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ClayPASS is a new project initiative eyeing 2021 with the goal of helping the uninsured navigate the confusing pathways of healthcare.

## The Way Free Medical Clinic, Impact Clay to create ClayPASS

In the second 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. Last week, *The Way* revealed it will open a second clinic in Orange Park next year. This week, a new program called ClayPASS is an initiative for uninsured residents, and the series. Next week, the series will conclude with a program by *The Way* and Chamber of Commerce to provide medical care to uninsured businesses in the county.

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – The Way Free Medical Clinic and Impact Clay are looking to revolutionize the navigating the tricky trials of finding insurance.

The Way executive director Don Fann

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PHOTO BY DON COBLE

## Orange Park Mall mural enhances shopping experience

ORANGE PARK – Local artist Steven Teller is putting his ideas and artistic skills to work at the entrance to the Food Court at the Orange Park Mall. The vibrant mural brings “warmth” to the mall and enhances the newly-remodeled courtyard. For more, see story on page 20.



Janet Goulet (m) has spent the past 12 years helping children at Neonatal Intensive Care Units.

## Middleburg woman delivers blankets, booties and love

Janet Goulet continues 12-year tradition by crocheting 36 afghans, 50 hats, 50 booties

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – Janet Goulet said she’s not able to work. The children at Orange Park Medical Center’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit would disagree.

Despite being declared permanently disabled, the Middleburg woman maintains a fulltime job fulfilling her sense of belonging – along with providing comfort and happiness to the smallest children at the hospital.

Goulet exceeded her goal by crocheting 36 afghans, 50 hats and 50 pairs of booties

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# OP Councilman Roland Mastandrea wants town to pay for his lawsuit

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – Council Roland Mastandrea is requesting town representation to prove that town insurance should cover the cost of a lawsuit he's in with two residents.

Residents have been divided over the future of the proposed Orange Park Plaza project. Mastandrea sent legal letters to four town residents last May, accusing them of defamation and threatening legal action in relation to Mastandrea's thoughts on the plaza project. A lawsuit has been filed against Mastandrea in relation, and Mastandrea's other ongoing lawsuits and the council member believes the town should represent him.

"Through his personal attorney, Councilman Mastandrea has requested the Town assume responsibility for his legal defense in the matter of Peter Johnston and Shirley Johnston v. Roland Mastandrea...currently pending in the Clay County circuit Court," reads a memo from town attorney Sam Garrison's office, Bradley, Garrison & Kommando Attorneys at Law.

"If Councilman Mastandrea elects to move forward with his request for the Town to take on legal representation, the Town



Council member Roland Mastandrea believes the town's insurance should cover the cost of a lawsuit he's in with two Orange Park residents, despite insurance saying otherwise.

Council must determine first, whether the litigation arises out of or in connection with the performance of Councilman Mastandrea's official duties; and second, whether it serves a public purpose. This determination must only be lawfully made by a majority vote of the Town Council."

A vote wasn't made by the council during the meeting last week, so it's still a question of whether this will happen. But Garrison said why he cannot represent Mastandrea because it presents a conflict

of interest. The reason Mastandrea is requesting town representation is because the Florida League of Cities determined the lawsuit isn't covered under the town's insurance policy due to the nature of the claim. Mastandrea disagrees and wants the town to pay for legal counsel so he can prove the League is wrong and that town insurance should cover the lawsuit.

Mastandrea sent letters to the Johnstons in May and threatened legal action less they would repeal the statements Mastandrea deemed defamatory. Mastandrea eventually filed a lawsuit against one of the letter recipients. The Johnstons filed their own case against Mastandrea with claims that Mastandrea is attempting to prevent them from expressing views protected by the First Amendment.

"Further, Plaintiffs allege on information and belief that Defendant [Mastandrea] primarily is actively seeking to prevent, deny or discourage Plaintiffs from expressing views adverse to the Development or exercising their constitutional rights as protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution," court documents read.

"Plaintiffs are genuinely concerned that at any time until May 2022 (when Mastandrea's lawsuit timing would be up), Defen-

dant may decide to file suit against them as threatened, causing Plaintiffs a serious loss of time and money in their defense, especially if the Plaintiffs choose to exercise their constitutionally protected rights to voice opinions in opposition to the development," court documents read. "The threat of suit expressed in writing by Defendant is a real threat of immediate injury to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs deny making any actionable defamatory statements as alleged by Defendant, but Plaintiffs are in doubt as to their rights not to be dragged into baseless litigation by Defendant over the assertions in Defendant's correspondence."

Mastandrea said he's as determined as he is to win the lawsuit because he's worried that if he loses, it will open up the possibility of other council members being sued anytime they say something or vote for something residents don't like.

Mastandrea then made a second motion and a second motion wasn't made so the motion died on the floor. Mayor Alan Watt said he didn't second the motion because he does not feel this is the route to go. Instead, staff should request representatives of the town's insurance to come to council and explain why its insurance doesn't cover what Mastandrea wants it to cover.

## FDOT to begin school zone improvement projects throughout Northeast Florida

The \$1.5 million project includes  
15 Clay County schools

CLAY COUNTY – The Florida Department of Transportation District 2 will begin a districtwide school zone safety improvement project this week that will include enhancements at 141 school zones across Northeast Florida.

The project includes 15 in Clay County.

It is part of a statewide effort to improve school zone safety in response to House Bill 493, passed during the 2017 Regular Session.

This includes implementation of a specific, uniform system of high-visibility markings and signage within one-mile of all schools on arterial and collector roads.

School zones in the county that will be upgrades include: Argyle Elementary; Charles E. Bennett Elementary; Coppergate Elementary; Doctors Inlet Elementary

Grace Episcopal Day; Green Cove Junior High; Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High; Lake Asbury Elementary; Orange Park Elementary; Orange Park Junior High; Rideout Elementary; Ridgeview El-



ementary; Ridgeview High; Swimming Pen Creek Elementary; and, W.E. Cherry Elementary.

As part of the \$1.5 million project, FDOT District 2 will upgrade 141 school zones in 13 counties with enhanced school zone signage and, in some locations, flashing beacons.

Upgrades at each school zone are expected to take less than a day to complete, and then crews will move to the next location. Minimal traffic impacts are expected during construction hours.

Stay informed about lane closures and roadwork in your area by following FDOT District 2 at @MyFDOT\_NEFL on Twitter or at MyFDOTNEFL on Facebook.

## Applications for property tax exemptions due by March 1

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – County Property Appraiser Tracy S. Drake wants to inform the citizens of Clay County that the statutory deadline to apply for property tax exemptions is Monday, March 1.

Homestead exemption applicants must have legal or equitable title to the property as of Jan. 1. Applicants must also provide two documents to establish proof of permanent residency (i.e., updated driver's license or identification card, voter registration card, vehicle registration, utility bill, etc.) and the social security numbers of all applicants (including spouses) is required. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens must provide a copy of their permanent resident (green) card. Applicants without permanent residence status should contact our office for eligibility details. Mobile home owners should also bring the title(s) or registration(s) to the mobile home.

Applications may be filed at the main office in Green Cove Springs located on the second floor of the Administration

Building, the Orange Park branch office located at 1518 Park Ave. or at the Tax Collector's branch office located at 7380 State Road 100 in Keystone Heights.

Once the initial application has been filed – and granted – the exemption will be automatically renewed each January and a renewal notice will be mailed to you. If you still live in the home and qualify for the exemption, no action is required - keep the renewal notice as your receipt and continue to enjoy the benefits of lower taxes. It is your responsibility to notify the Property Appraiser if your eligibility for exemptions has changed.

Florida law provides for a number of ad valorem property tax exemptions, classifications and assessment reductions which will reduce the taxable value of property. The property owner must qualify as of January 1 of the current assessment year. For more information, please visit [www.ccpao.com](http://www.ccpao.com), or contact our office at (904) 284-6305 or (904) 269-6305 to speak with an exemption specialist.

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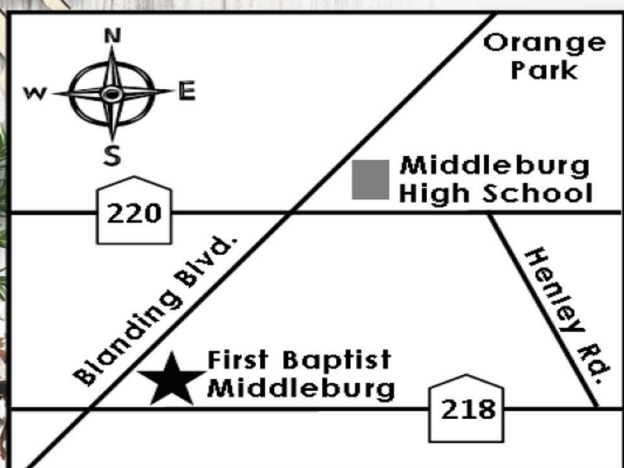
### Community Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 P.M.  
Middleburg High School Stadium

### Christmas Eve Service

#### *A Family Christmas*

Thursday, December 24 at 4:30 & 6:30 P.M.  
Worship Center of First Baptist Middleburg



## Mixed drinks to go: Jennifer Bradley files booze delivery bill

By A.G. Gancarski  
For Florida Politics

After the year Floridians have had, one of the state's newest Senators thinks they might need a libation or two.

Sen. Jennifer Bradley of North Central Florida's Senate District 5, who previously told Florida Politics' Jacksonville Bold that she was looking to make takeout mixed drinks a permanent option, filed legislation to do just that Friday.

Bradley's SB 148 would revise current beverage law to allow restaurants to deliver mixed drinks with meals, continuing a practice begun during the pandemic at the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The alcohol delivery would have to be accompanied by food.

If the bill becomes law, it takes effect in July.

Bradley described herself as "laser-focused on helping our small businesses" when discussing the bill earlier in the fall.

"To that end, and in an effort to support our restaurants [that] have been running on fumes, I plan to file a bill that allows restaurants to permanently serve mixed drinks as a takeout option. It's been a long year; Floridians should be able to get a Cosmo to-go," Bradley said.

Bradley is replacing her husband in the office, and he's replacing her in the spouses' lounge. Those with long-term memories will remember the former Sen. Bradley's work on personal liberty issues, particularly his push last year to preempt local bans on front-yard vegetable gardens.

The Bradley bill is the second piece of legislation from a Senate Republican that would enshrine into law an executive order allowing restaurants to sell mixed drinks, beer and wine to-go.

Sen. Jeff Brandes filed a bill last week, and his is somewhat more expansive in that it allows restaurants to sell wine-based drinks and malt-beverages in addition to mixed drinks.

The legislation covers bars or establishments that get more than half of their revenue from food sales. Brandes described his measure as one that has already been tested and approved in the court of public opinion.

"It was wildly successful and, in many ways, helped businesses get over the hump of the pandemic. We think it is a process that should continue, so we are looking to establish it in state law," Brandes said on Friday. "We saw this during the pandemic. There weren't any major problems. ... I

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## OPINION



## Hometown newspapers have the daunting responsibility to provide credible information

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

Having spent more than 30 years of my life working at major newspapers and national chains, I'm qualified to talk about the state of media. As the need for credible information grows, especially in the age of COVID-19, so does the need for residents to rely on their hometown papers.

A recent survey by the Pew Research Center found that 61% are getting their information about the deadly virus from their local newspapers compared to national outlets.

As we continue to move through this worldwide maze of misery, I suspect those numbers to shift closer to home.

The research company concluded while the pandemic is global in scale, Americans are relying more on their hometown newspapers for information.

But what is a local newspaper?

Just because most cities have their own newspaper, doesn't make them local. It's not possible to have the pulse of Clay County when some of your work is done in other states. Local coverage can't be done by long distance and the internet. Face to face, front and center, is the only way to get the whole story.

Clay County Health Department Administrator Heather Huffman told the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday our county probably won't get any of the



Don Coble

170,000 Pfizer vaccines in the first wave of medicine headed to Florida next week. You won't see that on any of the national cable outlets. In fact, you won't find that in any other regional news outlet, including ones based on the other side of the river. By design, they have to paint with a wider brush to include everyone in a 100-mile radius.

A reliable hometown newspaper operates within its local borders.

There's no question the virus has affected Clay County in a severe way. As of Wednesday morning, 8,730 people have tested positive in the county for COVID-19. Of them, 162 have died and 508 have required hospitalization. Those numbers are shocking, especially since they involve our family, friends and neighbors.

Clay County faces other issues. There is a desperate need to help our impoverished neighbors. Some are hungry. Some are cold. Many are desperate.

As we try to find our own ways through the pandemic, it's important to reach out to the people who've either lost their way or don't have one. By helping during a time of adversity, 2020 can be partially defined more by the way we respond to our challenges than a virus.

