is our waiting room, sign in and register, you're seen in a different part of the church, and then you exit the same way you came in. It's a circuit of sorts, which works great, but this new building will al-

low for better safety precautions in that regard."

Fann said he hopes to have an outdoor waiting area at the College Drive location as well. The new 5,100 square foot property was donated anonymously during the summer and The Way has been hard at work since. It's currently demolishing the guts of the building to accommodate the organization's design plans.

"Using lessons from the [COVID-19] pandemic and other clinics, we are incorporating designs to improve patient flow and increase treatment capabilities while decreasing infection risk," Fann said. "We will build a center that improves the experience of our patients, staff, and volunteers."

It's also being built to accommodate an expected flow of nursing interns. With St. Johns River State College right across the street from this new clinic, The Way hopes to offer students in the college's nursing program internships. They'll be able to walk across the street after school to work as an intern, Fann said.

While the clinic's renovation is already underway, The Way is looking for community help. The Way will hold a virtual groundbreaking event on Friday, Feb. 26, from 6-7 p.m. to launch the Expanding Capacity to Care campaign. The campaign hopes to raise \$2 million for facility renovations and operating support. Fann said The Way has already raised more than \$800,000 of this \$2 million goal, and he hopes to close the gap next year.

The campaign is called Expanding Capacity to Care because that's what the second clinic will do for the county. The Green Cove Springs clinic currently serves about 1,000 individual patients each year with more than 3,000 medical visits.

Fann said The Way expects this number to double almost immediately when the second clinic opens and new county-integrated programs will increase those numbers further.

"It's an exciting time for The Way and we're so excited to further our care for the county," he said.

Charles E. Bennett gets \$300,000 to continue its required turnaround

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The district is allocating more than \$300,000 from the state to help further the turnaround of Charles E. Bennett Elementary.

The Green Cove Springs-based school has received D grades for the past two years. Under state procedure, if it receives a third in a row, the state assumes control of the school. The district has been hard at work preventing that from happening with a new specialized principal, new initiatives and the Turnaround School Supplemental Service Allocation plan.

"This is the approval of the Turnaround School Supplemental Service Allocation," superintendent David Broskie told the school board during a special meeting on Dec. 1. "This was done by the board in the previous year. The reason why it's coming to the board now is because the state has just finished the review process of it so we're asking the board for approval so they can release the funds."

The school board approved the funds with a 5-0 vote.

The Florida Legislature created the new allocation fund during 2019 legislative session for the purpose of providing supplemental services for schools that meet one of the following criteria: a school that is implementing a district-managed turnaround plan, a school that has earned at least three consecutive grades below a C, or a school that has improved to a C or higher within the last two years and is no longer in turnaround status.

This year is a unique year in Florida school history because K-12 school grades won't be calculated for the 2019-20 school year. Schools in turnaround may continue

their current status for 2020-21 to avoid disruption to school leadership and operations, according to the Florida Department of Education.

This means this year is essentially a wash when it comes to school grades and schools like Charles E. Bennett are getting an extra school year to get its grades up.

This is where the turnaround allocation plan comes into play.

"It's very important and critical that we provide the support necessary to student achievement to improve at that school," Broskie said. "There are six plan assurances: family and community partnerships, academic and character standards, parental involvement, incentive for instructional personnel, professional development and focused instruction. The plan outlines those six assurances in the budget."

The total budget allocation for those six assurances adds up to \$319,705 and it includes things like supplies, professional and technical services, teaching equipment, teacher aides and more. All of this funnels back into helping Charles E. Bennett succeed in its turnaround for the 2020-21 school grading period.

Broskie and the school board are confident the school will make a triumphant turnaround. School board member Janice Kerekes recently visited the school and said what she's seeing going on in the classrooms is great and she's confident in the school's future. Board member Tina Bullock said she felt a wave of positivity when she recently visited the school.

"I've heard great things from teachers about what they're doing there," Bullock said. "It's a very positive atmosphere when you go in and I think that's key when turning a school around."



The school board approved a state funding allocation for more than \$300,000 with a 5-0 vote to help Charles E. Bennett Elementary with its ongoing turnaround.

SJR State Foundation celebrates 50 years of student success

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – With a rich history of supporting students, the St. Johns River State College Foundation, founded in 1970, is celebrating its 50th anniversary and reflecting on the many student success stories that have unfolded over the years. The success of Orange Park resident and SJR State alumna Lateral Curry, who works as both a mental health counselor and a family training and counseling specialist, is one of these stories the Foundation is proud to share.

A recipient of the Helios Education Foundation First Generation scholarship, Curry attended SJR State to initially earn her associate in arts degree after graduating from Orange Park High. Then, once she and her mother realized that SJR State also offered a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, they saw no reason for Curry to go elsewhere for this degree. In 2015, Curry earned her bachelor's degree from her local college, debt-free, thanks to her scholarship award and other financial aid she received.

According to SJR State Vice President for Development and External Affairs Caroline Tingle, through community contributions, students who face significant financial hurdles are able to receive a quality education that will change their lives. "Undoubtedly, the investment made pays dividends in the years to come," Tingle said. "We are dedicated to raising money to create scholarships for our students to begin or complete their degrees. I love helping them with the process and making them



Lateral Curry

feel better. I have seen the impact that scholarships can make on one's life. Huge financial burdens can be lifted."

Through the SJR State Foundation, the Helios Education Foundation First Generation scholarship provided Curry tuition assistance and help to cover costs associated with textbooks and other educational materials. "It definitely helped buffer some of the costs, and I say no debt is the best debt," Curry said.

Along with receiving a scholarship and debt-free education, building connections with other students and being amidst the

diversity at SJR State were what Curry enjoyed most about her experience at the College. "I know this sounds cliché," she said, "but the connections I made with my peers were definitely what I valued most at SJR State. I also loved the diversity I saw there. I loved seeing people twice my age, along with people my age and those who were just a little bit older than me, part-time students, full-time students, people who had gone back to school... I really enjoyed that," Curry said, adding that she has stayed in touch with many of her cohorts.

After graduating from SJR State, Curry worked as a public school substitute teacher, followed by teaching at the Broach School of Orange Park, where Curry realized that she wanted to continue working with special needs children and their families, helping "to build the connection between what it's like being in the school system and dealing with the mental health side as well," she said.

Curry then went on to earn her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling, which led her to a year-long internship at Orange Park Medical Center, where she continues to work today.

"I'm working with people I already knew from my internship; I knew them for a year, and I love it," said Curry. "I get to see amazing people and what mental health really looks like - seeing the stigma behind it and helping people deal with their troubles," she continued, explaining that her role requires her to guide – not fix.

Curry's journey now also includes working at TSI Health as a family training and counseling specialist. "I work closely with

families, both adoptive and foster care, to provide education and support on their child's special need or disability," Curry said.

Curry couldn't be happier with the opportunities she has to positively impact residents right in her hometown. Just as her scholarship made a significant difference in her life, Curry is grateful to now be making a significant difference in the lives of others.

"If you can stay in your community and help build your community up, I say do it," said Curry. "I love that I was able to come full circle - live in Clay County, go to SJR State, and now work locally. But if you learn and get what you need here and then move on to somewhere else, that's okay, too. Either way, it all matters. Just enjoy your experience, and don't rush it."

In addition to the Helios Education Foundation First Generation scholarship, the SJR State Foundation offers numerous additional scholarships to students who meet the criteria established by the scholarship donors. These scholarships are funded by the contributions of businesses, non-profit entities and individuals. "We invite you to share in and support our commitment to help SJR State continue its growth," said Tingle. "Private support of our Foundation is essential to maintain access to quality and affordable education within our communities. Our donors are a gift to SJR State, and supporting our Foundation is an investment in our community and our future." For more information, visit www.sjrstate.edu/scholarships.html.

Local real estate agents earn international awards

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Despite a significant impact on the way real estate is bought and sold as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, real estate agents have pivoted to ensure that transactions continue to be closed in a safe and responsible manner.

Those local professionals who were best able to adapt to the change and provide exceptional service to their clients were honored recently for outstanding achievement by EXIT Realty Corp. International during a special awards presentation broadcast throughout the U.S. and Canada:

Wanda Branson, Susan Czaja, Carl Graham II and Ryan Haynes, all of Fleming Island, were honored with the Bronze Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing between 20 and 39 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2019 to June 30.

Rosalind Arnold and Van Royal, franchisees with EXIT Magnolia Point Realty in Green Cove Springs, were honored with the Bronze Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing between 20 and 39 real estate transaction sides during the produc-

tion year July 1, 2019 to June 30.

Michael Wright, a franchisee with EXIT Inspired Real Estate in Middleburg was honored with the Silver Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing between 40 and 59 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2019 to June 30, while Linda White, Judy Hooten, Willie Singleton, Shalla Steuer, and Brandy Hillhouse, all sales representatives with EXIT Real Estate Gallery in Orange Park, were honored with the Silver Award by EXIT Realty Corp. International. The award was given in recognition of closing between 40 and 59 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2019 to June 30.

"Real estate professionals who can quickly and effectively adapt to any shifting market conditions - even one as unusual as this - will thrive," said Tami Bonnell, CEO, EXIT Realty Corp. International. "It is because of the dedication and hard work of our team that we have continued to grow throughout the U.S. and Canada. We are proud of their service to the community and of their well-earned accomplishments and extend our warmest congratulations."

TextMyGov gives GCS residents quick answers to most-asked questions

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Anyone looking for answers to Green Cove Springs' most frequently asked questions now has an easy way to get an answer.

The city is unveiling a new text called TextMyGov.

It uses the regular messaging of a cellular phone to send questions and comments to the city.

TextMy Gov is easy to use for anyone because there is no app to download. Users can text directly to (904) 560-5116.

"The TextMyGov service is another step in the city's desire to move closer to a Smart City," said Steve Kennedy, Green Cove Springs City Manager. "As well as being transparent, informative, and efficient as we possibly can."

The system can provide information on many city related items such as city events, city services, code violations

and street maintenance issues. It can also provide updates and alerts for city announcements, storms and power outages in the area.

Some of the information becomes automatically provided to the user when they sign up on the system to be alerted. To do so, users can text three keywords to the number 91896. GCSWEATHER, to receive weather notifications, GCSPOWER for power outage alerts and GCSCITY for city notifications.

Green Cove Springs Communications Coordinator Tiffanie Kelly worked to find the right platform to serve the needs of the community at the most reasonable cost to the city and most ease of use to residents or anyone else.

Other than the normal messaging rates of the user, the service is free and works via SMS (text messaging) from the user's mobile phone.

StoryWalk combines physical activity, literature at Spring Park

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County’s first StoryWalk is here.

Spring Park in Green Cove Springs, in conjunction with the Clay Public Library system, has recently emplaced the StoryWalk for the enjoyment of park patrons.

According to the StoryWalk website, “A StoryWalk is a way to combine physical activity with literacy; this may seem like an odd mix, but it’s an innovative way to get people of all ages out walking while reading children’s picture books. Pages of a book are transformed into signs that are then laid out on a trail inviting families, children, caregivers, teachers and others to follow the path of pages.”

The 20-page story, Ruby’s Birds by Mya Thompson and illustrated by Claudia Davila, begins just outside of the playground area in the park and continues around the walking path and past the bottom of the spring before ending at the top of the stairs.

Each stop along the walk has one page of the story in a mounted glass case. The path allows children to get out, practice and develop an enjoyment for reading, all the while encouraging social distancing.

“COVID-19 drastically reduced opportunities for children and families to gather in libraries,” said Lynn Gapps, Assistant Director of Programs, Activities, and Outreach with Clay County Public Libraries. “This meant families had fewer options for free, easily accessible early literacy educa-

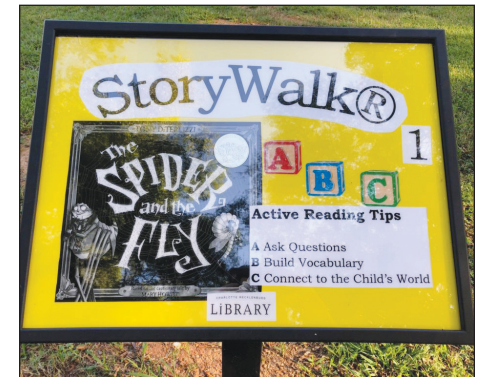
tion. The StoryWalk program aims to address that need in an outdoor, physically distanced setting. It promotes reading, encourages physical activity, and showcases the beautiful green spaces in Clay County.”

“I walked through with Zaylee, my daughter,” said Josie Byrne of the StoryWalk. “She really liked it. She liked watching the pictures and like doing all the things that the little girl was doing.”

Funding for the project was provided by the CARES Act. Clay County Public Libraries provided the books.

This StoryWalk is the first of its kind in the county, but more are coming. Future locations include Orange Park and Keystone Heights.

The location of Spring Park was decided



on by the city of Green Cove Springs.

For many, including Byrne, the StoryWalk in Spring Park is the first that they have experienced. “It was the first time I’ve ever seen it,” said Byrne. “It’s super cute.”

O2B Kids still offering children safe, enjoyable sanctuary

By Bruce Hope
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FLEMING ISLAND – Despite the slowdowns created by the COVID-19 pandemic, O2B Kids Fleming Island continues to be a place where kids, parents and staff love to go.

The facility has several rooms to accommodate the children it supports. There is an indoor playground area where children can expend their energy and play in inclement weather conditions. There are also different rooms for art, science, and many extracurricular activities. Some

of those are dance, gymnastics, drama, sports, cheer, and karate, among others.

There also is a cafeteria area for older children, where they can buy drinks and snacks. That also helps teach financial skills and lower level money management.

At peak capacity, the after-school program can hold as many as 200 students, and the pre-school program can welcome 150 students.

Children up to 13 are provided care and education on multiple levels. There is daycare for infants, pre-school, VPK, after school and summer camp. Typically, O2B Kids is open from 6:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.,

but due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, hours are currently from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

“O2B Kids is a nationally accredited pre-school and after-school center,” said Torrey Guthrie, Regional Fun Counselor for Jacksonville. “The really cool thing about us is we offer a bunch of extracurricular activities that are included in your tuition whenever you attend with us.”

Where COVID has caused many businesses to be closed for an extended time during the shutdown or to close permanently, O2B Kids kept its doors open the entire time.

“We have been very fortunate and have been able to remain open this whole time,” said Guthrie. “Of course, just like any business, we’ve been affected by COVID and

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Children have a variety of entertainment and educational options at O2B Kids Fleming Island. The child care facility has remained open throughout the pandemic.



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ness, we've been affected by COVID and have to put in place a bunch of different policies, but we've been able to remain open and keep our staff and students as safe as we possibly can.

"We did see quite a few families choose to stay home during the shut-down, and of course, a lot of parents lost their jobs or just simply got moved to working from home. So we worked with our business and with our parents to either reduce their bill or stop it completely so that whenever they were ready to come back, they still had their space in our program."

For parents who aren't ready to return their children to traditional brick and mortar learning, O2B Kids supports drop-off where children can stay all day and conduct their virtual schooling.

There are counselors available to assist students with different issues.

What makes O2B Kids Fleming Island special?

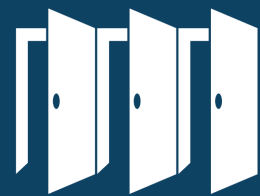
"We like to have fun with our students," said Guthrie. "We believe that learning should be fun and that hands-on learning is the best way to learn. So that's with our state-approved kindergarten readiness curriculum funnydaffer. It was developed by O2B Kids. It's a really great curriculum because it incorporates hands-on learning, so the kids have fun, and they enjoy coming to school."

Lily Rivera of Fleming Island is the kid's college open area receptionist.

She attended O2B Kids as a child and began working there when she was 16.

Rivera remembers that being a student at O2b Kids was always very welcoming, fun, and full of good memories. She loved that environment, and it led to her return once she was old enough to work.

"I came here as a kid, and then I came back at 16 years old and started working," she said. "So I've been working here for three years, and I've kind of lived here all my life."



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Trey Fagan

Dave Faraldo, Club President
Trey Fagan, Operation Barnabas Founder
and David Tarkington, Pastor
First Baptist Orange Park

The purpose of Operation Barnabas is to ignite a positive transformation in the lives of veterans and first responders who are struggling with homelessness, life challenges and mental health issues such as PTSD. Through a triage process, veterans are partnered with resources, mentors and local churches to guide them to full and abundant life.

Next Week Speaker
Jennifer Bradley
Tuesday, December 8th

Senator Bradley

Jennifer Bradley, recently elected as a member of the Florida State Senate, representing District 5. Jennifer graduated from the University of Florida in 1991 with a degree in Criminology and earned a Juris Doctor from The Florida State University College of Law in 1995. Jennifer and her husband Rob live in Clay County where they raised their three children, Connor (23), Stephanie (21) and Caroline (19).

Interested in joining Rotary, contact Teresa Harrington, membership chair at 904-422-3228.

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Police Briefs

Former school board candidate arrested for soliciting child on internet

ORANGE PARK – A former Clay County School Board candidate was arrested on Nov. 24 and charged with two counts of trying to entice and seduce a child on the internet for sex.

Aaron Michael Knowles, 46, also was charged with using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the FBI's Jacksonville Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force said it posed online as a 14-year-old girl. Knowles called himself "Twisted Professor," and he had conversations with the "child" named "Maddie" from July 23 to Nov. 9.



Aaron Knowles

The Clay County Sheriff's Office's Internet Crimes Against Children/Forensic Unit and SWAT team joined with the FBI to serve a search warrant at Knowles' home. Agents seized "numerous" electronic devices at his home. CCSO also said Knowles admitted to talking about having sex with who he believed was a child.

Knowles was released from the Clay County Jail after posting a \$75,009 bond.

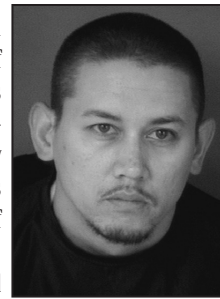
Knowles ran against Beth Clark and Carol Studdard for the school board's District 2 seat. He was eliminated during the Aug. 18 primary after receiving 22.82% of the vote.

Clark went on to beat Studdard to win the seat in the General Election.

Jacksonville man faces weapons, drug charges following traffic stop

ORANGE PARK – A man caught driving a car that wasn't registered wound up in the Clay County Jail on a variety of weapons and drug charges.

James Alden McCracken, 34, of Jacksonville, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, as well as possession of fentanyl, marijuana, amphetamine and drug paraphernalia and trafficking in methamphetamine.



James McCracken

According to the arrest report, Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy ran a check on McCracken's license tag as he drove on Park Avenue. The search revealed the tag wasn't registered.

During the traffic stop, K-9 Cash alerted deputies to the presence of drugs inside the car.

McCracken was jailed with a \$192,765 bond.

Green Cove Police recovers gun involved in deadly Center Street shooting on Nov. 17

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Detectives recovered what they believe is the gun used in a shootout on Center Street that left an 18-year-old Orange Park High graduate dead.

Skyler Shane Townsend was one of three people shot on Nov. 17 in a shootout, the Green Cove Springs Police Department said. Townsend died at Orange Park Medical Center; the other two suffered none life-threatening injuries.

Two men, Kieshawn Ray Capri Smith, 23, of Green Cove Springs and Daveion Breshod Austin, 20, of Middleburg have been charged with armed robbery. A third person, who hasn't been identified, has been charged with tampering with evidence in relation to the gun.

A car believed to be used during the shooting was seized by GCSPD investigators later on Nov. 17 in Jacksonville.

"This is all the information we can share at this time, as this is still an active investigation," police said.

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, Dec. 1

Andrea J. Tahiri, 36, Fleming Island, DUI
Rafael E/ Diaz Conde, 44, Green Cove Springs, court order transport

Tony B. Parrish, 33, Orange Park, trespassing

Kalyn K.L. Jones, 20, Orange Park, grand theft

Kendal G. Burris, 42, Fleming Island, simple domestic battery, non-support

Ryan A. Johnson, 32, Orange Park, tampering with/fabricating/altering/destroying/concealing physical evidence

Marcy F. England, 54, Orange Park, possession-cocaine

Jeremy L. Ellington, 38, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Monday, Nov. 30

Tonshay N. Cole, 33, Orange Park, DUI
Chauncey G. Willis, 67, Orange Park, dealing in stolen property, giving false information to a pawn broker

James B. Smith, 51, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Mark D. Pack, 47, Green Cove Springs, FTA by Zoom-DWLSR

Stacy C. Pratt, 46, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Artrice D. Ball, 40, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

John A. Fietze, 45, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Sunday, Nov. 29

Marvin A. Torres Flores, 32, Orange Park, DUI, driving without valid license

Douglas R. Roe, 45, Keystone Heights, murder

Anthony W. Moye, 37, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction for communicating with petitioner for cyberstalking/stalking

Mariah A. Whitehead, 21, Orange Park, out of county warrant

Dustin R. Edwards, 32, Middleburg, simple battery

Tony B. Parrish, 33, Orange Park, trespassing

Lisa M. Goodermote, 56, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana

William B. Langley, 74, Fleming Island, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Rubin M. Hill, 47, Orange Park, trespassing

Elijah K. Young, 19, Middleburg, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DUI

Saturday, Nov. 28

Wayne D. Crawford, 43, Keystone Heights, simple battery

Karli J. Smith, 21, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Elizabeth L. Taylor, 34, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Friday, Nov. 27

James A. McCracken, 34, Orange Park, possession-ammo/firearm by a convicted felon, possession-fentanyl, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, armed methamphetamine trafficking, failure to register

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Jeremy N. Hannah, 45, Orange Park, simple battery

Tenasia J. Rampersant, 28, Orange Park, petit theft

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Health Department: Enjoy a safe, happy holiday season

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As Floridians prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, it's important for residents and visitors to take precautions to keep everyone safe. The Florida Department of Health is actively planning for the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine, making it more important than ever for Floridians to take precautions in their everyday life to mitigate the spread of the virus. This holiday season, the Department offers these health and safety recommendations.



risk of severe illness, should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in their household.

- Consider hosting an outdoor gathering rather than an indoor gathering.
- Guests who have traveled from other areas or towns should distance themselves from people who are 65 or older and people of any age who have underlying health issues such as lung or heart disease.
- Hosts entertaining at home should make sure frequently touched surfaces are cleaned and disinfected before and after gatherings.

Flu vaccination

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone six months and older get a flu vaccine every year. For more information: FluFreeFlorida.com.
- People should be vaccinated at least two weeks before traveling because it can take a few weeks for vaccine immunity to develop.
- Flu vaccines are offered at health care providers' offices, clinics, county health departments, pharmacies, schools and college health centers: VaccineFinder.org.



Protecting yourself from COVID-19 during gatherings, celebrations

- All individuals should wash their hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer frequently.
- If someone feels ill during the holiday season, get tested for COVID-19 and avoid going out in public or being around at-risk individuals.
- Older adults or persons with certain medical conditions who are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased

org.

Holiday travel

- People who are sick should not travel – even if symptoms are mild, infection can spread to others.
- Everyone traveling by car should wear seat belts and adults should check that infant and child car seats are properly installed.
- If you are traveling from Florida to another state on a commercial flight, wear a mask and social distance as much as possible. If you feel ill upon return, get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible.

Food safety

- Handwashing with soap and water for 20 seconds (or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol) before and after preparing, serving and eating food is key to food safety.
- Frozen turkeys can defrost at a safe temperature using one of these methods: in a leakproof container in the refrigerator; in a leak-proof plastic bag in a sink of cold water (water should be changed every 30 minutes), or in the microwave, following the microwave manufacturer's instructions. Never defrost meat at room temperature.
- Cross contamination of foods causes illness – separate utensils, cutting boards and plates used for raw meats from other foods.
- Food thermometers are the best way to confirm that a food is cooked to a safe temperature.
- Hot foods should be kept hot and cold foods cold.
- Leftovers should be refrigerated within two hours of eating.