Our children face a crisis in education. Some are trying to learn from home. Others are back in the classroom. It's a mish-mash of responses to a virus that pushes our educators to work longer hours and be more creative. Teachers have become every bit as essential as police officers, firefighters, doctors and nurses, especially since classrooms have become another battleground in the war against COVID-19.

That's why we're committed to focusing

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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.

**Hinterland:** (HIN-ter-land) a noun that means a region lying inland from a coast or city.

"The hinterland's limited resources drives a growing population's appetite for more goods."

## This Week In History

### Five years ago, 2015

- The Orange Park Town Council votes to order the closure of Rodeway Inn on Park Avenue after hearing a list of complaints from town's Nuisance Abatement Board.

- Brandie Rodgers is selected to receive a \$4,000 shopping spree and a makeover session at the Orange Park Mall by the mall and Dreams Come True, a nonprofit that works with children with chronic illness.

- Residents get a chance to see maps of where the First Coast Expressway will pass through southern Clay County and Green Cove Springs.

### 10 years ago, 2010

- The Orange Park Town Council votes to offer the town manager's job to Cindy Hall, the former county manager in Lake County.

- Outgoing secretary of Florida Department of Transportation Stephanie Kopeloussos is one of 65 candidates for the Clay County manager's job.

- The Clay County Health Department uses a \$375,000 grant from the Haridopoulos Primary Care Initiative to re-open its clinic in Green Cove Springs after it was closed earlier in the year.

### 20 years ago, 2000

- Rep. Dick Kravitz (District 19) sponsors a bill in Tallahassee that provides protection to victims of sexual offenders at schools.

- First Coast Tech asks the Green Cove Springs City Council to approve its plan to build a plant in the city.

- Only 273 of 850 registered voters in Keystone Heights turned out, but they elected newcomer Peggie Dixon to replace Michelle Curtis for Seat 1.

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## Send us a letter ...

We'd like to hear from you. Perhaps you are concerned about the county commission, the school board or your city council or commission, sit down and take a few moments to write us a letter. All we ask is that you keep it civil, no name-calling

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## Opinions ...

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**GUEST COLUMN**

# In 2020, strong has become the new sexy for women

By William Davis  
Steel Mill Fleming Island

CLAY COUNTY – Throughout the years marketing to women has changed. Messages about what a woman should and shouldn't be has also changed. In years past it was always a narrative given to women through marketing and media, and almost always this message was given by men.

In the 1950s and '60s it was a message that women should be in the kitchen and taking care of the children while the

husband worked. This was even after the fact that women flooded the workforce to fill the gap left by men who went overseas to fight in World War II.

In the '60s and '70 it was the go-go girl. The sexuality was ramped up for sure, but the emphasis was still on being



William Davis

seen and not heard. In the 90's Kate Moss became the poster child for being "skinny." So much so that it brought national consciousness to the issues of eating disorders. Funny how things change.

Now in 2020 we have a new slogan that has been handed to women. "Strong is the new skinny." One of the biggest changes with this was it was handed down to women from women. It's hard to say where the turn started to happen. Women's sports have always been separated from men's sports. Different leagues, different rules, etc., but I can tell you in my lifetime as a 39-year-old male, the biggest shift has come from CrossFit.

Now this is not a piece of Kool-Aid drinking CrossFit rhetoric. CrossFit gyms became a place where for once the women

competed with the men in a truly open and even playing field. I had never seen a place where the women were not only sweating and lifting with the men but they were treated and encouraged just as the men were.

This carries even to the top of the CrossFit sport where the women are just as, if not more popular than the men competitors. This is just part of the culture of CrossFit and when you walk into a gym it doesn't feel out of place like it does in other sports, you just realize "oh this is just how it is." Because of this a shift began to take place not only in the general fitness industry but also in other strength sports. Since CrossFit became popular both USAW (USA

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## Booze

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don't think this is going to be a major issue for us to streamline the process and allow Floridians to have more freedom."

Both proposals for the 2021 Legislative Session that begins March 2 were posted online Friday. House companion measures have not yet been posted.

Brandes said Friday the Department of Business and Professional Regulation will have to establish rules for a sealed container, if his proposal passes and is signed into law by DeSantis.

"We're just not allowing somebody to take their drink home in a roadie and a red Solo Cup," Brandes said.

The St. Petersburg Republican also wants to change meal-requirement language in existing law, which allows people to take home a partially consumed bottle of wine when they leave a restaurant.

Current law requires the meal to be a full course, featuring a salad or vegetable, entrée, a beverage, and bread. Brandes wants the law simply to require a patron to have ordered a meal.

"Literally, no restaurant in the state of Florida, to my knowledge, follows this because nobody really knows what the law says, as it relates to taking a bottle of wine home that's already been open," Brandes said.

Brandes isn't seeking to alter existing law that requires restaurants to reseal partially consumed bottles before patrons leave.

The proposal has the backing of a coalition of influential business lobbying interests in Tallahassee, which on Monday included the alcohol-law revamp as part of a wide-ranging list of pandemic-related legislative proposals.

In a 74-page report, the RESET task force, co-chaired by executives from Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, the Florida Retail Federation and the National Federation of Independent Business Florida, called existing rules restricting carryout alcohol "antiquated and no longer necessary."

DeSantis in September backed the idea of allowing carryout alcoholic beverages to become permanent.

While meeting in Fort Myers with restaurant operators, DeSantis said the practice appears to "been successful."

"I think that you guys need all the help you can get, and I think it would make a lot of sense," DeSantis said at the time. "So, I'm for it being permanent. And I think that you'll probably get a pretty good reception in the Legislature, just based on the experience and just based off everyone having to go through what you guys have gone through."

(The News Service of Florida contributed to this post. Republished with permission.)

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### 40 years ago, 1980

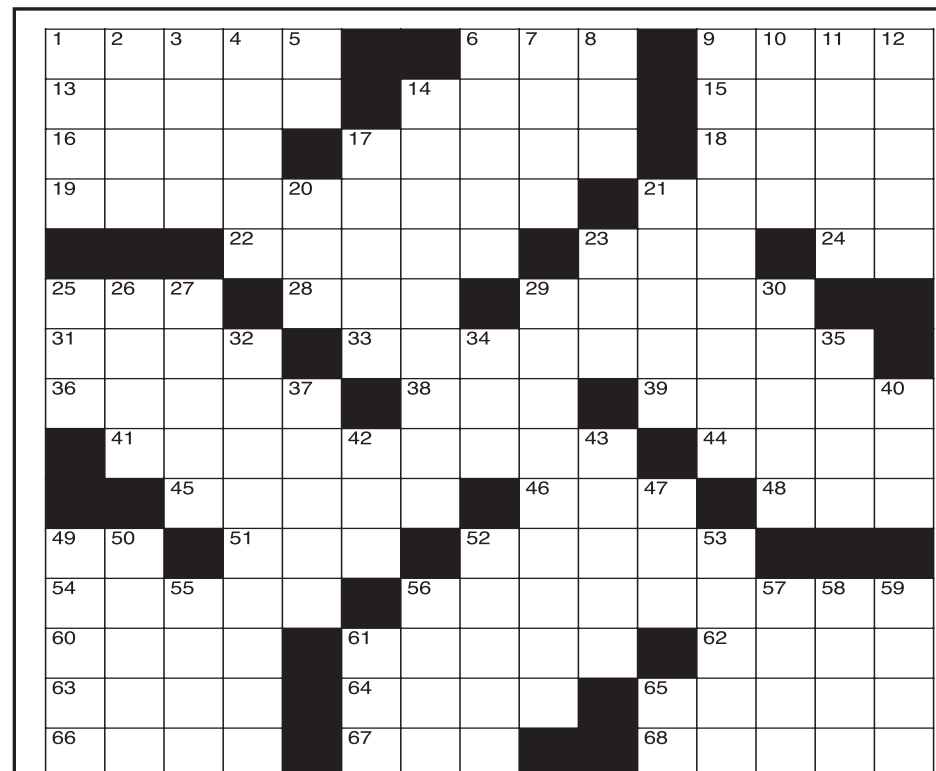
- A double taxation lawsuit filed by Orange Park against Clay County is settled out of court for \$357,000.
- A feasibility report is accepted by the Green Cove Springs City Council to switch electrical service from JEA to Florida Power & Light.
- Orange Park Lt. James B. Jett is one of 250 graduates of the FBI National Academy.

## History

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### 30 years ago, 1990

- The Clay County Commission approves the creation of a Department of Purchasing.
- Gail Russell is hired as the new police chief for Green Cove Springs.
- The Florida Department of Agriculture gives the Clay County Fair \$20,000 for expansion.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- Skateboarders love them
- Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
- Former Ohio State great Michael
- Not dirty
- Earth goddess (Greek myth)
- A Spanish river
- Pig meat (French)
- Famed astronomer
- Floating ice
- Broadcast
- Aquatic mammals
- Some are bath
- Hip hop trio
- NY Giants' #56
- Small European viper
- Neither
- Multiple Tony-winner Rivera
- Loud noise
- Second year high schooler
- '\_\_\_ in comparison'
- Golf score
- Raise
- Pastas
- Easily manageable
- Fathered
- Pouch
- Institute legal proceedings against
- News organization
- Unruly group of people

- Fasten or secure
- Sheets of glass
- Doubled
- Foolish person
- Rooney and Kate are two
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Advice or counsel
- Large wading bird
- Famed British physicist
- Narrow ridges (Swedish)
- Field force unit
- Lying face downward

**CLUES DOWN**

- Proof of purchase (abbr.)
- Soap ingredient
- Blackbird
- Single steps
- Tin
- Books have lots of them
- Made of fermented honey and water
- You can get it in a bed
- Room for communal meals
- Early Syrian kingdom
- Provokes dry amusement
- Use with 'thou'
- Mollusk
- Grain storage units
- Not a car, not a truck
- Ooze

- N. Vietnamese ethnic group
- Tennis pros group
- Something that's not what it's purported to be
- E. Indian trees
- Beloved December holiday
- Regions
- Metric unit of length
- Peter's last name
- Beige
- 18-year period in astronomy
- Where golfers begin
- Basketball stat (abbr.)
- Frocks
- Soda comes in it
- On approval
- Trims by cutting
- Small finch
- Language Bura-\_\_\_
- Nothing
- Imbecile (British)
- Tropical Asian plant
- Abba\_\_\_ Israeli politician
- Small freshwater fish
- Indicates position
- Data processing
- Mid
- DP

# County tourism looks to match \$3 million grant to build sports a massive multi-use complex

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CLAY COUNTY – The Tourism Development Council is looking to match a \$3 million grant for a new multipurpose sport complex.

The TDC met last week to discuss the grant and what a sports complex would look like in the county. The grant is quite open as far as grants go, as it only requires the construction of a multipurpose sports complex. What that complex looks like as far as fields, seating, amenities and more is up to the TDC and the county.

"The county was blessed to receive a grant from the State of Florida for a multipurpose sports complex so the county will match the \$3 million grant that the state has offered us," Tourism director Kimberly Morgan said during the Dec. 2 meeting. "We are beginning to work on that. We have a couple of different sites in mind that we're exploring, but the grant is specific to say it's for a multipurpose sports complex so that opens the doors for us to be creative and do some new great things."

Morgan said this is a big get for Clay County because there isn't really a multipurpose sports complex in Northeast Florida. She said there are complexes with either a bunch of soccer fields or a couple of baseball fields, but not both. She and the TDC imagine the sports complex as a recreational park that combines multiple types of fields with seating, bathroom and other amenities.

"We're exploring a lot of things," TDC chair Mike Cella said. "Most notably, a location: there's one in Green Cove Springs we're looking at ... and one in Middleburg. I look at it as a tourism development and certainly during the week, people from all over can use these facilities. This could include a walking trail, a dog park...a parking lot, bathrooms and everything else you'd expect."

Morgan said this complex is at the very beginning stages and will be a years-in-the-making project.

In other business, bed tax collections are expected to decline in October and November. The TDC receives bed tax collection numbers, which are a good sign of



Orlando is home to ESPN's Wide World of Sports multi-purpose sports complex, which is one of the largest in the state. The county hopes to create a complex like that for Clay County, although it's unlikely to be as large as the Disney-funded ESPN complex.

tourist visitors staying in county hotels, with a bit of a delay.

The TDC won't discuss the current month's collections until their meeting in January. The TDC learned its bed tax collections were strong in September, but Morgan explained that there was a definitive drop beginning on Oct. 30. She expects that drop to continue, or at least remain, through March before collections pick up again in April.

The county should see some jumps in bed tax collections next year as more sports events make their way to Clay County by way of Airstream Ventures, a sports event company the county partnered with

this year.