Fire prevention

- Fireplaces, space heaters, candles and food cooking on stoves or ovens should not be left unattended.
- A clearance of 3 feet kept around heat sources—fireplaces, air vents, space heaters – is safer.

- The manufacturers' instructions for connecting Christmas light strands should be followed.
- Christmas trees should be watered daily – dry pine needles are fire hazards.

Injury prevention

- Carbon monoxide poisoning is 100% preventable – generators, grills or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices should not be used inside the home or garage.
- Step stools or ladders that are locked and placed on a level surface should be used when hanging decorations.
- Fireworks are safety hazards that can burn people and houses, and terrify pets – the safer choice is to exclude fireworks from celebrations.
- Bicycle or skateboarding helmets help prevent the most serious types of head and brain injuries.

Healthy habits for the holidays

- Smaller servings of favorite foods that are high in fat, salt and sugar can be balanced with healthier options like lean meats, whole grains, vegetables and fruits.
- Physical activity helps keep weight in check during the holidays: adults should be active for at least two and-a-half hours a week, and at least one hour a day is ideal for children and teens.

The Florida Department of Health, nationally accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board, works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Arrests

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Orenthal J. Wright, 44, Orange Park, petit theft

Richard L. Cooper, 33, Orange Park, non-support

Christopher E. Smith, 46, Fleming Island, consumption of alcohol within 300 feet of package store

Thursday, Nov. 26

Betty A. Nordlum, 54, Middleburg, written threats to kill/do bodily injury

Samantha L. Longwoth, 31, Orange Park, DUI

Jonathan W. Booth, 45, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWSLR, FTA-failure to register vehicle

Louis E. Platt, 32, Orange Park, two counts FTA

Andre D. Wilson, 31, Orange Park, burglary

Caralee M. Smith, 30, Keystone Heights, domestic battery

Deann L. Turner, 50, Maxville, domestic battery

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Scott A. Watkins, 39, Orange Park, retail petit theft, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, use of antishoifting device

Glenn E. Rhodes, 52, Fleming Island, pos-

session-marijuana

Clay M. Collins, 20, Green Cove Springs, FTA by Zoom-DWSLR

Thomas R. Fisher, 20, Green Cove Springs, FTA by Zoom-DWSLR

Rafael A. Valerio-Hidalgo, 19, Green Cove Springs, DWSLR

Micah D. Zawacky, 21, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery on pregnant woman

Jonathan W. Booth, 45, Green Cove Springs, DWSLR, failure to register

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Michael R. Williams, 33, Green Cove Springs, battery in a detention facility

Maurice A. Watson, 21, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Aaron M. Knowles, 46, Orange Park, two counts use of computer to seduce/solicit/lure child, use of two-way communication device to facilitate a felony

Mary E. Sperry, 43, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWSLR-habitual offender, failure to register vehicle

Kristine N. Madej, 29, Orange Park, VOP-battery, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, possession-controlled substance

Kolton L. Alsbroom, 19, Keystone Heights, VOP-community control, two counts possession-ammo/firearm by a convicted felon

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Hot gaming deals for the holidays

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – The winter holidays are right around the corner and there’s a good chance either you or someone in your family plays games.

We’ll break down some of the best video game purchases you could make this holiday season to make shopping for that special someone that much easier.

VIDEO GAME ACCESSORIES

Video games are great, but so are the accessories players often need to actually engage with the game. Below are some of our favorite picks for video game accessories to pick up this holiday season. Each of our picks below can be found in stores like Walmart, Target, GameStop, Best Buy and online.

PlayStation 5 DualSense controller

The DualSense is the new Sony-made controller for the company’s latest console, the PlayStation 5. It’s a revolutionary controller featuring built-in haptic feedback and adaptive triggers that make playing games more immersive than ever before. This controller sells for \$69.99 and while the PlayStation 5 comes with one controller, having a second on hand makes playing some of the games on this list even better.

PlayStation 5 Pulse 3D audio headset

This is the newest headset for the PlayStation 5 and it’s perfect for players wanting a superb audio experience on a budget. The PS5 is great with sound systems, sound bars, and home theater setups. Those, however, are quite expensive,

but with the Pulse 3D headset, you’ll get all the features of a \$1000-plus audio system – 7.1 surround sound, 3D audio, and dynamic range to name a few – for just \$99.99.

Xbox Series S/X controller

The Xbox Series S and Series X are finally out and both come with a single packed-in controller. This controller is easily the Xbox’s best. It features a ton of grip for those late-night gaming sessions, adaptive triggers that feature rumble vibrations to immerse you further into the game, and one of the best shape forms in videogame history. Simply put, it’s one of the best controllers ever made and if the person you’re buying for wants to play cooperatively with others, they’re going to need a second controller. You can buy a second for \$59.99.

VIDEO GAMES

There’s nothing better than opening that rectangular present under the tree only to find it’s that new game you’ve been wanting to pick up for days, weeks, or even months. Well, if you’re me at least. I love video games and play basically any that interest me on the day of their release. Don’t judge because it’s this addiction, err hobby, that makes me the perfect person to let you know which games to pick up for your loved ones this holiday.

Spider-Man: Miles Morales

Spider-Man: Miles Morales is the latest game from Insomniac Games, the development studio behind 2018’s Spider-Man, which is one of the PlayStation 4’s best games. Miles Morales is a pseudo-sequel that takes you out of Peter Parker’s suit and into that of Miles Morales. Much like 2018’s Spider-Man, it features an amazing soundtrack, incredible combat, New York City-wide swinging that truly makes you feel like Spider-Man, and a story that

will have you reaching for tissues by the end of it. If your special person loves Spider-Man, Marvel, and superheroes, this is a must-play. It comes with a \$50 price tag.



What you should know about the new generations of gaming consoles

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – New video game consoles come out once every seven or so years and their releases require a moment of reflection.

A reflection on the past years you've been using what is now the old generation of consoles. A reflection on what you loved about those consoles, what you didn't love, and what changes you'd like to see. Every single thing you think of in those moments, whether you know it or not, impacts your decision in buying the next generation of consoles. This year's PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series S and Series X replace last generation's PlayStation 4 and Xbox One, respectively, and with Christmas right around the corner, it's time to make a decision. I'm here to help.

Price Tag

Put simply, these new consoles are expensive. The PS5 and Xbox Series X will run you \$500, and that doesn't include the cost of games or additional controllers you might buy with it.

If \$500 is something you can work with, let me say this: these two consoles are nearly identical in function, and that's because they're more like computers than they are anything else.

If \$500 isn't something in your wheelhouse, then Xbox might have you covered with their \$300 Xbox Series S.

The Series S is significantly smaller and less-flashier than the PS5 or Series X. It's not as powerful, but the difference in power is much smaller than the gap between \$500 and \$300, which is my way of saying it's still very much worth the money. Let's break down everything you need to know about the Series S first before moving on to the other two powerhouse consoles.

Xbox Series S

The Xbox Series S is still a new Xbox console – it launched day and date with the Series X and is considered a next-generation console by Xbox and its owner, Microsoft. The main thing you need to know about this console is that the disc drive is gone. There's no slit anywhere to be found where you might insert a disc and that's because discs do not work with this console. You will need to buy all of your games for it digitally through the Xbox digital marketplace.

We should note before moving on that the PS5 has a hard-to-find disc-less version that runs for \$400. It's identical to the PS5 in every way except that it doesn't have a disc drive, which

The disc-drive PlayStation 5 will cost you \$500 while the disc-less PlayStation 5 will cost \$400.



means physical games won't work on it and all games will need to be purchased digitally on the console.

If you or the person you're buying a new console for enjoys buying physical games from GameStop or somewhere else, completing them, and then trading them in to places like GameStop for credit to purchase other games, this isn't the console for you since they're no longer compatible.

If we're talking specs, the Series S still hits most of the highlights: it can play games up to 120hz, assuming your TV or monitor can keep up, and 60hz. All games playable on the Series X will be playable on the Series S and the user interface of the Series S and Series X are identical.

If you weren't able to actually see the box, you likely wouldn't know the difference. The main big difference between the two different Xbox skus this generation is the resolution output. The Series X is capable of 4K resolutions, assuming you have a 4K TV or monitor, while the Series S maxes out at 1440p.

If those minor differences are fine with you, the \$300 Xbox Series S will be a great purchase this holiday season. If you're stuck between the PS5 and the Series X, read on for a breakdown of what each can do.

PlayStation 5 vs. Xbox Series X

I own both of these consoles. Both cost me \$534 after taxes. Each day that I play them, I feel great about the money I spent on these machines and that's because they're both fantastic.

The quick version of what I'm about to break down is this: these consoles are nearly identical in function. Their differences lie in their physical appearances and their first-party, or in other words exclusive, games offerings. If you're a PlayStation 4 owner who's loved that machine for the past seven years and can only buy one new console, buy the PS5. If you're an Xbox One owner who's loved that machine for the past seven years and can only buy one new console, buy the Series X.

If you're on the fence, here's what you need to know.

Both of these consoles are massive. The Series X is a few inches smaller than the PS5, but both will demand any and all attention

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Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War

Whether you play games or not, you likely know what Call of Duty is, or you've at least heard of it. It's the umpteenth game in the decades-long series and it's one of the best military shooters out there. Featuring the lightning-fast gunplay that make the series so stand out, with beautiful visuals to boot, this entry in the series takes place in the 1980s during the height of the Cold War.

Its story is short, bombastic and fun, and its multiplayer is as good as last year's Call of Duty, the one before that, and the one before that. It's more Call of Duty multiplayer basically and that means hours and hours of fun. You can pick this game up for \$60 on Xbox One and PlayStation 4 or \$70 on Xbox Series S and Series X and PlayStation 5.

Fortnite V-Bucks card

If you're child plays video games, there is a very good chance they play Fortnite. It's one of the biggest games in the marketplace and that's due in part to its free-to-play nature, meaning it's free to download and play. The company behind Fortnite, Epic Games, makes its money by selling cosmetic costumes for your character and other things like that. To buy these costumes and skins, you must spend real-world money. If you want to make your child happy, go to your nearest GameStop and purchase a Fortnite V-Bucks card. This gives them the ability to load the V-Bucks into their account and purchase whatever skins or costumes they'd like to buy. It might sound silly, but trust me: your Fortnite-playing child will absolutely want V-Bucks this holiday season.

Xbox Game pass subscription

Xbox Game Pass is a Netflix-like subscription service that costs anywhere between \$9.99 and \$14.99 a month. After signing up, you'll gain access to over 100 games in the Game Pass queue. All you need to do to play any of these games is hit the download button. The game is yours to play once it's finished downloading. This service really is the Netflix of games and \$14.99 is a lot easier to swallow than the price of a \$60 or \$70 game.



The white Xbox Series S (left) will cost \$300 while its more powerful brother, the black Xbox Series X (right) will cost \$500.

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Clay Maverick's barrel racing club is home to elite riders

By Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – The Clay Maverick Saddle Club is one the oldest Barrel Racing Clubs in the Jacksonville area. It has been around since 1964 and offers children a chance to learn to ride and to compete in barrel racing and rodeo. It touts world championship qualifiers and a world champion among its ranks.

"It's a very family-oriented, Christian-oriented, barrel racing club," said Rayford Leverette, president of the club. Leverette became involved with the club in 1967 after being discharged from the Navy. He began as a rider and eventually rose to hold the club's position of president twice.

"Kid's can learn to ride and compete. They go on, and some of them become professional rodeo riders, and some of them become NBHA [National Barrel Horse Association] riders," Leverette said.

Those who ride at the club on Tanglewood Boulevard must bring their own horse. Races are held almost every Saturday evening. In addition to the races, games such as Cloverleaf, Arena Race, Pole Bendin, and Texas Barrel Weave are also played.

Members pay \$5, and non-members pay \$10, which is a relatively low price for the opportunity to ride, learn, and engage in competition.

Leverette also believes that riding

teaches kids responsibility, honesty, integrity and has a very positive bearing on kids. Riding and caring for the animals, in addition to being involved with others and engaging in camaraderie and competition, are some of the activities that help foster those qualities Leverette espouses.

Among the most talented riders of the Maverick's is Gracyn Blakney. She competed and won an NBHA Youth World Championship at the age of 13, competing in Perry, Georgia.

"In the horse community, we're very popular," said Gilbert Yrigollen. "As far as word of mouth, and within the horse community, we have the best arena. It's just a really great arena. The surrounding community, they know about us. They know about the arena. Sometimes on a Saturday night, depending on the weather, of course, you can find a lot of them walking up to the arena and just sitting in the bleachers [watching the riders]."

Some of the riders drive from as Georgia with their horses. Some of the riders come from multiple generation families.

Leverette has seen many of the riders grow up and bring their own children and sometimes grandchildren to carry on the tradition as Clay Maverick's.

"The old saying is: give a girl a horse and she stays away from boys and drugs," Leverette said.



Riders from all over the South come to the Clay Maverick Saddle Club to compete.



Many of the area's top barrel racing riders call Clay Maverick Saddle Club home.

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from anyone within viewing distance. The Series X favors a more brutalist approach while the PS5 favors a more futuristic, Jetsons-like appearance.

The Series X controller is nearly identical to that of the Xbox One, while the PS5 controller is quite different from the PS4 controller. It's girthier, heavier, glossier, and features haptic feedback and adaptive triggers that are more immersive than any other controller I've used.

When you pull back the bow to shoot an arrow in a game, the controller's trigger will fight against your finger to simulate the resistance of a string on a bow. This use of the haptic feedback and adaptive triggers can be felt across a number of games.

The newest Call of Duty game, Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War, features dozens of guns and on the PS5, every single gun feels different to use because every single gun has a different trigger profile on the PS5's DualSense controller. A shotgun's trigger pull is tougher than the trigger pull of a submachine gun and so on.

I'd say the PS5 DualSense controller is the most "next-gen" thing about this next generation. It truly feels unique and if developers latch on to everything the controller can do, could prove to be quite revolutionary in the gaming space.

If you're more concerned about power and internal specs than you are a controller, however, the Xbox Series X might be the console for you. Without getting too deep into the minutia I love that you probably have no interest in hearing, the Xbox Series X is just a tad more powerful.

Both the PS5 and the Series X can run games up to 120hz at 4K resolutions with high-dynamic range. The Series X's internal specs are slightly better than the PS5 and while you won't notice that now,

it could one day allow games to run and look better on the console as developers learn more and more about what this console can do for their games.

The verdict

The best way I can summarize the differences between these two consoles is that Xbox is more concerned with building an ecosystem of Xbox consoles and services. It has Xbox Game Pass, which is a Netflix-like game subscription service that allows you to download and play games from a selection of over 100 games for a set monthly price, the same user interface as its previous generation of consoles, and for the time being, every game that comes to the Series X will re-release on last generation's Xbox consoles too. Microsoft and Xbox are less interested in pushing you forward into the future and more interested in easing your way into it.

Sony and the PS5, on the other hand, are asking you to take a leap of faith. The PS5's controller is vastly different from that on the PS4, it's already selling games that can only be played on the PS5, and everything about its user interface and games ecosystem is different from the previous generation of PlayStation consoles.

On one hand, I love the Xbox approach to this generation. It's like buying a new iPhone – it's the same ecosystem you love, just in a better box.

On the other hand, I love that Sony is urging consumers to join them in the future of Sony PlayStation games with an entirely new machine. No matter which console you choose, though, you're the winner in this bout of consoles because both are excellent additions to your living room.

Be sure to check out Clay Today's video game shopping list for breakdowns of the best games to buy and play on your shiny new console once you've made up your mind.

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TRY IT AGAIN ...

Clay Electric trustees approve \$12 million Capital Credits refund

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Clay Electric Cooperative's board of trustees has declared a \$12 million Capital Credits refund for members who received service from 1991 through 2019. This is the second retirement during 2020.

Refunds are traditionally disbursed each March. The trustees opted to retire the Capital Credits three months early to help relieve the financial pinch that many families and businesses are feeling this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Capital Credits will not be refunded again until 2022.

Members are also being billed less for power in December thanks to a 5.6 percent reduction in the Power Cost Adjustment on bills, or \$6 in savings. This means members using the industry household average of 1,000 kWh of power will pay \$106.90. The previous cost was \$112.90. The cooperative is able to lower the cost of power due to the decreasing price of natural gas, which Seminole Electric Cooperative (Clay's wholesale power provider) uses to generate a sizable portion of the wholesale electricity it provides.

"As COVID-19 began affecting our region in March, we quickly took appropriate steps to reduce the effect on our members," said General Manager/CEO Ricky Davis. "We suspended disconnects due to nonpayment, and lowered the cost of power in April to ease financial burdens on families. I commend the board for voting to return Capital Credits early and lowering the cost of power again to continue assisting members when it is needed most, around the holidays."

Capital Credits refunds are available to members of the co-op because Clay



Electric is not-for-profit. As a result, at the end of each year when it's determined how much revenue exceeds total expenses, the difference is assigned to members as Capital Credits based on the amount each member was billed for electricity during the year.

Current members of the co-op who are entitled to a refund will receive a credit on their December bills. The number of Capital Credits bill credits scheduled for this year is approximately 141,891. The average amount of a residential bill credit is \$29.48.

For those entitled to a refund but who no longer receive service from Clay, a refund check will be mailed around December 11. The co-op is scheduled to mail

approximately 92,450 refund checks to this group. The minimum amount to be refunded by check is \$10. The average check amount this year is \$65.70.

Former members of the cooperative who receive a refund check should cash their check within 90 days. If the check is not cashed and remains unclaimed after 90 days, a \$1 maintenance fee will be assessed each month against the Capital Credits refund.

If a member or former member of the cooperative has any questions about Capital Credits, they should contact their district office. Former members can also look up the status of their Capital Credits here: <https://capitalcredits.clayelectric.com/>.

Faith Walk

by William Register
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The "unspeakable gift" is presented to us in the verse that is known by more Christians than any other single Bible verse. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

His gift to us is His only provision for our eternal salvation. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12

There are multiple benefits attached to receiving God's greatest gift to us.

His gift lifts us to a higher realm – "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus..." Eph. 2:6

His gift affords us the greatest treasure – "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:3

His gift is peace. "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

The Scripture starts with offer of this wonderful gift in the prophecy of Genesis when God declares "the seed of the woman" shall have victory over the serpent (or Satan) and continues in every book of the Bible through Revelation where He is proclaimed "King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

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Daughters of American Revolution scholarship available

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – Graduating seniors are eligible and encouraged to apply for a \$1,000 Sophia Fleming Scholarship, sponsored by Sophia Fleming Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Revolution.

Applicants must be graduating from either the Clay County Public School System, St. Johns Country Day School or are home schooled in Clay County. Students are eligible if they are going to attend any post-secondary program of study, including colleges, universities or vocational/technical schools. No GPA information is required.

Applicants are requested to write an essay, provide a list of their recognitions



and awards, and include two letters of recommendation. Scholarship applications are due back to Lynda Lewis, Sophia Fleming Scholarship Chairman, on or before the deadline of Feb. 19.

The scholarship documents, that provide all the information a student needs

in order to apply, will be provided to all public high school guidance departments in Clay County and St. Johns Country Day School as of December. They are also available by clicking on Sophia Fleming Scholarship at www.sophiaflemingchapter.org.

The winner will be notified the week of March 27. Please don't mail applications via certified or registered mail. Each applicant will be notified once his or her application has been received.

Mail the application documents to: Lynda Lewis, Chairman, Sophia Fleming Scholarship Committee, Sophia Fleming Chapter, NSDAR, 316 Scenic Point Lane, Fleming Island, 32003.

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Clay High football coach Kyle Kennard walks dejected as he walked away from the Vanguard High football field after his Blue Devils lost in their region 1-5A semifinal playoff game last Friday night.

Clay High's turnaround ends in Ocala

By Ray Dimonda
Correspondent

OCALA - After turning around a one-win 2019 season, the 9-1 Clay Blue Devils traveled to Ocala Vanguard's Booster Stadium to take on the also 9-1 Ocala Vanguard Knights to see if first year coach Kyle Kennard's aggressive turnaround season was going to be epic.

"In the second half we had an opportunity to make it a one possession game," said Kennard. "You can't turn the ball over four, five times like we did and expect to beat a good team like that in the playoffs. It wasn't our night tonight."

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And, then there was one ...

Fleming Island hosts region final Friday

By Mike Zima
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island running back Sam Singleton ran for a school record 274 yards and four touchdowns as host Fleming Island thrashed Atlantic Coast 42-7 in a Region 1-7A semifinal on Fri., Nov. 27.

"Sam is going to give you everything he's got in every game," said Fleming Island head coach Demenyum Springs. "He was running through tackles, keeping his feet moving, and taking it to the house."

The sophomore's four scoring runs were similar. On the first three, he took a handoff from quarterback T.K. Kocak in the backfield, went off tackle, shed a Stingray defender at the line of scrimmage, and

then outran the secondary to the end zone. Singleton, a sprinter on the Golden Eagles track team, was never touched as he sped to the goal line on his fourth score, a 58 yard scamper.

One thing is certain: Singleton likes to run against Atlantic Coast. He racked up a Fleming Island freshman record 246 yards rushing in a 41-17 victory over the Stingrays last season.

While Singleton did the heavy lifting on offense, the Golden Eagles defense came up with big plays to contain the Atlantic Coast offense. The Stingrays either started drives in or reached the Fleming side of the field on six of their first seven possessions, but went zero for three on fourth down conversions and suffered two interceptions.

Knowing the Golden Eagles would have to deal with the potent passing combination of Stingrays quarterback Ridge Jacobs and wide receiver Pat Bryant, cornerback Darius Harris was assigned to cover Bryant, a 6'3" speedster who is committed to playing for Illinois next Fall, on every play. With safety help on deep routes, Harris limited Bryant to three catches in the first half.

"Darius Harris is an underrated cornerback," said Springs. "He has covered a lot of three star and four star recruits, and

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Fleming Island defensive back Darryl Nesmith goes up for first half interception against Atlantic Coast. Fleming Island defense snagged two interceptions.



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Stotler chats about records, wins, Vols and the Olympics

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Clay High senior swimmer Sara Stotler, fresh off a state gold medal in the 100 butterfly and a silver in the 200 individual medley, talked about records, titles and her choice after just one phone call to sign a letter of intent to continue swimming at the University of Tennessee. Stotler was interviewed prior to her signing day on November 12.

"They were the first school to contact me at 11:59 p.m. or midnight on June 17," said Stotler. "They told me they not only wanted me for the athlete that I am but for the person I am, on and off the deck. That meant a lot to me."

Tennessee, the 2019-20 women's swimming Southeastern Conference champions, had three individual champions and won three relay titles. The NCAA championships were cancelled because of the COVID pandemic.

In the past five years, the Tennessee women's swim team has had five top five finishes in the SEC with a second in 2015 with a 13th at NCAAs, a fourth in 2016 with a 22nd at NCAAs, a third in 2017 with a seventh at the NCAAs, a fourth in 2018

and last year's team title.