The next event residents can look forward to is the Florida Bicycle Racing Association Cyclocross state bicycle race coming to Johnny Van Zant Park on Jan. 10. The Sunshine State Games, which features events like canoe races and ultimate frisbee, will arrive later that year in June. The other events on the Airstream Ventures docket includes U.S. Cycling races in June 2021 and in 2022, American Cornhole League events in 2021 and 2022, Australian Rules Football Regionals in 2021, 2022 and 2023, youth wrestling in November 2021 and paddleboard racing for the next three years.

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# 'Be a Santa to a Senior'

## Whitey's Fish Camp collecting gifts for local seniors

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MIDDLEBURG – A local senior care company needs your help bringing Santa to its seniors this holiday season.

Home Instead Senior Care is an international care company, but Orange Park is home to the group that serves it, along with the wider Clay County region. It's brought presents to seniors it takes care of for the past 20 years and it plans to do it once more, even in the face of COVID-19.

"It was never a question of not doing it this year," Orange Park Home Instead owner Betsy Miller said. "It's definitely been tougher and it's going to be tougher, but we care about these seniors and we're going to bring Santa to them."

Miller took over the reins of the organization here after the previous owner sold it. The previous owner had great ties with the Clay County Adult Senior Advocacy Council, which is where they met Whitey's Fish Camp owner, Billy Ham, who is also on the council. The relationship between Home Instead, Whitey's Fish Camp and the generous residents of Clay County has continued through the years since then.

The program is called "Be a Santa to a Senior" and it tasks residents with first going to Whitey's Fish Camp. There's a Christmas tree there decorated with paper ornaments. On the ornaments are the names of seniors in the area with gift suggestions. Miller said due to COVID-19, the suggestions are more specific than usual. They feature clothes sizes on them for



Take one of the paper ornaments on the Christmas Tree at Whitey's Fish Camp to pick up some gift ideas for local seniors in need this holiday season.

those that wish to buy pajamas or a new sweater, favorite football teams, favorite snacks and more.

"People pick those up, fulfill the wish list and then return here to drop the gifts off," Ham said. "It's such a wonderful thing

to see happen every day here and we're honored to be a part of it."

The tree has been up since the end of November and it will remain up until Dec. 11. Ham said he loves having the tree up because he gets to see the generosity of Clay County upfront and in person.

Miller and Home Instead will collect the gifts and sort them so that "Santa" can deliver them to the proper recipient.

Miller said the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Orange Park Police Department and Clay County Fire Rescue and Orange Park Fire Department are usually some of the "Santas" who deliver gifts to the seniors this year alongside volunteers and Home Instead workers. But due to COVID-19, things will look a little differently. Fear not though – Santa's gifts will be delivered to seniors.

Home Instead is basically a senior facilitation company. They'll shop for seniors, bathe them, do their laundry, clean their house, transport them to somewhere they need to go, and virtually anything else they might need. We're basically their in-home daughter or son, Miller said. Be a Santa to a Senior is an extension of that ideal.

"So many people, especially with COVID-19 happening this year, can't be with loved ones this year so this program is

about providing the love and gifts that a loved one might give them otherwise," Miller said. "It's not about the actual gift necessarily, although they do appreciate that, but the fact that someone is out there thinking of them during the holidays."

A parent died last year and the child felt that void in many ways. They always looked forward to getting their parents a gift and to fill that void, they bought a gift for one of our seniors and delivered it to them. It's a two-way thing, Miller said.

"Everyone feels good doing this because it's such a wonderful thing," Miller said.

The gifts will be delivered to different nursing homes and senior facilities in the area this year to keep things safe in light of the pandemic. Miller and her team of workers and volunteers are sad they won't be able to hand deliver the gifts this year, but they are excited to see the smiles of the facility workers who will get the gifts from them and deliver them to the seniors.

"The Clay County community is the most supportive community that I've ever been a part of," Miller said. "They're so giving and so willing to help in so many ways. The success of this program would not be what it is without everyone in Clay County."

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# Obituaries

## Ruth (Lokey) Downing

Ruth (Lokey) Downing, age 88, passed following a short illness on Thursday December 3, 2020.

Born June 2, 1932 in Albany Georgia, she was the second of seven children by Felton & Mary Lokey. Ruth was married to Alex (Neal) Downing for 49 years prior to his passing in 2001.

As a devoted Navy wife, she raised four sons and has resided in Green Cove Springs since 1957. During her early years Ruth worked in cotton mills in Georgia and Burlington in Green Cove Springs.

In 1973 she acquired her licensed practical nursing credentials and continued in that profession working for Clay Memorial and Moosehaven until retirement. Ruth loved her Lord and Savior and was a member of Lake Asbury Baptist Church in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

While our loss is heaven's gain she will truly be missed until we see her again. She loved life enjoyed shopping, spending time with family, traveling, eating out and anything pink, her favorite color.

Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Juanita Courson and brothers Horace Lokey and Terry Lokey.

She is survived by her sons Mickey Downing (Linda), Tony Downing (Patricia), Gary Downing (June) and Tim Downing (Theresa); grandchildren Josh Downing (Tori), Hunter Downing (Lianne), Callie Downing, and Michael Downing; great-grandchildren Hudson Downing and Mason Hartwell; sisters Nellie Stokes (Albert) and Frances Jones; brother Ken 'K.L.' Lokey (Earlene); sisters-in-law Bobbie Lokey & Phyllis Lokey, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, December 11, 2020 at 10:00 am at Lake Asbury Baptist Church. Funeral services will be Friday, December 11, 2020 at 11:00am with Rev. Matt Swain and Rev. Tim Downing officiating. A short interment service will follow at 3:00pm at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Valdosta, GA with Dr. Jimmy Deas officiating.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com). Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



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## Chad Allen Williams

Chad Allen Williams, 47, of Green Cove Springs, Florida passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020 in Orange Park, Florida.

He was born on March 20, 1973 in Lake City, Florida, and after graduating high school attended The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Chad started his 28-year dedication with the Clay County Board of County Commissioners in the Public Works Department and held a variety of positions in multiple departments throughout these years, the last of which was the position of Zoning Chief in the Planning & Zoning Division.

His commitment to and unparalleled knowledge of Clay County helped shape its growth and development. He enjoyed sports but had a love for baseball that started with little league at an early age and continued through high school and his early adult life.

His dedication to football started at the age of 3, as a devoted fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and transitioned to an avid college football fan following the one true team...Roll Tide! Chad's allegiance to The University of Alabama was in a class of its own and known by all. Chad's quick wit and sense of humor were constants in his life to all who knew him and will forever be remembered. He had a love for cooking and entertaining and was well known for a variety of dishes, but especially crab cakes, green beans and mac 'n' cheese, which will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by his dad William "Bill" Knowles, his grandmother Esther Williams, his great uncle and aunt Reid "Pop" and Reba "Granny" Wager, whom he considered grandparents, and



Chad Allen Williams

grandparents Buck "Papa" and Frances B. "Granny" Knowles.

Chad is survived by his wife of 15 years, L. Cheree Williams of Green Cove Springs, mother Frances M. Knowles of Green Cove Springs, sisters Shana Jundt (Mike) of Green Cove Springs and Luetta Graham (Charley) of Neptune Beach, a godson and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 12, in the Broadus-Raines Chapel located at 501 Spring Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Chad Williams to Haven Hospice located at 745 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida or Community Hospice located at 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida.

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## James Owen Daniels

James Owen Daniels, 82, of Orange Park, FL, passed away December 5, 2020

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## Robert Louis Kimmel

Robert Louis Kimmel, 101, of Middleburg, FL, passed away November 24, 2020

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## Louie Edwin Ivey, Jr.

Louie Edwin Ivey Jr., 67 years old, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, passed away on Friday, December 4th at 1:59pm.

He was born to Olive Buckner and Louie Ivey Sr. on July 13, 1953 in Orange Park, Florida. He graduated Clay High School in 1972 and married Sandra Looney on November 23, 1979.

Louie was an honorable Christian and attended the Congregational Holiness Church. He was a loyal husband, father, and devout friend.

Louie will be remembered for his love of adventure and trying new things. He had an avid love for space and NASA.

One of which we will never forget is the love he had for his bees. He enjoyed learning new things and taught himself, and his family, how to hunt, mine for gold, weightlifting and how to ride a motorcycle, but, at the end of the day, you'd always find Louie relaxing in his recliner watching TV.

Louie is survived by his father Louie Ivey Sr., wife Sandra Ivey, daughter Jennifer Ivey, stepson Chris Baird, grandchildren Valauna Ivey and Troy Weller.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Congregational Holiness Church, 2079 State Road 16, Green Cove Springs, FL with Rev. Ronnie Surrency officiating. The family will receive friends in the church from 10:00 am until service time.

Burial will follow in Hickory Grove Cemetery. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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# Clay Health: County won't get first wave of COVID-19 vaccines

By Wesley LeBlanc  
wesley@opcfla.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Florida will receive 170,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine when the first wave of distribution goes out, but Clay County is not likely to get any of the first shipment.

The Board of County Commissioners have heard from Florida Health Department administrator Heather Huffman every two weeks during their regular meetings and during the Dec. 8 meeting, she said the first wave of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines will be doled out to regions of Florida. Hospitals will receive the first doses and they'll be designated for employees, not patients.

"Pfizer is set to go in front of the Food and Drug Administration on [Thursday], and Moderna will do so on the 17th," Huffman said of the two vaccines close to market. "Phase 1A will be for large hospitals. The State of Florida has been allocated about 170,000 doses at the beginning."

Huffman said the state selected five large hospitals to receive the doses and the five are spread out across the state. None of Clay County's three hospitals are includ-

ed in the five. The closest to Clay County would be UF Health Jacksonville. The doctors and healthcare workers there will receive doses as is the case for the other four hospitals in Florida receiving doses. After the healthcare workers receive vaccines, first responders will gain access to the vaccine, likely in a later phase of distribution.

Commissioners also listened to Robert Dews and Chris Rodatz of the Bike, Blueways and Trails committee. Dews and Rodatz pitched the BCC on a Northeast Florida Greenway trail that would extend from the Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail to the Palatka-Lake City Trail at the Gold Head Branch State Park.

"This is a 12-foot-wide transportation corridor that will extend from Jacksonville-Baldwin Trail to Clay County," Rodatz said. "It will begin at the Live Oak Lane Trail Head at Jennings Forest and continue to the north boundary of Veteran's Park at the Duval County line. It will ultimately connect Baldwin Trail to Palatka's Lake Butler Trail."

Dews said the project is likely five to six years out from full completion, but that the committee hopes to get the county involved



Health Administrator Heather Huffman said Florida will be receiving roughly 170,000 vaccines when the first wave of doses arrives.

sooner rather than later to get the ball rolling.

"We're hoping to get the ball rolling and get this process started," Dews said. "It could take five to six years and could be a huge draw to Clay County in the future."

The county's involvement would lie in Live Oak Lane, which would be a part of the trail. It's currently unpaved and it needs to be paved, which Dews said is something the county may need to do. The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transporta-

tion are the two possible funding sources for the trail, Dews said. He also said Jacksonville already is working on some of their portions of what would become part of the larger trail.

"It will bring a lot of people into Clay County and it will get bicyclists on [U.S. Highway 17] and Blanding off of those roads as they'll have a nice rural road to bike on," Rodatz said.

The BCC approved a resolution to support the regional trail with a 5-0 vote.

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said the number of uninsured, low-income residents in Clay County is around 35,000, and he expects that number to eclipse 50,000 when the 2020 Census results are released. The rise will be attributed to the increase in Clay County residents and the impact COVID-19 has had on the area.

ClayPASS can navigate the confusing pathways of insurance easy for those 50,000 residents.

"While there are sources of affordable care for uninsured and underinsured residents, there is no established coordinated network of providers, nor any mechanism to navigate patients through such a network," Fann said. "This is what ClayPASS does – maps the network of providers, develops a data-sharing system to track utilization, and coordinates care throughout the provider system."

Fann, The Way and Impact Clay came up with the idea after seeing it work successfully in other communities. ClayPASS will identify uninsured residents who need care, navigate them to appropriate care providers and save the healthcare system hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars in avoided unnecessary inpatient hospital and emergency department utilization.

The idea is to divert patients from going to hospitals for every medical issue, rather than going to smaller offices or other healthcare places. Hospitals have their place in medical care but often, a hospital visit could have been a more specialized doctor's office visit, or even something like a TeleDoc phone call.



Volunteers at The Way Medical Clinic hope to refocus some of their attention with ClayPASS on directing patients to proper treatment options instead of clogging hospital emergency rooms.

Every time someone is admitted to a hospital without insurance, the cost can be upwards of \$100,000 depending on the treatment and other factors. Someone without insurance might not have the means to pay \$100,000 and as a result, the hospital loses money.

"We will literally have a liaison that works with all three hospitals [in Clay County] to work directly with discharge planners to coordinate that after-care," Fann said. "Other individuals who are seeking outpatient medical care, we will direct them to the best suited provider in this newly formed network that would serve them and keep them at the most appropriate level of care rather than them defaulting to the emergency room."

The idea is to get people to the proper

place to go. Someone without insurance might default to the emergency room for something that doesn't necessarily require emergency care. Not only does this cost the hospital money often, it takes doctors away from seeing someone who might actually require urgent care. Fann said it's a win-win for both sides – patients get the proper care they need and hospitals aren't left with large unpaid bills after treating uninsured patients.

"It's about efficiency across the board," Fann said.

Fann and ClayPASS has the of support from three local hospitals, two federally-qualified health centers and three Clay County departments, which includes the health department, the sheriff's department and the fire and rescue paramedicine

program.

"I'm hopeful that seed money will be in place by sometime in January, which would allow us to start hiring the necessary people to develop this, flesh it out, run it and begin coordinating care in the first half of 2021," Fann said.

ClayPASS has been endorsed by Impact Clay, which is the county's new high-impact project incubator, which features an executive roundtable populated by top leaders from both private and public sectors in the county like Christ's Church pastor, Todd Bussey, who is the Impact Clay board president.

"The beautiful thing about Impact Clay is that it's simply a collaboration," Bussey said. "It's about looking at county-wide problems and trying to find strategic solutions to systemic and underlying problems in our county. We focus on getting the right people to discuss it – private sectors, public, nonprofit and faith-based sectors."

"This idea was birthed out of the Clay County SafetyNet," he continued. "Some of these groups [like The Way] serving uninsured saw this going on. They knew resources were available but nobody was pointing [the uninsured] in that direction."

Bussey said Fann and The Way created the idea, and the clinic and Impact Clay will work together to steer the ClayPass in the right direction.

The Way's new clinic on College Drive that will open next year positions the free medical clinic within a three-mile radius of the county's three hospitals. That allows the new clinic location to serve not only as a great hub for the clinic's free medical care, but as a ClayPASS launch pad for the service when it goes live next year.

# Jacksonville Symphony brings holiday cheer throughout December

For Clay Today

JACKSONVILLE – As one of only a few orchestras in American performing for a live audience, the Jacksonville Symphony continues creating live music through De-

ember. Although the concerts may look a little different, the Jacksonville Symphony will continue to be a soundtrack for the holiday season. The month will bring the Symphony's "First Coast Nutcracker Suite," "Handel's Messiah Suite," "Holiday Pops,"

and a special New Year's Eve concert featuring the music of The Rat Pack.

This month's schedule includes:

**First Coast Nutcracker Suite**, conducted by Deanna Tham, Dec. 11-13, at the Moran Theater, 300 Water St., Jacksonville. Concerts are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Enter the magical world of childlike imagination and experience Tchaikovsky's ballet in the "First Coast Nutcracker Suite." A family tradition in Northeast Florida for more than 40 years, this timeless masterpiece comes to life with the only performance in Jacksonville with a full, live symphony orchestra. This year's production has been redesigned to make sure dancers, musicians and the audience are all able to safely enjoy Tchaikovsky's holiday classic.

**Handel's Messiah Suite**, conducted by Gonzalo Farias with Emily Birsan, soprano, Amanda Crider, mezzo-soprano, Eric Ferring, tenor and David Kravitz, baritone, Dec. 12-13, at Jacoby Symphony Hall, 300 Water St., Jacksonville. Concerts are Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

In a season of social distancing and a pause on choral singing, the Jacksonville Symphony proudly maintains the heart of one of the great holiday traditions: Handel's "Messiah." World-class soloists and the Symphony perform everyone's favorite arias, including "Ev'ry valley shall be exalted," "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion," "The trumpet shall sound," and many more. This abridged performance of The Greatest Story Ever Told concludes with the uplifting sounds of the "Hallelujah" chorus.

**Holiday Pops**, conducted by Farias, is Dec. 17-20, at the Moran Theater. Concerts

are Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Jacksonville's favorite musical holiday tradition has been reimagined! Join the Jacksonville Symphony, guest singers and Douglas Anderson dancers for a festive celebration that is sure to put you in the holiday spirit. So 'let it snow' at the most wonderful concert of the year.

**New Year's Eve: The Rat Pack**, conducted by Farias with vocalists Sal Viviano, Nat Chandler and Eric Jordan Young, is Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Jacoby Symphony Hall.

The Jacksonville Symphony and guest vocalists straight from Broadway step into the roles of Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin to celebrate the best of "the Rat Pack" for a very special New Year's Eve concert. Spend an hour with the music that defined an era and hear the music they made famous.

The safety of patrons, musicians and staff remains the Symphony's top priority. Based on CDC guidelines, and the results of the survey sent to patrons in June, the Symphony has developed a comprehensive list of safety protocols that are in place for the 2020/21 season.

The protocols include, but are not limited to, a mask requirement while in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, abbreviated programming that will last between 60-75 minutes, and physically distanced seating throughout Jacoby Symphony Hall and the Moran Theater.

Tickets can be purchased at JaxSymphony.org or by contacting the ticket office at (904) 354-5547.

## Honor an outstanding senior volunteer

# Golden Years Gala Service Awards accepting nominations in Clay

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Residents are encouraged to nominate a senior volunteer for the 14th annual Golden Years Gala.

The Gala recognizes senior adults for outstanding service in Clay County. The 2021 categories include: Volunteer Senior Man of the Year; Volunteer Senior Woman of the Year; and, Lifetime Achievement Award.

Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity and loyalty.

Seniors are a wonderful example to all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through serving.

Nominees must be at least 60 and volunteer in Clay County. Deadline for nominations is Jan. 31.

Nomination forms can be downloaded at [www.tscoop.org](http://www.tscoop.org). Completed forms can be emailed to [info@tscoop.org](mailto:info@tscoop.org) or mailed to Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, 2105



Park Ave., Suite 30, Orange Park, 32073.

This year's Golden Years Gala will be held at Sullivan Hall in Fleming Island on Wednesday, May 5.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. A live and silent auction is also part of the festivities. The awards program will follow breakfast.

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## Shop with a cop

ORANGE PARK – With the holiday season here, the Clay County Sheriff’s Office and the Clay County District Schools Police Department teamed up with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 4 who hosted its second annual Shop With A Cop event this past Saturday at the Orange Park Walmart. Several uniformed officers escorted children during the shopping event. Each child got to spend \$100 on any items they wanted.



## Community Briefs

### Whitey’s online auction to benefit Safe Animal Shelter

MIDDLEBURG – When COVID-19 forced Whitey’s Fish Camp to cancel the 18<sup>th</sup> annual boat parade, the iconic restaurant turned its attention to benefit the Safe Animal Shelter with an online auction.

Whitey’s hope an assortment of gifts will help them meet their goal of raising at least \$21,000 for the no-kill shelter for dogs and cats.

The auction concludes at midnight on Dec. 20.

Among items up for bid include gift certificates to several local restaurants, car washes, salons, attractions and memorabilia. New items are added daily.

To view items in the auction, visit [whiteys2020.givesmart.com](http://whiteys2020.givesmart.com) or send a text to [whiteys2020](http://whiteys2020) to 76278.

### Clay County Fair to proceed as planned from April 1-11

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The big question at the Clay County Fairgrounds is “Are you going to have the fair in 2021?”

The answer is yes.

Fair officials have been in constant contact with local officials and they believe they will be able to host the annual fair in a safe manner for guests.

The fair is scheduled to run from April 1-11.

The fair association will continue to monitor ever-changing circumstances and meeting with local health officials.

Also, the association encourages guests to review their pledge to safety. Anyone who feels comfortable is invited to attend next year’s event. Anyone with underlying health conditions should wait until the 2022 fair.

Visit [www.claycountyfair.org](http://www.claycountyfair.org) to review the safety protocols.

### JA of North Florida gets \$10,000 Grant from Arby’s Foundation

CLAY COUNTY – Junior Achievement of North Florida has received a \$10,000 grant from the Arby’s Foundation as part of the Brand’s national in-restaurant fundraiser – the Make a Difference Campaign. The local Arby’s team presented JA of North Florida with a check earlier this week at their location at JTB and Phillips Highway.

“We are grateful to Arby’s and the community for helping to fund our programming,” said Steve St. Amand, president of JA of North Florida. “Arby’s is truly a great community partner. This donation will go directly to bringing financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness lessons to students around the First Coast.”

The Pace Center for Girls in Orange Park and the Seamark Ranch School in Green Cove Springs participate in JA of North Florida.

The \$10,000 received will help to fund programming for hundreds of students from kindergarten to grade 12. JA programs are currently being taught virtually by virtual volunteers. If businesses or individuals would like to donate or volunteer for JA of North Florida, please visit [janfl.org](http://janfl.org).

Arby’s has been a great supporter of JA of North Florida throughout the years. Last year, the Arby’s Foundation, granted the nonprofit \$33,600 to fund the JA Work\$ program and JA Girl\$ at work program. Local Arby’s employees have also given their time to volunteer to teach programs in local schools.

### Winter registration underway for Shepherd Center’s Adventures in Learning

ORANGE PARK – Adventures in Learning will be offered via the Zoom online platform during the winter session.

The group will be offering classes at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, as well as two afternoon classes. By having one class an hour in the morning, seniors may be able to try a class they haven’t been able to take in the past.

Seniors are allowed to take as many classes as they want, with a set fee of \$30 for the winter session.

The session begins Jan. 11 and will last for six weeks.

The organization assists seniors by improving their quality of life through educational programming, intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually. Adventures in Learning are classes that are taught on various subjects by knowledgeable volunteer instructors.

To register for a class, visit [tscoop.org](http://tscoop.org).

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## Booties

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for the neonatal unit.

"My goals, I set in January, Goulet said shortly after delivering several bags of her handmade work to the nursing staff. "I work from January to October. I'm disabled and I can't work. This kind of situation can cause depression. I started feeling unproductive. I started thinking, I wanted to do something that's productive, but I wanted it to be for other people.

"It's not paid work, monetarily. But it pays a lot because I'm a Christian. I do pray before we deliver them for each family who will get them. It's mostly to keep my mental state healthy and to feel that I'm being productive. Somehow, I want to do something for somebody."

Goulet also crocheted 12 doilies for the nurses in NICU.

Goulet first was approached by a neighbor who worked for March of Dimes to make outfits for ailing children. A couple years later, she decided to deliver her creations directly to the hospital. She originally planned to work with the naval hospital. But she drove past OPMC to the way to the navy base, and she decided to stop there first.

"I went to the front desk and they called up [to the neonatal unit] and they said they'd be happy to take them," Goulet said. "Here I am. I'm still doing it 12 years later."

Goulet starts her ambitious project in January with a goal to be completed by October. She tries to crochet every day, but sometimes that's difficult, she said.

"It's hard to say how much I crochet



every day," she said. "Some days I can't crochet at all. Some days I can only do it for an hour or two. And some days I can work a good three or four hours a day. I do it watching TV so it's not like it's boring. I just keep plugging away."

Crochet is a French word that means "small hook." Goulet said she uses a hook to interloop yarn into a variety of patterns.

"Every day I crochet. Each blanket, depending on the pattern and how difficult it is, probably takes eight to 10 hours, maybe 12 if it's hard," she said. "I've been cro-

cheting since I was 12 and I just turned 65. I think I pretty much have that down pat.

"I'd like to learn how to knit, but I'm not that coordinated with two hands."

Goulet said she plans to match, if not beat, this year's gift in 2021. For her, the work is spiritually and physically therapeutic. For the children at the NICU, it's a gift that provides kindness at the most-critical time. "Every stitch matters," she said.

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## Community Calendar

**HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** will be held virtually for people grieving the death of a loved one on Dec. 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. There is no charge. For more information, visit <http://hopefortheholidays2020.eventbrite.com> or by calling (904) 407-7001.

**ORANGE PARK ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD:** will meet on Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**JUST US GIRLS OUTRAGEOUS FASHION SHOW:** is Dec. 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Club Continental, 2143 Astor St. in Orange Park. Fashion show, exquisite food, door prizes and speaker Ethel Lee will be available. Cost is \$20 a person. To reserve a spot, contact Joyce at (904) 509-3388.

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB:** will meet Dec. 10 at 7:30 a.m. at Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75th St., Starke.

**CLARK HOUSE:** will be offering free tours on Dec. 11-12 from 5-9 p.m. at 1039 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. Included in the tour is a shopping village, rides throughout the magical trail in the woods, live entertainment and more. Contact [www.townoforange.com](http://www.townoforange.com) for vendor information.

**THE FLORIDA BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER:** will be Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Dec. 11-13 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**ORANGE PARK HOMETOWN HOLIDAY IN THE PARK:** is scheduled for Dec. 11-12 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Clarke Park, 1039 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park. Event to feature outdoor events and activities.

**THE FLORIDA BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER:** will be Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PARADE:** is Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. on Grove Street, Orchid Avenue, Jasmine Avenue, Magnolia Avenue and Pecan Street.