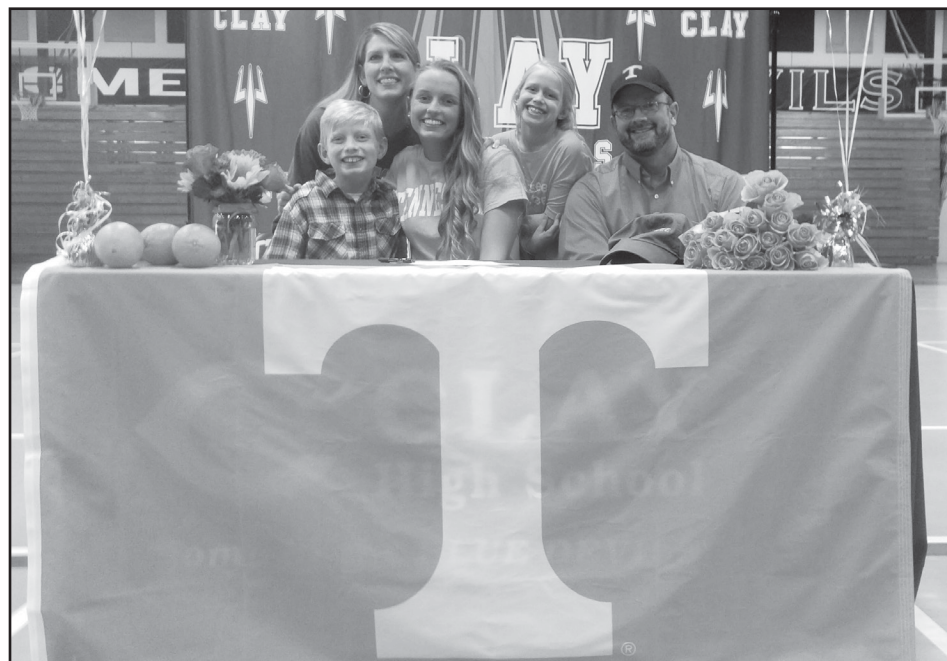
At the 2020 FHSAA Class 2A championship meet, Stotler said her gold medal performance was a little more about remembering the final state meet for herself. Stotler had won the 100 butterfly in 2018 with two silver medals last year; 200 IM and 100 butterfly.

Stotler's gold medal performance came with little fanfare as she delivered a record performance while winning handily over the second place finisher.

"Going in to state, I was really shooting for a 52, but my 53.3 was crazy fast and a new lifetime best time," said Stotler, who took the record from Sherridon Dressel, who owned a handful of the Clay records prior to Stotler with the 100 free Kaitlyn Dressel's. "I swam on Friday at nationals and the state meet was on Saturday."

In the 100 butterfly race, Stotler won handily, but more recalled her path to the second gold medal.

"I wasn't really focusing on winning, but embracing the moment, enjoying being there with my family and teammates," said Stotler. "The announcer introduced my family prior to the swim which made it even more special."



Clay High senior swimmer Sara Stotler, seated with family, signed to swim next at the University of Tennessee, who won the Southeastern Conference swimming title in 2020.

Next up for Stotler is to get to the 2021 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha.

"Now that high school swimming is done, I'm focusing on the U.S. Olympic Trials," said Stotler. "That's the next step. I'm hoping to do well at this one, then come back in 2024 a little stronger with some college racing under my belt."

Stotler will follow the footsteps of another Clay High swimming family, the Dressels with Caeleb, now the hottest swimmer in the world with multiple world and Olym-

pic titles on top of stratospherically fast world records, Kaitlyn Dressel, a standout at FSU and now swim coach at Tallahassee Maclay, and Sherridon Dressel, a recent University of Florida grad like brother Caeleb, who is a professional swimmer in the International Swim League. All three Dressel were swimmers at the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials. Sherridon Dressel, who was set to swim in three events at the NCAAs last year, holds the second fastest backstroke and butterfly times for Florida.

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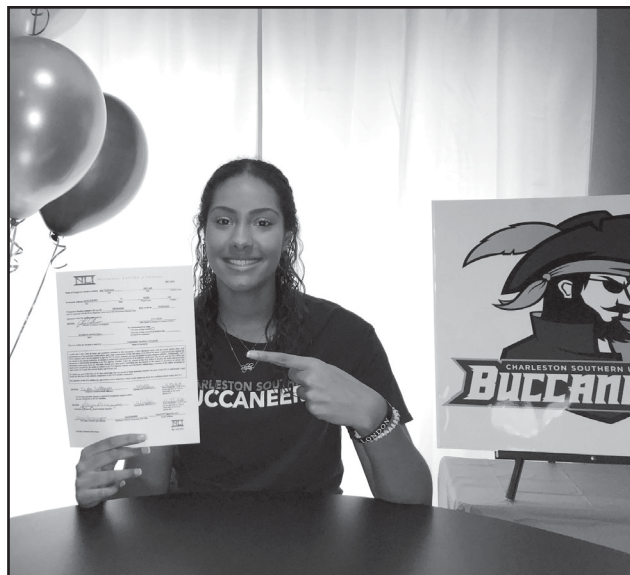


Clay High baseball players Logan Moore, left, and Steven Reiss have teammates with them when they signed letters of intent to continue playing at Jacksonville University and Flagler College. Both were recent transfers from Ridgeview High School.



Fleming Island baseball standouts Aiden Mastantuno, second from left, and Cody Carwile, second from right, get a pic with Fleming Island coaches Jim Tuttle, left, Grant Bigilin, center and Jim Whetstone after signing to play at Florida State University for Mastantuno and Georgia Tech University for Carwile.

Left: Middleburg High basketball and volleyball athlete Skylar Baltezegar shows off her signed letter of intent to continue playing basketball at Charleston Southern University.



Right: Middleburg High cross country runner Emma Mussante, here at the Class 3A championship races in Tallahassee, signed her letter of intent to run for Florida Southern College in south Florida. Mussante was one of two Clay County signees with Fleming Island High's Marisa Kortright also heading to Florida Southern.



Dreadnaughts receive national tournament bid

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - The Fleming Island Dreadnaughts 10-under Pop Warner football team, coached by Mike Kenny, recently lost their region semifinal playoff game; 18-6, to a strong Titledown Titans team out of the national football breeding grounds of Valdosta, Georgia two weeks ago.

"We played the best team in the nation in their own backyard and came home with our pride a little sad, but our resolve strong as we were the only team to score points on their defense," said Kenny. "The way things turned around this morning (Mon., Nov. 30) was quite the surprise."

According to Kenny, the losing teams of the each of two regions in the Pop Warner National Championship Tournament that was cancelled last year due to the COVID pandemic, were chosen as alternates in a newly formed Mid-American Southeastern Region Challenge Game. The two regions of eight nationally; Mid-American Region and Southeast Region have both agreed to stage their own championship tournament this weekend in St. Cloud, FL.

"Due to some teams having travel or COVID restrictions in getting to the Mid-



Fleming Island Dreadnaught's quarterback Wyatt Rapoza is hard charging leader of offense that notched the lone touchdown in 18-6 loss to top ranked Titledown Titans last week.

American Southeast Region Tournament, we were offered a bid to play to complete the brackets," said Kenny. "I thought about it and the idea of getting in because a team could not get here, but with the country



Fleming Island Dreadnaughts coaches had to endure the post-loss emotions of their team, but got the good news this week that they will be in the national playoff tournament in St. Cloud on Saturday.

dealing with some serious stuff, I'm excited that the kids on the team get to play at least one more game; possibly two for a championship."

The Dreadnaughts, led at quarterback by Wyatt Rapoza with running back mate Blake Mulanax with the offensive line led by Kade Carey ran a strong fourth quarter last week to score on the Titledown team.

On defense, Anderson Fortner is a top attacker with Tristan Stevenson on the outside secondary position.

Kenny noted that Fleming Island will

play a Indiana-based team, the Portage Indians, on the Saturday match (at 1pm in St. Cloud, Hickory Tree Field, 2355 Old Hickory Tree Field, St. Cloud, 34772). A win puts the Dreadnaughts in the championship game on Tuesday also in St. Cloud. The Fellowship Lions (Ft. Myers, FL) will play the Next Level Athletics (Ohio) in the opposite semifinal. One thing Kenny lamented was the Titledown was one of the teams that dropped out.

"We would have liked to have a second shot at them," said Kenny.



Left: Oakleaf High soccer ace Hannah Johnson shows off her Mississippi State University banner after signing to play there next fall.

Below: St. Johns Country Day School baseball players and coaches gather with signees Connor Moore, heading to Florida State University; James Oman, heading to Butler University; Luke Shannahan, heading to Pensacola State College, and Jace Thomas, heading to Flagler College where he joins former St. Johns player Jack Hodges.



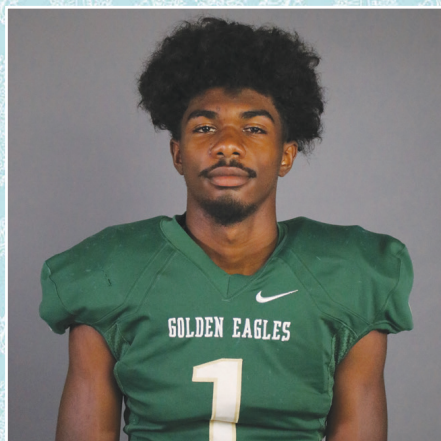
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Sam Singleton
RB, Fleming Island,
Sophomore, #25

Sam Singleton ran for 274 yards and had four scores to punish the Atlantic Coast High defense in the Golden Eagles' 42-7 region playoff win on Friday. Singleton had scoring runs of 45, 41, 72 and 58 yards.



Darius Harris
CB, Fleming Island, Senior, #1

Darius Harris drew the assignment of covering Atlantic Coast High wide receiver Patrick Bryant, a commit to University of Illinois, and limited the nationally acclaimed pass catcher to just seven catches and one score against Atlantic Coast.

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Devils

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The Blue Devils worked their magic in every corner possible with intercepted passes, recovered fumbled Knights punts, and even a dramatic on-side kick, but 2020 will be the season the Blue Devils had no answers for Knights. Just as they could not get the keys to Oakleaf during the regular season, Vanguard too had weapons that Clay could not find answers for.

After holding to a 17-7 half, Clay succumbed to a 38-7 season ending bruiser.

"Sure we feel good with what we were able to do this year," said Kennard. "With all the circumstances, I'm proud of our coaching staff, proud of our kids fighting and coming back. I told our seniors they were a big part of turning this thing around and getting Clay High football back on track."

Clay wanted the ball to start, and the toss went to Vanguard who deferred, working right into the Clay plan. That would be the only thing that worked to plan on the opening drive. As Clay seemed to be set up well with a 26 yard kick return from Jarvis Lee, the Blue Devils made their way out to the 44 by way of Al'querious Ray pounding the inside. On a second down, the issues began as Tre Griner dropped back and lost his footing for a 10 yard loss. On third and long, Griner was picked off. The Knights needed only a single play to go paydirt, 7-0. Both teams would trade a possession to end the quarter 7-0.

With Clay driving at the beginning of the second quarter, Ray punched more holes to get the Knights looking inside, which allowed Griner to bolt around the right end for a 43 yard touchdown run at 10:40 to even the score 7-7.

Trying to keep momentum on their side, Clay attempted an onside kick. The Knights recovered and took advantage using six plays capped by a 30 yard touchdown pass to go up 14-7.

On the return, the Blue Devils drove to the Vanguard 26, facing a fourth down with four yards to go. The incomplete pass allowed the Knights to drive again, but had to punt away after stalling at mid-field.

During the Clay drive, on fourth and five yards to go, a fake punt went wrong.

"I can't put a kid in a position like that where there is some grey area," said Kennard, talking about if Jared Mosley should run if it is there, or boot it away. The fake turned the ball over on downs. But one play later, Clay got new life as Vanguard attempted to run a drag route again, but was picked off by Brandon Combs. The euphoria wore off quickly as Clay suffered two intentional grounding calls and faced a fourth and 40. Off the Blue Devil punt, the Knights marched to boot a 40 yard field goal with no time remaining in the half, 17-7.

The third quarter began with a Clay on-side kick recovery to bring new life.

Again the bubble burst at 10:01 with another picked off pass. The Knights needed less than two minutes to up the score to 24-7. The next Clay drive, another picked



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Clay High wide receiver D'Maurion Frazier makes a catch in front of Clay coaches in region loss to Vanguard.

off pass and another Vanguard score, 31-7.

"We struggled in the second half turning the ball over, throwing to the wrong colored jersey," said Kennard. "It's not his (Griner) fault, it's our fault. We have to coach better and put him in better positions to make plays."

The Devils swapped possessions and on the stalled drive, set up to punt again. With a high snap, Mosley couldn't get a handle on the ball, and the Knights recovered on the Clay 22. A play later, it was 38-7.

Looking forward, Kennard reflected on the path for Blue Devil football.

"Obviously Q is a big part of that; Bradley Warren and those guys on offense," said Kennard. "We are going to have to replace a whole lot of pieces, especially on offensive line and our receivers positions. We'll see- it's a long year off and a lot of different things will happen. But we have a lot of good young talent coming back and they'll be ready to go next year."

Clay High junior tailback Al'Querious Ray will return to be bulk of Blue Devil run game next year after outstanding FACA Player of Year season under coach Kyle Kennard.



Clay High awaits captain Tristan Keith to goal post huddle prior to region playoff match with Ocala Vanguard.

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Look back

Fumbles, interceptions, flags doom Eagles' state hopes

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

BARTRAM TRAIL - Fleming Island High's defense did just about what they wanted in stopping Bartram Trail's top offensive threat; quarterback Joey Gatewood, but the focus on stopping Gatewood left the Bears second quarterback, Riley Smith, alone to end the Golden Eagles playoff run 38-13 Friday night at Bartram Trail High School. The win, a region 1-7A title to Bartram Trail, ended Fleming Island's season at 10-3.

Fleming Island, with a highlight-reel 80 yard bomb to tailback Anfernee McCaskill the lone successful offensive effort, was

victimized by fumbles, interceptions and untimely penalties throughout the game. Kickers Avery Coussens and Noah Hamlett both kicked field goals.

With defensive end Jake Libretto mirroring the elusive Gatewood and channeling him into the tackling lair of Fleming Island's linebacker trio of Jack Surgeoner, Ryan Smenda and Jackson Bull, the Golden Eagles held Gatewood to an uncharacteristic 21 rushing yards and no scores on the run though Gatewood hit for two touchdown passes.

For the Golden Eagles, McCaskill's touchdown from quarterback Brian Brown closed the scoring gap from 17-3 to 17-10 with four minutes left in the half.



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Speedster Anfernee McCaskill got things hot with this 80 yard touchdown catch and scamper, but the Golden Eagles still fell to Bartram Trail.

McCaskill, with Fleming Island starting at their own 20 after the ensuing kickoff, snuck through the Bartram Trail defense

to gather in Brown's high loft pass at the Bear 35 where he turned on the track jets untouched to paydirt.

Region 1-7A football playoffs



Linebacker/running back Ryan Smenda, now a linebacker at Wake Forest, blasted for this 54 yard touchdown sprint to fuel Golden Eagles in against Edgewater.

Smenda and friends head to Bartram Trail

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORLANDO - Fleming Island High senior linebacker Ryan Smenda broke open a defensive slugfest with Edgewater High in the region 1-7A semifinal on Friday by shredding a 54 yard touchdown run down the middle of the Edgewater High School turf and a nifty fake field goal run by Max Michaels both fueled a Golden Eagle 23-7 win. Fleming Island now heads to the region

championship in a showdown rematch at Bartram Trail High School the day after Thanksgiving.

"It was pure adrenalin, not fear, on that run," said Smenda, who broke up a 9-0 halftime lead with his blast up the middle. "I fear just one man and that's God. I do all in his Glory."

Smenda, heading to Wake Forest University next fall, put on a show of force combined with his defensive compadres with linebacker Jackson Bull and defensive ends Josh Hughes and Jake Libretto time and time again coming up with big plays to thwart the highly-volatile Edgewater attack.

Golden Eagles score huge upset of Generals

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE - In the "Backyard" at Robert E. Lee High School, the Fleming Island High Golden Eagle "lights-out" defense would lead the way with a pick-6 interception by Eugene Oglesby, a fumble recovery for touchdown by Jack Surgeoner and a pair of sacks each from Jackson Bull and Jake Libretto to score a 31-26 upset victory over the Generals Friday night in their region 1-7A quarterfinal.

"They can play football with these guys if they just put their mind to it," said Fleming Island coach Damenyum Springs, who now heads to Orlando for their region semifinal against Edgewater High (9-3) and a 31-21 winner of Gainesville Buchholz in that region quarterfinal. Edgewater, who turned a 1-10 season last year to a 9-2 playoff season, has a big play offense led by quarterback R.J. Harvey who hit for two touchdowns; one a 65-yarder, on 176 passing yards plus

SEE EAGLES, 33



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Defensive back Eugene Oglesby sealed the deal against Robert E. Lee with this late interception returned for a touchdown.

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he has locked them down.”

Safeties Darryl Nesmith and Detric Walker made critical interceptions on deep passes intended for Bryant. Nesmith made a leaping catch at the Golden Eagles’ four yard line in the first quarter, and Walker’s theft on the second play of the second quarter stymied a Stingrays’ drive that had reached the Fleming 17 yard line. Fleming Island led only 7-0 at the time.

The Fleming Island front seven snuffed out the Stingrays’ running game all evening, limiting running back Arthur Walker to 40 yards on 12 carries. Hunter Williams and Tyler Cross each had two of the Golden Eagles’ nine tackles for loss. Bryan Maddox, Abram Wright and Garrison Butler registered sacks. Cornerback Devin Grind nailed Walker for a six yard loss on a fourth down inside the red zone.

“Our defensive line applied pressure, and our defensive backs covered well,” said Springs after the game. “Bryant is a good receiver, and he is always going to get his catches.”

Bryant finished with seven receptions for a game-high 154 yards. He scored on a 63 yard catch and run in the third quarter, but by that time the Golden Eagles were firmly in control with a 28-0 lead. Bryant credited Harris.

“He [Harris] is a lot more physical than other cornerbacks,” said Bryant. “And he is very disciplined. He stayed deep, instead of taking my fakes.”

The Golden Eagles scored on their second possession of the game when starting running back Tim Thomas ploughed into the end zone from two yards out to complete a two-play, 37 yard drive. Thomas was not

used much after suffering an apparent foot injury in the third quarter, but still gained 98 yards on seven carries.

Singleton scored twice in the second quarter, capping a 61-yard drive with a 15 yard scamper and speeding 41 yards to give the Golden Eagles a 21-0 halftime lead. The second touchdown was set up by outside linebacker Jhoel Robinson, who smothered Bryant for a nine yard loss before he could get off a rugby punt.

Kocak, who contributed 69 of Fleming Island’s 445 rushing yards, put the game away with a three yard run that capped an 88-yard, eight play drive on the Golden Eagles’ first possession of the second half.

Singleton scored on consecutive runs covering 72 and 58 yards late in the third quarter and early in the fourth quarter to set the yardage record. The 5’11”, 175 pounder averaged 14.4 yards per carry on his 19 rushes.

The Golden Eagles, who improved to 9-2, attempted only one pass all game, but Springs is not worried about a lack of balance heading into the regional final on December 4 against Niceville, who comes to Fleming Island undefeated after a 38-35 double overtime win over Gainesville Buchholz. Buchholz defeated Fleming Island 24-21 on October 23.

“We have a passing game,” he said. “But we have got to take what the defense gives us.”

Springs thinks his Golden Eagles have an even chance against Niceville.

“Fleming Island has never been past the third round of the playoffs before,” he said. “We are looking forward to it, and want to take advantage of having home field.”

Atlantic Coast completes its season with a 5-6 record. Jacobs threw for 197 yards, completing 14 of 24 passes.



Two major factors of the Fleming Island defensive front; Tyler Cross, left, and Hunter Williams will be important elements in Friday’s region championship game against unbeaten Niceville High.



In the backfield, Wildcat quarterback T.K. Kocak, left, and tailback Tim Thomas, a FACA Class 7A district player of the year, have handled the bulk of offensive yards for the Golden Eagles with offensive lineman Michael Gloster, No. 60, pushing the line of scrimmage downfield.



Fleming Island tailback Sam Singleton blasted for a school record 274 yards with four scores in second half scoring explosion on the ground.

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#Battle for Brooke Panther's Nation softball punches in for Brooke

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - The Ridgeview High softball community has been hit hard the last few weeks with news that all state catcher Brooke Michael is now battling a cancer diagnosis at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Michael, a senior at Ridgeview and a four year starter at catcher with her twin sister Brittany two cogs of a Final Four finish and district titles in the past four years for coach Casey Thompson.

Brooke Michael has been diagnosed with Lymphoma cancer; cancer in the lymphatic system, after taking herself out of a travel ball game with no energy.

"I know she has been a warrior of an athlete and when she took herself out of game, her mom knew something was wrong," said Thompson.

For Michael, the Ridgeview softball community will host a 14-Under and high



school softball tournament (16 teams) at the Cecil Field Equestrian Center fields on Sat., Dec. 5 as a fundraiser for the Michael family.

Information for the tournament can be found through Tim Crickmore (904) 338-3187 or Steve Guthrie (904) 545-9892.

Information about Michael and her family can also be found at Facebook on a Battle for Brooke page.



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Ridgeview High catcher Brooke Michael, left, and above left in catcher gear, is fighting battle with Lymphoma cancer diagnosis as Panther Nation followers create GOFUNDME and softball tournament fundraisers (Dec. 5 at Cecil Field).

On the Battle for Brooke page, there is information from November 30 that Michael has been tolerating chemotherapy very well and has an MRI, Pet Scan and has a possible Wednesday discharge date.

A GOFUNDMe page is also set up under the Battle for Brooke phrase. Search for Battle for Brooke GoFundme in browser for information.



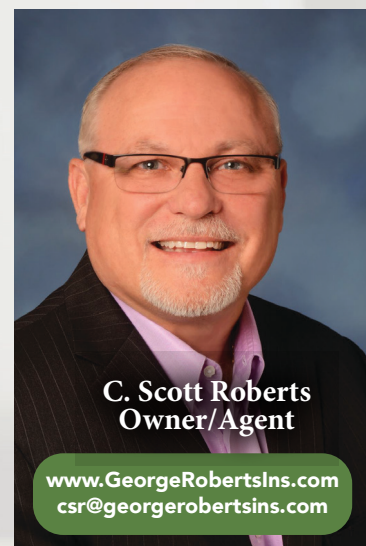
Fleming Island High football coach Damenyum Springs gets the Gatorade bath after region semifinal win over Atlantic Coast.



Fleming Island High cheerleaders had a good night as their Golden Eagles won Friday night and will also host a region final against Niceville on Fri., Dec. 4.



Fleming Island Damenyum Springs gives pregame thoughts to team in locker room prior to region playoff win over Atlantic Coast.



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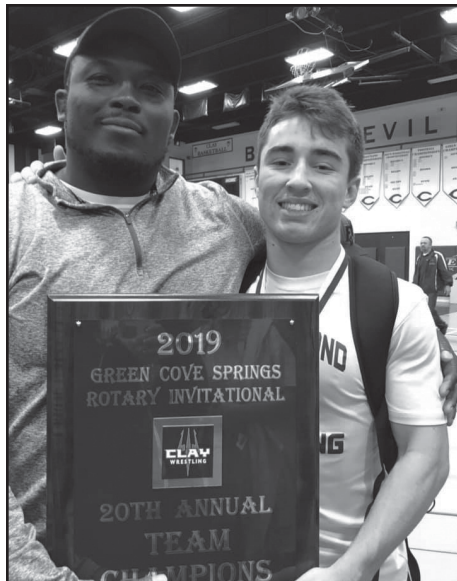
Cobbert wants the 'Magic'

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - After a somewhat lackluster performance in preseason play at the Gobbler Preseason Wrestling Tournament staged by Clay High last weekend at the Clay County Fairgrounds, Fleming Island High wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert was not very happy for Mondays afternoon practice.