**THE FLORIDA BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER:** will be Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION:** will meet Dec. 14 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will conduct a workshop on Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** will meet Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS CLUB:** will meet Dec. 17 at 7:30 a.m. at Montgomery Center, 88 SE 75th St., Starke.

**HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** will be held virtually for people grieving the death of a loved one on Dec. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. There is no charge. For more information, visit <http://hopefortheholidays2020.eventbrite.com> or by calling (904) 407-7001.

**ORANGE PARK SANTA FIRETRUCK PARADE:** is Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. The parade route is still being determined.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Dec. 18-20 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**MICHAEL W. SMITH CHRISTMAS:** is Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit [thcenter.org](http://thcenter.org).

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA:** is Dec. 19 at the Keystone Heights Cemetery, 7304 State Road 100, Jacksonville Memory Gardens, 111 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, and Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is Dec. 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Dec. 25-27 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**FLORIDA PEACEMAKER'S NEW YEAR'S SHOOTOUT:** is Jan. 1-3 at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Highway 16, Green Cove Springs, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The shoot-out features elements of a Wild West Show.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Jan. 1-3 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is Jan. 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

## Newspapers

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That's why we're committed to focusing on our local news.

The Media Audit, an international research company, found that residents 18 and older spent more time reading local newspapers during the pandemic than compared to last year. The same audit found that more residents are watching less television and relying on their hometown newspaper for the information that affects their lives.

Pew also found half of the readers believe local newspapers report more accurately than regional and national outlets.

At the same time, readers are more apt to count on their local newspapers to affect their spending habits.

"Undoubtedly, the need for news about the pandemic, especially local statistics and local government guidelines and restrictions, was the primary driver of the in-

crease in daily newspaper minutes in these markets," said Nick Miller, vice president at The Media Audit. "Another factor, however, is the 70% of consumers responding to a Valassis survey saying they were more conscious of their household budgets during the pandemic, which likely increased the search for coupons in newspapers."

According to Editor and Publisher, the Valassis survey found shoppers still rely more on coupons clipped from the newspaper than online.

"It's difficult to know if these increases in average daily minutes among adults 18-plus and adults 18 to 34 will continue after the pandemic," Miller said. "Nonetheless, more young adults have been exposed to newspapers, and likely many for the first time, motivating some portion to include newspapers in their future daily media mix."

That's a daunting responsibility for any local newspaper. But it's one we've eagerly accepted.

## Strong

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CrossFit became popular both USAW (USA Weightlifting) and USAPL (USA Powerlifting) memberships rose over 400%. USA Weightlifting didn't even have a women's division until 1991.

Women were latching onto these sports that were once dominated by men. And guess who was following mommy to the gym? Their sons and daughters, who now see and respect their mother as a figure of physical strength.

As a father of a 7-year-old girl, I cannot tell you how impactful it is to have her around so many strong women. Women who aren't afraid to show strength and show their personalities. This has empowered women to say "skinny" is not the true

picture of beauty. They are seeing that strength and being in shape is beauty in so many other forms. It has even changed the collective of what an attractive woman is and should be. That is something that can help women who want to get into better shape. Instead of only focusing on the scale, they have so many other health markers and performance goals to gauge their progress upon.

That is no small feat.

William Davis has been in the fitness industry for 10 years and he's run Steel Mill Fleming Island for seven years. He's also a USA weightlifting sport performance and USA powerlifting club coach, a CrossFit Level 2 trainer, PN nutrition coach, CrossFit powerlifting trainer, aerobic capacity trainer, movement and mobility trainer and rowing trainer.

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# HOME SWEET HOME

## Habitat fulfills dreams of mother, son with new house

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Ashley and her 3-year-old son put up their Christmas tree two days before Thanksgiving. Two days later, the single mother cooked her first turkey after inviting her parents to her new house.

Make that, her new home.

Mom and son will celebrate Christmas in the first home Ashley's ever owned. It's the first time in her son's life when he doesn't have to wait for his turn for the bathroom or share a bedroom with her uncles.

"This home is so amazing," Ashley said. "We had our first Thanksgiving here with my parents. I already have so many new, wonderful memories that started the moment we walked into this house."

A place made possible by Habitat for Humanity.

The nonprofit that specializes in building or refurbishing existing homes for families in need of comfortable and affordable housing overhauled a house on Houston Street. In the process, Habitat turned it into a home for the young family.

The home includes three bedrooms and two full bathrooms. Community partners then worked to furnish the home and stock her refrigerator.



Ashley proudly shows the keys to her new home in Green Cove Springs.

Ashley was required to make a reasonable down payment, donate at least 400 hours of "sweat equity" in the construction of their and other Habitat homes and show the ability to repay an affordable non-interest mortgage.

Another prerequisite was to prove the overwhelming need of better housing.

"My son didn't know what it was like to have his own bedroom, his own space,"



After sharing one bathroom with seven people at her parents' house for years, this house on Houston Street was remodeled to provide the first home for a mother and her 3-year-old son. The project was made possible by Habitat for Humanity and hundreds of volunteer hours.

Ashley said. "He didn't know what to do at first. He's so used to being so close to mommy."

After living with six others in a two-bedroom house, Ashley easily showed a need for her own place. She eagerly accepted the eligibility requirements.

"It is such an accomplishment, not something anybody can give to you," said Habitat Executive Director Carolyn Edwards. "You earn it. The pride of ownership is an important part of that closing for me. I know, at least these people, are family. This mom and her son, the husband and wife and their two or three children, whatever their circumstance, they have a decent place to call a sanctuary."

Ashley painted, hung siding and installed insulation. And now that she's finally in her own home, she intends to still champion Habitat's cause.

"Not only are you helping working on

your home, but you help on other people's houses. I've helped on different other homes," Ashley said. "It's amazing working through the process and going through the journey with other people as well as they get their homes. It's a different experience. I've never bought a place. To be able to be together in a big family, working together toward the same goal for what we wanted to accomplish, it's just a bigger blessing."

"I still want to keep going with it. I advocate a lot. I talk a lot to people about the program. I carry around cards and talk to everyone that will listen to me. It's an amazing program."

Habitat has completed 111 homes in Green Cove Springs, including four since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ashley said her life "changed" when she met with Habitat officials in January.

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## Orange Park Medical Center fills 100 Angel Tree wishes

ORANGE PARK – Employees at Orange Park Medical Center joined together recently to provide gifts for children in need. Through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program, collectively staff and physicians at Orange Park Medical Center adopted 100 children that will be showered with gifts ranging from diapers and clothes to play stations and bicycles. Each year the team looks forward to bringing their bags of gifts to the Angel Tree set up in the hospital's cafeteria for pick-up day.



## SJR State spotlight: Fanny Smith

*Medical Assisting students answers questions about her education*

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Fanny Smith is enrolled in the Medical Assisting program at St. Johns River State College. Fanny, 56, is gaining the skills to perform administrative and clinical duties in a variety of medical settings – it's the best of both worlds. Her skills include phlebotomy (drawing blood), electrocardiograph aide, taking vital signs, medical billing and records.

The Clay County resident answered a variety of questions about her experience at SJR State College, including:

**What inspired your interest in the medical assisting program?**

I have been in the medical field before as an x-ray technologist and wanted to pursue a different avenue of healthcare at this point in my life. I love to help people

and provide a valuable service.

**What do you like most about the program?**

I enjoy being in a program with the same people the whole time. It helps to develop familiarity, friendships and camaraderie. I enjoy my teachers, as well as learning hands-on procedures.

**What have you learned about yourself during the program?**

You are never too old to pursue what you want out of life. I've also learned that my brain still works! Thank goodness! Being challenged is a good thing.

**What advice would you give to those considering enrolling in the program?**

Go for it! If you want to make a difference and pursue a career in the medical

field, this is a great school.

**Why did you select SJR State for your training?**

I selected SJR State for its affordability of the program and the proximity to my home. I had looked to see if they had the program in the past, and then realized that they had it this year in Orange Park, which helped me to make my decision.

**How have you been adapting to academic changes during COVID-19?**

I have adapted well to the changes during COVID-19. We are hybrid, which is nice, because it gives us a good mix of on-line and in-person schooling.

**Additional comments?**

It has been great to have something positive to keep me busy and focused during this difficult time.



Fanny Smith

# Habitat ReStore turns used items into new homes for needy families

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – Clay County Habitat for Humanity is working hard to live up to the mission statement of its parent organization. And in the process, the organization is providing a second chance to make a lasting impression with its Habitat ReStores.

The nonprofit that builds and renovates existing homes for needy families to become self-reliant who are willing to make a nominal down payment, show an interest in offsetting costs with sweat equity and

show an ability to repay an interest-free mortgage.

To help pay for the program, Habitat also operates stores to repurpose slightly used furniture and household goods at a fraction of the retail price.

“There are a lot of moving parts for the construction of a Habitat house. These homes are purchased with a minimum down payment and sweat equity hours,” said Habitat Executive Director Carolyn Edwards. “Then the homeowner pays an interest-free mortgage for up to 30 years.”

Edwards said Habitat still has to pay

for materials, although they often come at a discount rate. That’s why the money earned at ReStores is so important.

“Vendors provide discounts on materials, and volunteers help with construction,” she said. “But materials still must be purchased to build the house, and vendors have to be paid, so we have to raise that money.

“One revenue resource for us is the Habitat ReStore. We receive donations of new and gently used merchandise then sell it to get revenue for construction. This also keeps a lot of things out of our landfills.”

In addition to appliances, furniture and household goods, ReStore also repurposes leftover building materials, including kitchen cabinets, sinks, toilets, bathtubs, doors, windows, flooring, unused lumber, lighting fixtures, fencing, bricks and concrete blocks.

Established in Clay County in 1977, Habitat has served more than 670 men,

women, and children through the building of 176 homes in Orange Park, Middleburg, Penney Farms and Keystone Heights. In the city of Green Cove Springs alone, 111 homes have been built, with four of them having been completed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Two homes are also currently under construction in Orange Park.

“I can’t remember a time when having a home is more critical than now,” Edwards said. “With this COVID-19 pandemic and the quarantines and other uncertainties that go along with it, everybody had to be at home. I can only imagine how difficult this time was for those living in substandard housing. Homes with leaky roofs, walls caving in, plumbing, and electrical issues, were not the havens the rest of us call home. That’s the latest reason why there is a need for decent, affordable housing and Clay County Habitat.”

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“Something told me to look into the Habitat program because I’ve heard about it. I never really knew a lot,” she said. “I decided to take a step to actually call them and get started looking into the program. I went to my first little information meeting in January, and that’s where it began. There were a lot of things I never really knew about until I went to that meeting.”

Although COVID prompted shutdowns and distancing two months after her initial meeting, construction was slowed, but not derailed, on Ashley’s home.

“You get a different feeling with something being built from the ground up, even

though with my house it wasn’t brand new,” Ashley said. “Still, going through the process of redoing it, and what I was able to do before COVID it’s really amazing.”

Edwards said the need for decent and affordable housing won’t be affected by a virus.

“Could you imagine having to deal with COVID and you’re living in a house that’s either pest-infested or mold or the floors are crumbling and the walls are caving in? Some of our citizens live under horrific circumstances,” Edwards said. “I know that each time we get a Habitat homeowner to that closing table, we’ve done a great job of saving another family who deserve to have a decent place.”

And a place to finally call home.



Ashley and her son also were greeted at the front door by their new Basset Hound, Riley. Ashley contributed more than 400 volunteer hours to Habitat to make the purchase possible, and she intends to keep working with the nonprofit to help other families.

## Youth conservation group offers online giveaways

### Program to encourage getting more children outside

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network will celebrate its 10th birthday this December and January with a social media campaign featuring contests and giveaways, a new partner rewards program, donor recognition, and a virtual crowd-sourced fundraising event.

The statewide group, whose massive growth can be attributed to a thriving partnership with the non-profit Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida, a robust network of partners, and families’ need to get children outdoors and away from devices, now boasts having supported or provided two million youth with transformative outdoor experiences in their first decade. FYCCN is housed within the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

“We are thrilled with the success of FYCCN’s efforts not just to get kids outside but also to offer conservation education and positive outdoor experiences that shape how the next generation engages in conservation of our natural resources,” said FWC Executive Director, Eric Sutton. “It’s a sad fact that youth are spending less time outside every year, but FYCCN – with huge community support – is reversing that trend.”

In honor of their birthday, FYCCN will give away a free week of residential summer camp at the Everglades Youth Conservation Center in West Palm Beach, a free week of summer day camp each at the Joe Budd Youth Conservation Center in Tallahassee and the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach, free rod and reel sets, and a family four-pack of passes



to the Florida Aquarium.

“Anyone who participates in our ‘pillar challenge’ on Facebook and Twitter will be entered into the giveaways and they can win some great prizes,” said the Program’s director, Daniel Parker. “We want to encourage kids and families to go outside, make some memories, and enjoy all the natural resources our great state has to offer.”

FYCCN maintains more than 340 partnerships with camps, aquariums, zoos, community centers, parks and schools throughout Florida to provide support, equipment, and education aimed at helping to create “the next generation that cares.”

To participate in giveaways, visit FYCCN on social media: Facebook.com/fyccn2 and Twitter.com/fyccn2 For a full list of scheduled events, visit fyccn.org/birthday To find a family-friendly outdoor space near you, visit: fyccn.org/activities For information on becoming an FYCCN partner, visit fyccn.org/Becoming\_A\_Partner.

## No Santa, no problem

# FotoFusion creates fun, memories and a little bit of magic

By Bruce Hope  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — Mother-and-son duo Bobbi and Nicholas Nagle have put a new and modern spin on the longtime favorite attraction — the photo booth.

Using a device called the Magic Mirror, they created FotoFusion BPH Entertainment. The Magic Mirror or smart mirror is used in this case as an updated version of the photo booth. The mirror has a camera behind it and a touchscreen interface running special software on top of Microsoft Windows.

“My goal was to start an entertainment-based company,” Nicholas said. “Then I bounced around with different things. One day we were having a conversation, and we saw this [the Magic Mirror] on Facebook, and I looked at her said, ‘Hey, we should get this.’ A few weeks later, it showed up in the garage. It was a joke to start with on the Facebook page, but then it moved forward, and it just kind of evolved into having fun.”

The photo booth concept has been around for a while. They’re usually staples at fairs or carnivals and can be found at parties and other gatherings. Children and couples often use them as a fun way to capture memories of fun times at different events quickly.

The mirror has many different home screens that can be chosen, depending on the type of event, different backgrounds to match, and many different emojis, and more.

The subject poses in front of the mirror and a photo is taken. Then they can choose from the various effects they want to apply to the image. The device is entirely customizable, from the start screen forward.

People can sign up for FotoFusion parties at [fotonfusionfun.com](http://fotonfusionfun.com).

“This you can fully interact with as a guest,” Nicholas said. “Now, with COVID [19], things have changed a little bit, so we don’t let them touch the screen the way we used to.”

The Nagles love the versatility of the

mirror.

“We’ll do events from anything. We’ve done birthday parties. We’ve done events at schools, from graduations, we did a little first-grade party; that was fun, a bunch of first-graders running around,” Nicholas said.

Parties with many teen-aged girls are exciting, according to Bobbi.

“A teenage girl will come and take her picture,” she said. “And then she needs to take it with her friend, and then they need to take it with their friend, and before you know it, you have a bunch of teenaged girls having a ball.”

One of the best things about the device, though, is the versatility in delivering the images.

The pictures can be printed out on-site, and when connected to a network, the mirror can email or even text message the photos to the guest’s phone for easier sharing among friends and family.

To add more fun options, FotoFusion usually provides props, such as different hardware and costume items. Those can also be added digitally.

FotoFusion has two mirrors which they use for their business.

They usually rent out the service for set hour amounts at events.

One of the favorite events of FotoFusion is the annual Christmas Party for the JP Hall Children’s Charities, which typically has Santa Claus and provides gifts to underprivileged families.

“What was really heartwarming is when we went there and did it the first year,” said Bobbi. “We did this, and after it was over with, one of the mothers came up to me and said, ‘This is the only family Christmas picture we’re going to have this year.’”

The Nagles have vowed that as long as FotoFusion is in business, they will support the event.

Classics are that for a reason. They never go away. That doesn’t mean that with an injection of modern technology, they can’t improve.

Just ask Nicholas and Bobbi Nagle.



Nicholas and Bobbi Nagle pose with the Magic Mirror used at events.



Nicholas Nagle works to configure new settings on the Magic Mirror for FotoFusion.

## Even without fair, Clay County wins six national awards

### For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — After having to cancel the 2020 fair due to COVID-19, the Clay County Agricultural Fair was still recognized at this year’s International Association of Fairs and Expos Conference.

This year’s conference was held virtually due to restrictions in San Antonio, Texas.

In total the Clay County Fair won six awards, including four for first place.

They were:

- Hall of Honor Communication Awards:
- First place: At-Home Activities:



non-video for our Pinterest Contest

- First place: Single photo of

fairgrounds being used to serve the community. Team Rubicon Food Distribution. Photo by Kat Bynum

- First place: Communications to fairgoers about status of the 2020 Fair.
- 2020 Competitive Exhibits:

- Third place: Strategy or Tactic to Engage Competitive Exhibits Participants for our Horticulture and Photo virtual contest.

2020 Agricultural Awards:

- First place: Agriculture education during COVID-19 – VIDEO for our Agri-Puppets Video during our Virtual Fair.
- Second place: Agriculture education during COVID-19 – VIDEO for our Virtual Fair Storytime with Kim Berry reading “Gobble Gobble Crash! A Barnyard Counting Bash.”

“Despite having a challenging year af-

ter not having our annual fair, it was nice to have some good news in 2020! I am so incredibly proud of these awards for our Virtual Fair presence in the fair industry and the hard work that was being done on the fairgrounds to help the community.” Tasha Hyder, General Manager of the Clay County Agricultural Fair.

The 2021 Clay County Agricultural Fair is expected to be a go in 2021 and they have added an additional day to their fair schedule: April 1-11.

Tickets and concert lineup will be available on Dec. 15.



St. Augustine artist Steven Teller's mural at the entrance to the Orange Park Mall Food Court has added color and celebrates the "wondrous" beauty of the natural world.

# Orange Park Mall entrance comes alive with colorful mural

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – Shoppers entering the food court at the Orange Park Mall took a moment from their busy holiday schedules to watch the concrete walls come alive in color.

Many removed their earbuds and used their cellphones as a camera. Others simply marveled how a local artist turned spray paint into a collage of bright orange flowers, foliage and birds.

The Canvas Project is a program that enlists the work of artists to showcase their skills at prominent areas of Washing-

ton Prime Group town centers, including the Orange Park Mall, across the country.

Since he was wearing headphones and a gasmask and he was focused on his assignment, St. Augustine's Steven Teller was oblivious to the attention he garnered. But as the giant mural continued to come to life, it was impossible to ignore the onlookers.

Teller said he didn't refine his talents by spray-painting graffiti on the sides of train cars and overpasses.

"I am a classically-trained artists," he said. "It's fun to paint something like this."

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# Mural

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I sent them my portfolio and my ideas for a design and they [Orange Park Mall] were open to my design.”

The mall recently changed the courtyard to include more trees, benches and vibrant landscaping. Teller said he decided to play off the makeover by using warm colors by using “directional movement.”

The mural includes two walls at the right side of the entrance. Teller said the project is expected to be completed soon.

Teller is an ocean-minded street artist who fuels his creative journey following the course his paint directs him, according to the mall. He is a multi-disciplined artist specializing in street art and large-scale public murals. He creates an abstract real-

ism that features human figures, animals, and nature in colorful geometric spaces.

Chasing projects from wall to wall, Teller travels with his artwork to different festivals, events, and mural projects across the world. Steven continues that journey today to share his artwork worldwide and to bring a healing moment to everyone along the path of his artistic expression.

Teller said the mural took 50 cans of paint.

“It’s wonderful to bring new culture to the space,” Teller said. “Murals are the hip, new age thing to do. It will enhance the mall experience.”

The Canvas Project also provides an opportunity for the community to connect and grow together through art, emotion and imagination.

“Local artists make our community vibrant,” said Chelsea Commodari, Market-



Steven Teller’s mural was completed using spray paint. The artwork blends perfectly with the newly remodeled courtyard.

connection to the world around us. The Canvas Project supports our local arts culture, while providing an opportunity for our community to grow together. We will spotlight an artist’s talent with live, in-person and in-progress work on display right outside.”

Teller said his design highlights the splendor found in nature.

“There is nothing more wondrous than the beauty of the natural world, both visually and metaphorically,” he said. “Not only does nature create some of the most beautiful forms and color schemes, but it also works in perfect harmony... balancing life and death to create an ever-evolving state of unity and growth, with the opportunity to blossom. Like a plant. Reaching for the light. Always growing.”

“These realizations arose through extended periods surrounded by nature.”

ing Director at Orange Park Mall. “Their use of subjects, color, texture and composition awaken a sense of curiosity and

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# Police Briefs

## Man jailed for violating wife's injunction for protection

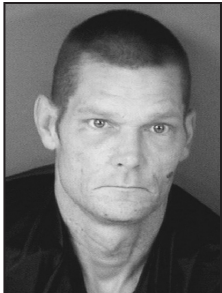
ORANGE PARK – A Jacksonville man was arrested for violating an injunction against domestic violence after he sent a photo of himself to his wife while he was on her front porch, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Raymond Curry Leathers, 45, also was charged on Dec. 5 for being within 1,000 feet of his wife's residence, resisting arrest, contempt of court for violation of domestic violence with a rifle and ammunition and violation of repeated sexual dating violence.

CCSO found Leathers on Blanding Boulevard shortly after the wife reported the incident. She also said he was endangered with a small caliber rifle. Leathers reportedly refused orders by the deputies to show his hands, but he finally responded when a deputy drew his weapon.

Part of the injunction included him not possessing a firearm or ammunition.

Leathers remained in the Clay County Jail without bond.



Raymond Leathers

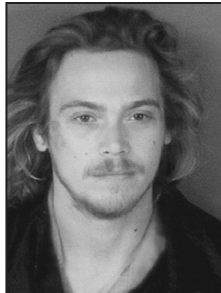
## Unruly man arrested for scuffling with CCSO at mall food court

ORANGE PARK – A man who appeared to be intoxicated outside the food court at the Orange Park Mall was arrested after he fought with Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Joseph Gene Barber, 27, of Jacksonville, was charged on Dec. 5 with resisting an officer with violence, battery on a police officer, disorderly intoxication and trespassing.

According to the arrest report, deputies were called about a "suspicious" man in the mall courtyard. They found Barber, who was "swaying" while he was standing. Deputies also said they smelled alcohol on his breath.

Barber then became disorderly. He yelled and cursed at deputies, which forced some shoppers to "grab their kids and immediately leave the area." When Barber tried to poke a deputy in the chest, another deputy grabbed his arm to place him under arrest. Barber then spit in the face of the arresting deputy and tried to punch him in the face.



Joseph Barber

Barber was taken to the Clay County Jail and ordered held without bond.

## Man busted for selling Xanax, Alprazolam near Middleburg preschool

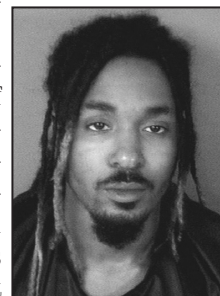
MIDDLEBURG – A local man was arrested for trafficking more than 10 grams of Xanax and selling Alprazolam less than 500 feet from a preschool.

Joe Nathan Benjamin Jr., 21, of Middleburg, was arrested on Dec. 4 following an investigation that started on Sept. 1. The sale was conducted 497 feet from a preschool on County Road 220.

Benjamin's bond was set at \$100,006. His next court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 4.

## Keystone man charged with attempting to choke woman

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A 20-year-old man was arrested after Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies found a woman with red marks on her neck and bruising on the right side of her head and a scratch under



Joe Benjamin

her left eye.

Jason Aaron Kagey, of Keystone Heights, was charged on Dec. 6 with felony domestic battery by strangulation and preventing communication to law enforcement.

His bond was set at \$20,006.



Jason Kagey

## Wanted felon arrested after running red light in GCS

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man stopped for running a red light was arrested on a Jacksonville warrant for an armed robbery.

Bryant K. Walker, 33, of Jacksonville, was charged on Dec. 9 with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, armed robbery and possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon.

According to the arrest report, a deputy saw a black car driving southbound on U.S. Highway 17 running a red light and speeding. When he was pulled over and identified, he was arrested for a burglary that was reported on Nov. 2.

Walker will be held without bond until he's transferred back to Duval County.