"We expect this team to execute at a high level," said Cobbert, second last year for a third consecutive year to powerhouse South Dade High School with one state champion, Chad Nix, now at Campbell University. "We are past just winning matches. We want to win big matches. I'm about sick of coming in second place."

With South Dade again as the target for post season play, Cobbert, in his 12th year, noted a handful of returners from last year's team led by Hunter Herrington, who has garnered early top five rankings from the Orlando Sentinel after being third at 113 last year with a semifinal loss to eventual champion Danny Martinez of Southwest Miami; Riley Holton, who lost an excruciating 3-2 first round match to eventual 126 runnerup Jose Gonzalez of South



Fleming Island wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert has had a string of state champions in the last five years; here with two-time champion Briar Jackson.

Dade; Gavin Smith, a state qualifier at 170; Jhoel Robinson, Hunter "Catfish" Williams and Raul Gonzalez. They all look good and if they wrestle well, we will do well."

Ironically, a handful of the wrestlers Cobbert will lean on are younger siblings



Senior Hunter Herrington is top ranked wrestler returning to the Fleming Island lineup as area grapplers get set to start their tournament season.

of former Golden Eagles standout wrestlers with Robinson following big brother Jaylin Robinson, now at football at Ava Maria; Christian Chop, a freshman brother to third place finisher last year Luke Chop, Joshua Sandoval, brother to Jacob Sandoval, and Hunter Williams brother to state 138 fourth placer Tyler Williams.

Cobbert looks inward when trying to find the "Magic" that will get that elusive Class 3A state from South Dade.

"The more your wrestle somebody the more you learn to compete," said Cobbert, who said South Dade will be on the Fleming Island regular season schedule two or three times before the post season matchups. "We have to create our own identity. This team has to believe it. One thing about South Dade is that when they show up at the state tournament, everyone of them believes they are going to win a state title. We have create that magic."



Overhead view of bench press action at recent Clay High hosted weightlift meet with Orange Park and Eagle's View.

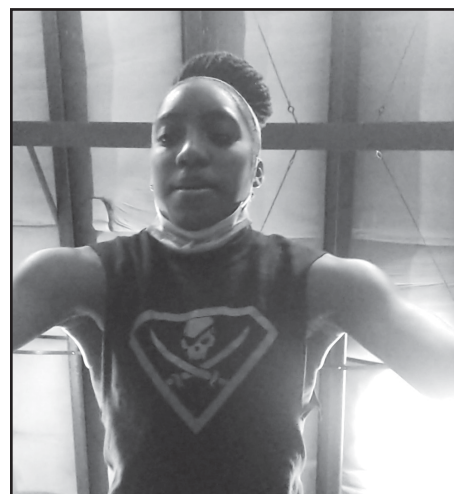


State placer Sam Migliore of Clay powers up bench press.

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Orange Park High's Sofia Gonzalez has a good clean and jerk lift as Orange Park Coach Lee Taylor observes.



Left: Orange Park High Demia Harris concentrates as she address bar for clean and jerk attempt. Clay High's Bailey Kumm (right) gets encouragement from coach Rodney Keller in finishing off clean and jerk.



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Dismal season for Jags

The Jacksonville Jaguars, here with new quarterback Mike Glennon and coach Doug Marrone must figure out new ideas for next year after dismal season. Keys may be Glennon, below, and running back Jason Robinson. Cleveland Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield gets set to sling pass in front of Jaguar defender Doug Costin in Browns in Sunday.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-585 Division B
IN RE: ESTATE OF GRACE LORRAINE HAWKINS
 Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Grace Lorraine Hawkins deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 26, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative:
 Dale S. Wilson
 E-Mail Address: wilsdale@bellsouth.net
 Florida Bar No. 176945
 Dale S. Wilson PA
 PO Box 1808
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
 Telephone: (904) 284-5618

Personal Representative:
 Robert Hawkins,
 802 S. 15th St Unit 1844
 Sebring, Ohio 44672
 Legal 47068 published Nov 26 and Dec 3rd 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 FILE NO: 2020-CP-543
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHARRON E. BAKER, DECEASED.
 The formal administration of the estate of SHARRON E. BAKER, who

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died on August 27, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against DECEDENT'S estate must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is November 26, 2020.

PRISCILLA L. SCREEN
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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 Keystone Heights, FL 32656
 Owens & Wagner, P.A.
 VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
 Fla. Bar No.: 73568
 VeRonica@OwensWagner.com
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 Keystone Heights, FL 32656
 2000 Henley Road, Suite B
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 Attorneys for PETITIONER
 Legal 47046 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District ("District") will meet on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068 to hold a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors ("Board") where the Board may consider any business that may properly come before it.

In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is anticipated that the meeting may be conducted remotely, pursuant to Zoom communications media technology and/or by telephone pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 and 20-112 issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020 and April 29, 2020 ("Executive Orders") respectively, including any extensions or supplements thereof, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes. If such Executive Orders are not extended and the Board is required to meet in person, or otherwise conditions allow the meeting to occur in person, the meeting may be held at the location stated above. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting and obtain information about how the meeting will occur should refer to the District's website, www.PineRidgePlantationCDD.com or contact the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, at (904) 940-5850 or etorres@gmsnf.com to obtain access information. The District fully encourages public participation in a safe and efficient

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manner. Toward that end, participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions and comments to the District Manager by calling (904) 940-5850 or emailing etorres@gmsnf.com by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020 in advance of the meeting to facilitate the Board's consideration of such questions and comments during the meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. A copy of the agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 or by calling (904) 940-5850, and is expected to also be available on the District's website at www.Pin eRidgePlantationCDD.com. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

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

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

If you are unable to participate by telephone or by ZOOM, please contact the District Manager's office at (904) 940-5850 or etorres@gmsnf.com for further accommodations.

Ernesto Torres
 District Manager
 Legal 47055 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 FILE NO: 2020-CP-592

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NEWELL BRETT HOPE, JR.
 The administration of the estate of NEWELL BRETT HOPE, JR., who died on May 19, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the DECEDENT and other persons having claims or demands against the DECEDENT'S estate on whom a copy of this NOTICE is required to be served must file their claims with this COURT WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

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CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is November 26, 2020.

RICHARD N. HOPE
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 Attorneys for PETITIONER
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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CASE NO. 2020 CA 000690
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OF CHARLES BLACKBURN, CAROLYN BOATWRIGHT, DISCOVER BANK, AND UNKNOWN TENANT, (S)
 Defendants.

TO: Unknown Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees of Charles Blackburn, Deceased
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on James E. Sorenson, D. Tyler Van Leuven, J. Blair Boyd, Stephen Orsillo and Jessica A. Thompson, the Plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 3637, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3637, within 30 days after the publication date and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
 Dates this 1st day of December, 2020.

(seal)
 Tara S. Green
 As Clerk of the Court
 By: Jamie Pippin
 As Deputy Clerk
 Legal 47086 published Dec 3 and Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File Number: 2020-CP-000557
IN RE: ESTATE OF VICTOR WAYNE MCCOY
 Deceased.
 The administration of the estate of VICTOR WAYNE MCCOY deceased, who died on September 18, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their

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claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is December 3, 2020.

DOWLIN W. HOWELL, ESQ.
 Florida Bar Number: 1018068
Patriot Legal Group
 220 Palmetto Ave
 Orlando, FL 32801
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 E-Mail: dowlin@pariolegal.com
 Secondary E-Mail: service@patriolegal.com

Christopher McCoy
 Christopher McCoy, Petitioner
 Legal 47082 published Dec 3rd and Dec 10 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 15th day of December, 2020 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Williams, Stephen 534 Leather sofa love seat, hoverboard, ladder. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 47053 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

The following storage units will be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of at Davis Rentals, Inc. 3230 US Highway 17, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 (904) 284-7368 at 10:00 AM on December 22, 2020 to satisfy owners lien for rent due in accordance with the State Statutes 83.801 to 83.809. Terms of spaces may not be available on date of sale. Sales Tax must be paid or resale number furnished.

Tenant name Unit# Description
 Chris Modlin # 167 Hshld items
 Chris Modlin #204 Hshld items
 Derek Modlin # 185 Hshld items
 Bonnie Lawrence #290 Hshld items
 Legal 47080 published Dec 3 and Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/18/2020, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid.
1C4PJMCB1EW290737 2014 JEEP
2D4FV48V65H529705 2005 DODGE
2FMDDK48C87BB00501 2007 FORD
4B3AG42GX3E209142 2003 DODGE
 Legal 47076 publish DEC 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

The Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Clay County, Florida, declares their notice of intent to designate the non-elective full-time position in their office, to-wit: Inspector General inclusion in the senior management service class of the Florida Retirement System pursuant to Section 121.055 (1) (b), Florida Statutes.

Legal 47054 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Dec 17, 2020 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

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 Legal 47085 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING SANDRIDGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Sandridge Community Development District ("District") will hold a special meeting on December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., at The Wood Development Company of Jacksonville, 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 502, Fleming Island, Florida 32003, to consider a Delegation Award resolution and related exhibits, as well as address any other business that may come before the Board, necessary for the operation of the District. well as address any other business that may come before the Board, necessary for the operation of the District.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The meeting may be continued in progress to a date and time certain announced at the meeting. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting the offices of the District Manager, Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561) 571-0010, during normal business hours. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District office.
 Craig Wrathell
 District Manager

Legal 47069 published December 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

The Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Clay County, Florida, declares their notice of intent to designate the non-elective full-time position in their office, to-wit: Public Information Officer inclusion in the senior management service class of the Florida Retirement System pursuant to Section 121.055 (1) (b), Florida Statutes.

Legal 47055 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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Have you registered your name with the state and now need to run a fictitious name advertisement?

One easy step
 Email Christie at christie@opcfla.com or call 904-579-2153 to request the necessary form. It will run in our legal section for one week for \$35 Affidavit will be mailed to you.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. Auction date - 12/22/2020, 9:00 a.m. 1998 Pontiac Vin#1G2NE52T6WC782358 Legal 47081 publish Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS

The Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller, Clay County, Florida, declares their notice of intent to designate the non-elective full-time position in their office, to-wit: Finance Officer inclusion in the senior management service class of the Florida Retirement System pursuant to Section 121.055 (1) (b), Florida Statutes. Legal 47056 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information, call (904) 213-2464. Legal 47053 publish Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-000499 Division: B

IN RE ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA I. MCCARTY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Virginia I. McCarty, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is November 26, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative: Nancy E. Kemner Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0879746 P.O. Box 9318 Fleming Island, FL 32006

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Telephone: (904) 278-1178 Fax: (904) 592-7735 E-mail: nancy@kemnerlaw.com Personal Representative: Daniel J. McCarty 1702 Greenwich Drive Troy, Michigan 48098 Legal 47051 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2020-CA-000716

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, v. GERALD J. SANTO AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES SANTO A/K/A JAMES G SANTO; DEENA C. HERBERT; JAMES G. SANTO, JR.; UNKNOWN HEIR, BENEFICIARY AND DEVISEE 1 OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES SANTO A/K/A JAMES G. SANTO, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIR, BENEFICIARY AND DEVISEE 2 OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES SANTO A/K/A JAMES G. SANTO, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEENA C. HERBERT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES G. SANTO, JR.; UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION 2; ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE, INC.; ARMCO BUILDERS, INC. OF CLAY COUNTY, et al., Defendants.