# Arrests and 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. 8

Christopher S. Anweiler, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Madelynn D. Wilder, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Tereso V. Aldaba, 18, Middleburg, lewd/lascivious behavior to victim 12-16

Robert A. Wright, 30, Orange Park, VOP-stalking/harassing/cyberstalking

Timothy P. Windham, 47, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Victoria R. Woodard, 30, Orange Park, DWLSR, leaving the scene of an accident, sale/delivery-methamphetamine

Jessica L. Squires, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-providing false information to pawn shop

Fadarrell D.V. Johnson, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary

Lori L. Maddox, 42, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DUI

Bryon D. Harden, 33, Orange Park, petit theft

Gary L. Adkins, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Raymond C. Leathers, 45, Orange Park, violation of repeated sexual dating violence

Katina R. Bass, 46, Orange Park, FTA-dealing in stolen property (Putnam), FTA-possession/use-paraphernalia (Putnam), two counts FTA-possession-controlled substance (Putnam)

### Monday, Dec. 7

Garhett A. Miller, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, VOP-uttering false bank note/check/draft

Tracey L. Johnson, 41, Green Cove Springs, violation of injunction against domestic violence, FTA-battery, FTA-battery on person 65 or older

Joshua D. Jenkins, 29, Middleburg, retail petit theft, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

### Sunday, Dec. 6

Kristina R. White, 48, Middleburg, DUI

Dean A.K. Rockwood, 28, Middleburg, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, tampering with witness to hinder/delay/prevent communication

Jason A. Kagey, 20, Keystone Heights, felony domestic battery by strangulation, hinder/delay/prevent communication to law enforcement

Douglas E. Mejia, 60, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Roma A. Rodriguez Contreras, 52, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Ryan J. Scardasis, 36, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Demonteeze D. Muse, 19, Green Cove Springs, battery (Duval)

Trina R. Daughtry, 46, Green Cove Springs, simple battery

### Saturday, Dec. 5

Daniel X. Lara, 31, Orange Park, FTA Leslieanne Goodman, 37, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Raymond C. Leathers, 45, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, violation of injunction against domestic violence with firearm/ammo, violation of injunction against domestic violence

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

Nathaniel M. Staton, 38, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Joseph G. Barber, 27, Orange Park, resist-

ing law enforcement with violence, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, trespassing, DUI, disorderly intoxication

Sean R. Scully, 38, Middleburg, aggravated battery

Errol J. Eimicke, 23, Orange Park, DUI

Brandon L. Bailey, 35, Keystone Heights, out of county warrant

Jamie L. Gonzales, 31, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

### Friday, Dec. 4

Kyle Johnson, 33, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Antiqua F. Taylor, 33, Orange Park, vandalism

James P. Jarrell, 48, Orange Park, battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT

Shelby L. Rhoden, 25, Orange Park, trafficking amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Phillip C. Lepanto, 49, Orange Park, FTA-petit theft, FTA-burglary

Joe N. Benjamin, 21, Middleburg, selling Xanax within 1,000 feet of daycare, trafficking controlled substance

Jason S. Worrell, 19, Middleburg, tampering with electronic monitoring device

# MHD-Rockland, ESG Aeronautics taking flight with \$64.5 million contract

## Company to train German Navy to fly P-3s at Keystone Heights Airport

By Bruce Hope  
bruce@opcfla.com

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – The U.S. Navy has awarded a \$64.5 million contract to MHD-Rockland Inc. and ESG Aeronautics at the Keystone Heights Airport to create a curriculum and train German Naval personnel to pilot, co-pilot, and fill other flight crew positions on the P-3 aircraft.

“The US Navy has ended their training for foreign military students on the P-3,” said (Ret.) Cmdr. William Bushman, and current Chief Technical Officer of ESG Aerosystems. “That was part of their transition to the P-8 platform.”

The P-3 Orion aircraft, developed by Lockheed, is a four-engine turboprop airplane, similar to the C-130.

It has been in service for the U.S. military for almost 50 years.

“Its primary mission is anti-submarine warfare,” said Bushman. “It also does maritime patrols. That’s its traditional role. The P-3 was sold to several other partners [allies and domestic agencies] for the U.S. military, and so there’s an international community that operates the P-3 that has

traditionally relied on the US Navy for that training on that aircraft.”

When the Navy ended the training on that craft, their allies were left looking for a training solution. It was then that ESG and MHD-Rockland began to explore the issue and worked toward the program, which is now taking place. Rockland purchased five P-3s from Australia and set things up.

“We are extremely excited to partner with ESG Aerosystems to deliver comprehensive training solutions for the enduring P-3 Orion platform,” said Josh Miller, President, MHD-ROCKLAND, in a press release. “With over 40 years of experience in legacy aircraft sustainment, our team is ready to add value and offer this unique and essential service to global P-3 fleet operators who require it.”

The team running the airport operation includes Bushman, U.S. Army veteran vice president of flight operations Todd Falconer and other Navy veterans experienced as pilots, instructors, and members of the P-3 flight crew.

The operation not only benefits the U.S. Navy and America’s Allies, on a local level, the city of Keystone Heights.

“We’ve been here [Keystone Heights] five years,” said Falconer. “We do bring jobs to their area. We’ve hired to date about 20 employees. We’re going to be



William Bushman (L) and Todd Falconer (r) in front of a P-3 aircraft at Keystone Heights Airport.

hiring about six more after the first of the year. Most of us have bought houses in the local area, and we’re supporting the airport. I think we’re pumping more fuel per flight than the airport sold last year. So it’s a good benefit for the airport. We’re also, I think, still the largest land lease of the airport.”

The operation has improved some of its facilities and is looking to build new facilities as well. Falconer hopes that more businesses will follow.

They have also brought a dedicated fiber-optic line into the area.

Revenue for the city is also generated in other ways by the program.

“On the student side, local accommodations,” added Bushman. “Hotel tax associated with that, and of course their eating and purchasing things from the local economy. Also, to the max extent possible, we use the local area to meet our requirements.

Shirts, patches, print shops; we really try to maximize anything that we’re doing here for the local economy so they can benefit from us being here.”

## Orange Park Garden Club

### What kind of caterpillar is this from my garden?



By Carolyn Warren

Orange Park Garden Club birds, bees and butterflies chairman

ORANGE PARK – This caterpillar is a Virginia Creeper Sphinx – a moth caterpillar. The common name is Hog Sphinx.

Did you know that most sphinx moth caterpillars pupate in the soil? This snake-like caterpillar is leaf green with a bluish green underside, streaked with white on the sides. The body is swollen a little way back from the head and the caterpillar gets its name from the resemblance to a hog’s jowls and snout.

It has seven pairs of slanted lines on the side. On each side they merge into a wide line near the back. It has a pointed tail-like “horn” at the end and it retains it throughout its caterpillar stage.

This caterpillar eats leaves of Virginia Creeper, grapevines and viburnums. When the caterpillar has pupated and emerged into a moth, you can find it flying in woods and brushy areas.

The moth is an important pollinator of trees and shrubs. You may see this kind of moth flying at night as it is attracted to lights outside our homes.

## Arrests

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Jacquelynne S. Steckley, 48, Middleburg, DUI with property damage

### Thursday, Dec. 3

Randolph A. Ogburn, 54, Fleming Island, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Nathan R. Morris, 42, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-riding motorcycle without a license

Tyler G. Lightsey, 27, Middleburg, VOP-community control  
Robert A. Gallion, 38, Middleburg, grand theft auto

Ryan G. Cavin, 42, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance  
Robert D. Journey, 40, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-DWLSR, FTA-petit theft

Dewone L. Flanigan, 25, Fleming Island, aggravated battery on pregnant woman (Duval), simple battery (Duval)

Damion D. Young, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA-grand theft

Jennifer D. Lewis, 39, Keystone Heights, resisting arrest, attempting to flee/elude  
Terrence E. Green, 46, Orange Park, grand theft

Travis L. Pitzer, 38, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Rylee K. Cooper, 19, Middleburg, possession-marijuana

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

McKenzie P.S. Scott, 24, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, driving without a license

Stacie L. Wilkinson, 43, Orange Park, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test, DWLSR  
Norris W. Smith, 46, Green Cove Springs, writ for non-support

Justin T. Kirk, 34, Keystone Heights, burglary

Ryan A. Johnson, 32, Orange Park, possession-heroin

Roger B. Coker, 40, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Frisco D. Mitchell, 34, Green Cove Springs, VOP-hit and run accident

Stephanie I. Fils Aime, 30, VOP-grand theft of person 65 or older (Palm Beach)

Sherwood R. Adams, 75, Green Cove Springs, FTA-failure to register vehicle, FTA-failure to attach tag

Myriam Pierre, 34, Orange Park, petit theft

Ashley W. Nims, 24, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Kayla M. Watson, 30, Orange Park, two counts FTA by Zoom-DWLSR

Donald E. Fleming, 61, Middleburg, DUI with property damage

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Battle of unbeatens

## Raiders, Knights open with flashy speed, attire

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - One thing about the Tuesday night clash of unbeatens featuring the Oakleaf High Lady Knights and the Orange Park High Lady Raiders is that both coaches should be well-dressed in front of their respective benches.

Fred Cole, the former Orange Park High head girls basketball coach, will be manning the Oakleaf High sideline in his usual sharp suited attire that has been a staple of the RaiderDome competitions the past four years, while on the other side,

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Two of the best dressed basketball coaches; left, Fred Cole, Oakleaf High, and Michael Nesmith, Orange Park High, will face off on Tuesday in a clash of unbeatens at the RaiderDome. Oakleaf won 67-25.

## Mistake-prone Golden Eagles fall in region final

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - Maybe it was the fact Friday's Region 1-7A final started a half an hour earlier than what Fleming Island is accustomed to starting their football games.

Maybe the onset of the holiday season put the Golden Eagles in a giving mood. Whatever the cause, the Golden Eagles were unable to overcome a slew of early miscues in a 35-18 loss that ended the season for Clay County's last hope for a state title in 2020.

"We didn't execute," said Fleming Island head coach Damenyum Springs. "Too many 'My bads,' on our sideline," referencing a popular slang term used to apologize

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Fleming Island High quarterback T.K. Kocak, left, had his hands full in the pocket as Niceville's pass rush harassed him through most of the night of the region 1-7A championship game on Friday while running back Sam Singleton was gobbled up on run plays until the fourth quarter when he scored on a 33-yard scamper.



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# Rosano's fire smashes state list in first week

**Bartram Trail: Dec. 15 showdown**

**By Randy Lefko**  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND – One thing Fleming Island High's latest coach, girls soccer coach Joy Rosano, is that, nice as she is otherwise, she is as competitive as the next guy when she steps on to the pitch.

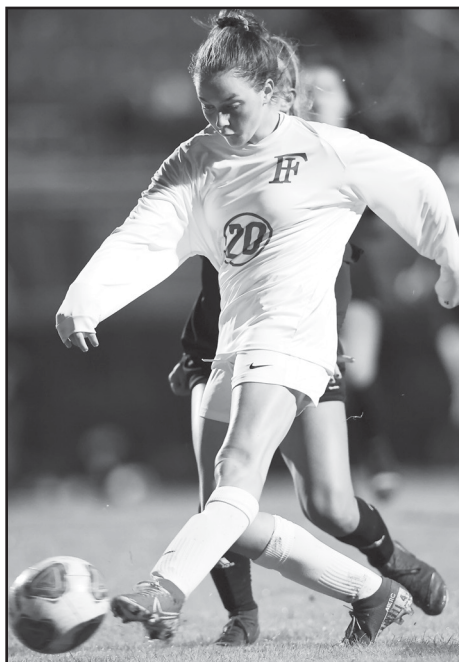
Rosano's off field persona is somewhat cordial, even giddy, but her demeanor once the whistle blows, as was evident in her come-from-behind win over Creekside, a Class 6A Final Four finisher last year and a team with a rich history of tough games with Fleming Island, was very Jon Gruden-like (Google Gruden).

"The first thing I told the team was that I am a very competitive person on the field," said Rosano, 30, and a 2008 Fleming Island High School graduate. "I still want to have fun and want the girls to have great memories, but we are going to win. I said in day one, we will have fun, work hard and we will win because I hate losing."

Rosano's path back to Fleming Island came via her sister Julianna's recreation league co-ed soccer team and some interest from former Fleming Island coach Darryl Ivey.

"I got a call out of the blue from my former coach Darryl Ivey, who had actually got me and my sister to play on a co-ed recreation league soccer team," said Rosano, 30, and a 2008 Fleming Island High graduate. "Coach Ivey had reached out to my sister Julianna to play on the adult league. Julianna and I live together and that's kind of how it all got started. Needless to say, the first game was a little rough."

The duo played for while until Ivey and Director of Soccer Operations at Fleming Island High Frank Pontore, who had stepped in as girls coach for the interim,



Fleming Island forward Gianni Gardner taps game-tying goal in 1-1 tie with Ponte Vedra to put the team record at 4-0-1.

made contact with Rosano.

"I never thought the opportunity to coach at my alma mater would ever arrive, but am so honored that it did," said Rosano. "I sat down and had the conversation and it all worked out."

Unfortunately, for foes of Fleming Island soccer; the Bishop Kennys, the Creeksides, the Ponte Vedras and the Bolles, Rosano's installation has reignited the Fleming Island aura of Final Four finishes as Rosano's first four wins of 2020 have been Bishop Kenny, Creekside, Bolles and Nease wins with a dramatic tie with Ponte Vedra on December 1. Bishop Kenny is the defending Class 4A champion. Bolles is the defending Class 3A champion. Creekside was a Class 6A Final Four finisher last year. Ponte Vedra was the Class 5A runnerup last year.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY JAMES GILBERT

Former Fleming Island High soccer standout Joy Rosano is back on the sidelines as the latest head coach for the Golden Eagles with an astounding 4-0-1 record start against a handful of state powers.