TO: Unknown Heir, Beneficiary and Devisee 1 of the Estate of James Santo a/k/a James G. Santo, Deceased Last known address: 2583 Spring Meadows Dr., Middleburg, FL 32068 Unknown Heir, Beneficiary and Devisee 2 of the Estate of James Santo a/k/a James G. Santo, Deceased Last known address: 2583 Spring J Meadows Dr., Middleburg, FL 32068 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Clay County, Florida: LOT 301, VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE UNIT 2-C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGE 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 AND 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, on Kathryn I. Kasper, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1201 S. Orlando Ave, Suite 430, Winter Park, FL 32789, on or before thirty(30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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 crtintrp@coj.net of (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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Court at Clay County, Florida, this 23rd day of November 2020

(seal) Tara S. Green Clerk of Circuit Court By: Taylor Tisen Deputy Clerk

Legal 47072 published Dec 3 and Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Public Notice

Clay County School Board The Clay County School Board will hold a Workshop on Tuesday, December 15th, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043, for the purpose of reviewing the draft agenda for the January 7, 2021 Regular meeting. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at

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least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to hannie_onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Legal 47063 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Notice is hereby given that the Armstrong Community Development District ("District") Board of Supervisors ("Board") will meet on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065 where the Board may consider any business that may properly come before it. In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, it is anticipated that the meeting may be conducted remotely, pursuant to Zoom communications media technology and/or by telephone pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 and 20-123, issued by Governor DeSantis, including any extensions or supplements thereof ("Executive Orders"), and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes. If such Executive Orders are not extended and the Board is required to meet in person, or otherwise conditions allow the meeting to occur in person, the meeting may be held at the location stated above. Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting and obtain information about how the meeting will occur should refer to the District's website, www.ArmstrongCDD.com or contact the office of the District Manager, c/o Governmental Management Services, LLC, at (904) 940-5850 or jperry@gmsnf.com to obtain access information. The District fully encourages public participation in a safe and efficient manner. Toward that end, participants are strongly encouraged to submit questions and comments to the District Manager by calling (904) 940-5850 or emailing jperry@gmsnf.com by Wednesday, December 9, 2020 in advance of the meeting to facilitate the Board's consideration of such questions and comments during the meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. A copy of the agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 or by calling (904) 940-5850, and is expected to also be available on the District's website at www.ArmstrongCDD.com. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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If you are unable to participate by telephone or by ZOOM, please contact the District Manager's office at (904) 940-5850 or jperry@gmsnf.com for further accommodations. James Perry District Manager Legal 47009 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Public Notice

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to hannie_onora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Legal 47064 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020-CP-0587 IN RE: ESTATE OF RALPH OWEN PADGETT, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of RALPH OWEN PADGETT, deceased, who died on August 25, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is December 3, 2020.

THOMAS M. DONAHOO, JR Florida Bar Number: 78530 Attorney for Personal Representative DONAHOO & MCMENAMY, P.A. 245 Riverside Avenue, Suite 450 Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Telephone: (904) 354-8080 Facsimile: (904) 791-9563 SANDRA KAY PADGETT Personal Representative

Legal 47074 published Dec 3rd and Dec 12 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/19/2020 10:00 am at 2 9 0 5 B L A N D I N G B L V D MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-6349, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FIRST COAST TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. 1GCRCE08DZ291027 2013 CHEVR 2GKALUEK8D6189768 2013 GMC 2GTEC19VX41138382 2004 GMC 4M2EU48E87UJ06503 2007 Mercury WBAUP9C55CVL91983 2012 BMW Legal 47047 publish Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2020-DR-001480 DIVISION: F

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF JUSTIN M. CARR, Father, and VERONICA L. BRADY, Mother.

TO: VERONICA L. BRADY YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Determination of Paternity has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on David M. Merritt, Esquire, of KENNY LEIGH & ASSOCIATES, Husband's Attorney, whose address is 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 201, Fleming Island, FL 32003, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court at Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on Father's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED this 17th day of November, 2020.

(seal) Tara S. Green CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Rebecca Crews Deputy Clerk Legal 47048 published Nov 26, Dec 3, Dec 10 and Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020 CP 000595 DIVISION: B

IN RE: ESTATE OF HAZEL DARLENE BARNES, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of HAZEL DARLENE BARNES, deceased, whose date of death was July 30, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is November 26, 2020.

WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II

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Fla. Bar No.: 634387 733 N. Palmetto Ave. Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 (904) 276-5344 - Phone (904) 284-8725 - Fax BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com - Primary Service@DavieLawFirm.com - Secondary Attorney for the Personal Representative WESLEY BARNES 5974 284th St Branford, FL 32008 Personal Representative Legal 47038 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder on their premises at 4404 County Road 218, Middleburg, FL 32068, in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 5:30pm on the following units: The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Clayton Allen, Tonya Davie, Daniel Groat, Frederick Hildenbrand, Daniel E. Hudnall, Damon Mills, Frank Morabito, Wende Peters, Deborah L.Yon Legal 47040 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

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

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

Morris5 Woodworks

Located at 6959 Sharron rd in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida on the 23rd November, 2015 Owner's name/corporation: Shellfork LLC

Legal 47078 published December 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

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

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

Solmar Artist Create Inspire Connect

Located at 1535 Blanding Blvd #911 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 24th day of November, 2020. Owner's name/corporation: Marisol Gonzalez

Legal 47070 published December 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 15th day of December, 2020 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Fishbein, Stephen 302 shelves, baskets, photo frames . Cochran, Daniel 734 lawnmower, washer, dryer, microwave. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Legal 47062 published Nov 26 and Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Bid Notices

City of Green Cove Springs REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) LC 2020-21

The City of Green Cove Springs requests qualification packages from qualified individuals or firms to provide professional engineering services for water and wastewater systems improvement projects funded through the Department of Environmental Protection State Revolving Fund (DEP SRF). Engineering services will include planning, funding, funding assistance, engineering design, surveying, permitting, bidding, construction administration and resident observation services. Qualification packages for the above-referenced services will be considered on an equal competitive basis and will be evaluated in accordance with the requirements of Florida Statute 287.055, the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, using the following criteria:

- (1) Knowledge of State & Federal Regulations Governing the DEP SRF Program as well as Other Grant Programs; 25 points
- (2) Experience with Projects Funded through DEP SRF, CDBG, USDA RD, and SJRWMD; 25 POINTS
- (3) Experience with Municipal Water and Wastewater Projects; 20 points
- (4) Management and Staffing; 20 points
- (5) Ability to Become Quickly Familiar with Local Conditions; 10 points
- (6) An original clearly marked as such, six (6) copies of sealed qualification packages, and one thumb drive, marked "RFQ LC 2021-21 Professional Engineering Services : must be received by 3:00 p.m., December 29, 2020, at Green Cove Springs City Hall, 321 Walnut Street, First Floor Finance, Attn: Laurie Griffin, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Packages may also be dropped off at the Customer Service drive-through

The City reserves the right to reject any or all qualification packages, to waive any minor informalities of minor irregularities in the selection process, all things being considered equal.

Legal 47083 published Dec 3, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposal will be received until 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the Clay County Admin Bldg, 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, for the following:

RFP NO: 20/21-7,

Paddleboard & Kayak Rental Stations Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on **Thursday, January 6, 2021** in the Clay County Admin Bldg, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Proposals will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline.

All communications with the County regarding this RFP should be directed to Kris Collora, Purchasing Department, (904) 541-5885 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com / <http://www.claycountygov.com/Home/Showdocument?id=926>

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. A bid bond shall include the form of a cashier or certified check payable to the County.

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all proposals with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay.

Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners have a local preference policy. A preference to local businesses in procurement decisions provides support and growing opportunities to the local economy. Preference shall be given to a local business in the purchase of commodities and services. The complete policy can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=926>.

FOLLOWING THE PROPOSAL OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL PROPOSALS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: [Bid Notices**](http://www.claycountygov.com/depar</p>
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ments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Legal 47073 published December 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 28 2020, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, for the following:

BID NO: 20/21-3,

Elevator Repair, Inspections, and Maintenance for Clay County Facilities

Bids will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on **Tuesday, December 29, 2020** in the Clay County Admin Bldg, Conference Room "B", fourth floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline.

All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Donna Fish, fourth floor Purchasing Division, (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com

Proposals require a five (5%) percent bid bond and may not be withdrawn after the scheduled opening time for a period of thirty (30) days. The term bond shall include cashier or certified checks payable to the County.

Site visits can be scheduled by calling Donna Fish, Purchasing Department (904) 278-3761.

Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners have a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/home/showdocument?id=926>

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay.

Bid Notices

FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/purchasing-division/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8. (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Legal 47084 published Dec 3, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

RE-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 15th day of January, 2021, the following

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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 ertrintp@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 17th day of November, 2020.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Rebecca Crews
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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO: 2018-CA-001284

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF VICKI LANDERS A/K/A VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE L. LANGEVIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE L. LANGEVIN; JAMES SANDERS, JR.; LOUIS LANGEVIN, III; SCOTT LANGEVIN; CHERIE MCKAY A/K/A CHERIE LANGEVIN; BRITTANY HOBBS; ASHLEY LANDERS Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final November 23, 2020 and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-001284 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, is the Plaintiff UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF VICKI LANDERS A/K/A VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE L. LANGEVIN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE LYNN SANDERS A/K/A VICKIE L. LANGEVIN; JAMES SANDERS, JR.; LOUIS LANGEVIN, III; SCOTT LANGEVIN; CHERIE MCKAY A/K/A CHERIE LANGEVIN; BRITTANY HOBBS; ASHLEY LANDERS, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at 10:00 AM on the 7th day of January, 2021 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, FOXMEADOW, UNIT 1-B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 53 AND 54 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Property Address: 1245 FOXMEADOW TRAIL, 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 an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding,

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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 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; by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - ertrintp@coj.net. Dated this 30th day of November, 2020.

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

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2019-CA-001431-

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. MARTIN RANDALL STALNECKER; NICOLE V. STALNECKER; FOREST HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 4th day of November, 2020, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-001431-, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff, and MARTIN RANDALL STALNECKER; NICOLE V. STALNECKER; FOREST HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of February, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 690, FOREST HAMMOCK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION UNIT TWO, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 55, PAGES 10 THROUGH 41, IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA. IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

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 ertrintp@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. Dated this 19th day of November, 2020.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By: Jaimie Pippin
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

Case No. 2020-CA-00404

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. CHARLES RANDALL CALLEY; MANDY LEE CALLEY; and UNKNOWN TENANT Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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pursuant to a Final Judgment dated November 18, 2020 entered in Case No.: 2020 CA 404 of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein CHALRES RANDALL CALLEY and MANDY LEE CALLEY, are the Defendants, that Tara S. Green will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, on January 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Clerk of the Circuit Court, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment: Legal: **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" TOGETHER WITH A 2018 LIVE OAK MODEL 76 X 32 MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING SERIAL NO.'S: LOHGA11718731A AND LOHGA11718731B.**

NOTICE IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2020

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
by: Jaimie Pippin
As Deputy Clerk

NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FUNCTION SHOULD CONTACT COUNTY CIVIL NOT LATER THAN ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO THE FUNCTION 904-630-2028; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770.

Exhibit A

A portion of Sections 35 and 36, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows:

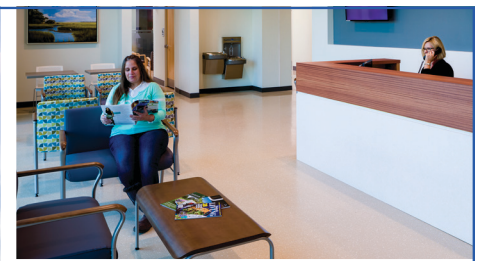
Commencing at the intersection of the Westerly Right-of-Way line of U.S. Highway #17 (state road #15), as now established, with the north line of said Section 35; thence South 3°19'58" East, and along said Right-Of-Way line, 491.78 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 3°19'58" East, and along said Right-of-Way line, 150.29 feet; thence North 89°46'00" West, 270.93 feet; thence North 4°52'02" East, 150.49 feet; thence South 89°46'00" East, 248.43 feet to the Point of Beginning and to close.

Less and except that portion conveyed in O.R. Book 1200 Page 139, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

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