"The girls on the team are all good and, unlike previous years, the club team players are now playing for the high school," said Rosano. "I know that was frustrating for coach Pontore, but he kept the program competitive while looking for a coach."

Against Ponte Vedra, Rosano got the tying goal late in the game on a break that did not seem like it would be successful, but proved otherwise.

"I told the girls at the half that coaches talk and the word is out about you," said Rosano. "They sacked their midfield to try and control us. Gianna Gardner broke away with 17 minutes left in the game off a long ball to the left sideline. From my angle, it didn't look like she would get to the ball before the goalie, but she got there and toe poked it. It was huge."

On the slate, though, is arch-rival Bartram Trail on Tues., Dec. 15, the 2020 Class 7A champions.

"I do think that I am lighting a fire under the girls," said Rosano. "This team is very young, but very, very good."

Rosano's first day at practice at Fleming Island High was as daunting as any of her big games.

"The first night I went out was a parent's night; that was a little daunting because all the parents were up in the bleachers and it was myself and boys coach Mike Green talking from the track," said Rosano. "But, seeing all the girls afterward and not knowing all of their skill levels, just to be able to turn around and look at the field and being back on it was exciting. I was energized; exactly like running through the tunnel at the playoff games I've played."

Rosano likened the experience, again as a player, of listening to the National Anthem, then clicking to game mode.

"I had some pregame nerves, but once the National Anthem hit, it was game on," said Rosano. "As a coach now, it was exactly the same as when I was a player. I was ecstatic."

Rosano finished a stellar four years at

**SEE SMASH, 33**

## SCHEDULES

### Oakleaf

Nov. 10 Bishop Kenny, won 3-2 (Hannah Johnson 2Goals, Madison Johnson 1assist)  
Nov. 17 Paxon, won 8-0  
Dec. 1 Fernandina Beach, won 5-0  
Tues., Dec. 8 Buchholz  
Thurs., Dec. 10 St. Augustine  
Mon., Dec. 14 Clay  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Ridgeview

### Ridgeview

Nov. 10 Wolfson, lost 3-1  
Nov. 12 Clay  
Nov. 17 Middleburg, lost 2-0  
Nov. 19 Paxon, won 3-2  
Dec. 1 Matanzas, tied 1-1  
Dec. 3 Palatka, won 6-0  
Tues., Dec. 8 at Middleburg  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Orange Park  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Gainesville  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Oakleaf

### Orange Park

Nov. 19 Westside, won 8-0  
Nov. 30 Terry Parker, won 8-0  
Dec. 1 Clay, lost 4-0

Dec. 3 Middleburg, lost 1-0  
Tues., Dec. 8 at Baldwin  
Thurs., Dec. 10 Ridgeview  
Mon., Dec. 14 Ed White  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Parker

### Fleming Island

Nov. 13 Bishop Kenny, won 8-2  
Nov. 16 Creekside, won 3-2  
Nov. 19, Bolles, won 5-0  
Nov. 23 Nease, won 3-0  
Dec. 1 Ponte Vedra, tied 1-1  
Tues., Dec. 8 St. Joseph 530  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast 530  
Fri., Dec. 11 at Buchholz  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Bartram Trail  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Sandalwood 6pm

### Middleburg

Nov. 17 Middleburg, won 2-0  
Nov. 19 St. Augustine, lost 3-1  
Tues., Dec. 1 Lee, won 8-0  
Thurs., Dec. 3 at Orange Park, won 1-0  
Fri., Dec. 4 at Fletcher, lost 7-0  
Tues., Dec. 8 Ridgeview  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Clay  
Fri., Dec. 11 at Keystone Hts 520  
Mon., Dec. 14 Paxon  
Mon., Dec. 21 at Columbia

### Clay

Nov. 17 Palatka, tied 3-3  
Nov. 19 Menendez, lost 6-1  
Dec. 1 Orange Park, won 4-0  
Dec. 3 Paxon, tied 2-2  
Tues., Dec. 8 St. Augustine 6pm  
Thurs., Dec. 10 Middleburg  
Mon., Dec. 14 at Oakleaf  
Tues., Dec. 22 at Ed White

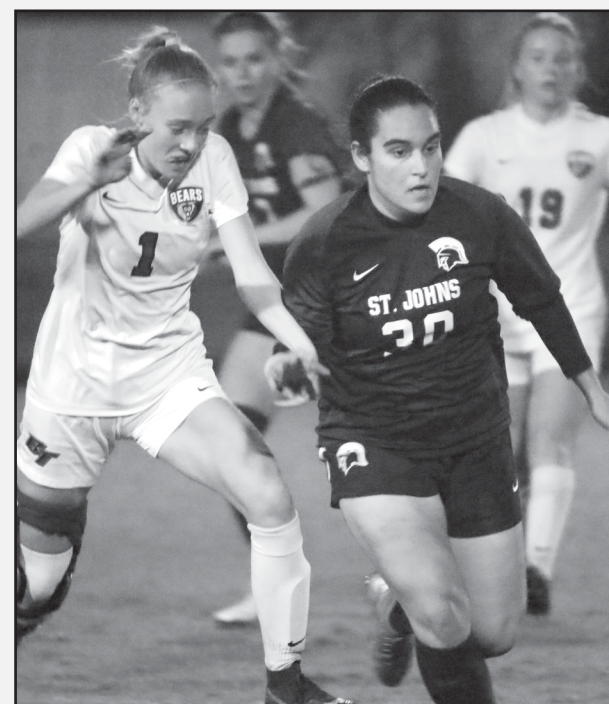
### St. Johns Country Day School

Nov. 11 Maclay, won 7-0 (Bella Pontieri 2Goals, Mia Sadler 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1Goal, Chloe Crews 1Goal, Lauryn Mateo 1Goal)  
Nov. 13 Trinity Catholic, won 8-0 (Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Julia Boaventura 1goal, Maddie Moody 1Goal, Mia Sadler 1Goal, Sydney Schmidt 1goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal, Lauren Weiss 1Goal)  
Nov., 17 Providence, won 8-0 (Julia Boaventura 2Goals, Lauryn Mateo 2Goals, Maddie Moody 2Goals, Sydney Schmidt 1Goal, Kamryn Towers 1Goal)  
Nov. 19 Bartram Trail, won 2-1 (Lauryn Mateo, Bella Pontieri 1Goal each)  
Fri., Dec. 4 Bishop Moore 6pm  
Wed., Dec. 9 Mandarin  
Wed., Dec. 16 Fletcher

### Keystone Heights

Nov. 9, Columbia, won 4-2 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Raegan Hogg 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 6Saves)  
Nov. 16 Eastside, won 3-1 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Elizabeth Waughon 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 8Saves)  
Nov. 19 West Nassau, won 5-1 (Kiersten Shaw 2Goals, Raegan Hogg 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal, Jordan Etcher 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 5Saves)  
Dec. 1 Yulee, lost 6-1 (Kendall Gagnon 1Goal, Ryan Taylor 4Saves, Aspen Krohn 8Saves)  
Fri., Dec. 4 Fort White 6 (Kiersten Shaw 4Goals, Elizabeth Waughon 2Goals, Kendall Gagnon 1Goal, Ella Hutchins 1Goal)  
Mon., Dec. 7 Columbia 530  
Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston 6  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Crescent City 6  
Fri., Dec. 11 Middleburg 520  
Tues., Dec. 15 Suwannee 6  
Wed., Dec. 16 at P.K. Yonge 6

**STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO**  
St. Johns Country Day School's Julia Boaventura hustles in win over Class 7A champ Bartram Trail.



# Raiders 'Chuck-n-Duck' to 4-0

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Orange Park High basketball coach Derek Kurnitsky has what he thinks is a good combination of athlete, height and basketball skill this year that could bode well to another shot at another district title.

"Run and Gun is our game, run the floor, press all night, not going to change much," said Kurnitsky, who improved to 4-0 with a dramatic 59-58 win over Raines on Mon., Dec. 7. "We got a lot of veterans back; Shakari Austin is our speed guy. Josiah Sabino is our shooter. D'Marre Craddock controls the floor."

Led by senior D'Marre Craddock, the Raiders have opened with a 3-0 slate in 2020 with wins over district rival Westside, Trinity Christian and region playoff rival Ribault in a 57-53 barnburner.

In all three games, Josiah Sabino has been top scorer with games of 23, 26 and 30 points leading the Raiders. Craddock has been top assist getter with five dishes against Trinity and six against Ribault.

"We're going on week four and we are trying to work out all the little stuff," said

Kurnitsky. "We'll be better in January than we are now."

Down Blanding Boulevard, Ridgeview High coach Jerome Clyburn has put together a scrappy bunch for 2020 that opened with a dramatic 49-47 win over 8A Gainesville Buchholz in an early upset win led by Nicholas Gallegos's 18 points and Ed Whipple's nine rebounds.

Clyburn has been getting good efforts from numerous players with Gallego, Nathan Johnston and Landon Hawkins all sharing top score duties.

Down at Keystone Heights, the three point stripe has been a good place for the Indians shooters with Gage Stevens landing six bombs in his first game, then three and four in the Indians opening three games. Ian Schofield has handled the boards with Bryson Channell running the floor. Oakleaf opened with three big opponents; Paxon, Daytona Beach Mainland and Fletcher and got bruised a bit, but Markel Allums punched in 15 points in a fourth game win over Clay.

Fleming Island got 14 points from Nick Mas in a 74-27 blowout of Englewood in their opener.



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Orange Park High's Corey Thomas goes up strong for layup in win over Westside. Thomas hit game-winning free throws against Raines in Raiders' 59-58 fourth win of season on Monday.



Ridgeview High guard Landon Hawkins cuts for layup shot in Panthers loss to Ed White. Ridgeview has gotten high production from their shooters with coach Jerome Clyburn putting the Panthers at 2-3 thus far in 2020.

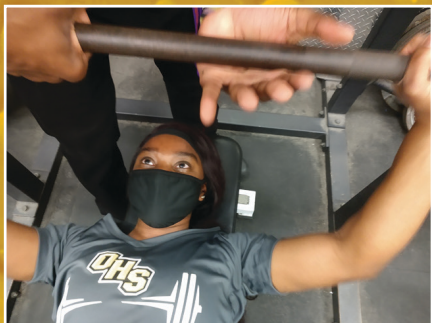


Ridgeview High guard Colby Sebastian lets fly with corner three pointer as teammates await the swish in Panthers clash with Ed White. Sebastian hit the three, but Ridgeview lost.

<p><b>Orange Park</b> Dec. 1 Westside, won 58-42 Dec. 3 Trinity Christian, won 62-30 (Josiah Sabino 28Pts) Dec. 4 Ribault, won 57-53 Dec. 7 at Raines, won 59-58 Tues., Dec. 8 at Bolles Thurs., Dec. 10 at Middleburg Fri., Dec. 11 at Bishop Kenny Tues., Dec. 15 at Clay Mon., Dec. 28-30 Tournament</p> <p><b>Fleming Island</b> Dec. 3 Englewood, won 74-27 (Nick Mas 14Pts, Antoine Sandy 10Pts, Blake Robinson 10Pts, Ahman Greenidge 6Reb, Colton Zapp 6Reb) Tues., Dec. 8 at Ponte Vedra Thurs., Dec. 10 ICA Fri., Dec. 11 Oakleaf Thurs., Dec. 17 at Ridgeview Mon., Dec. 21-22-23 Tournament Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Orlando Tournament</p>	<p><b>Oakleaf</b> Nov. 27 Paxon, lost 65-43 Nov. 28 Daytona Beach Mainland, lost 49-42 Dec. 1 Fletcher, lost 41-38 Thurs., Dec. 3 Clay, won 52-49 (Markel Allums 15Pts) Tues., Dec. 8 Nease Fri., Dec. 11 at Fleming Island Sat., Dec. 12 at Bolles 145pm Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Tournament</p> <p><b>Clay</b> Dec. 1 Bartram Trail, lost 53-46 Dec. 3 Oakleaf, lost 52-49 Tues., Dec. 8 at Middleburg Thurs., Dec. 10 Bradford Fri., Dec. 11 Ridgeview Tues., Dec. 15 Orange Park Thurs., Dec. 17 Palatka Fri., Dec. 18 Bolles Mon., Dec. 28 Fernandina Beach</p>	<p><b>Ridgeview</b> Nov. 23 Buchholz, won 49-47 (Nicholas Gallego 18Pts, Grant Weiskircher 13Pts, Ed Whipple 9Reb, Nathan Johnston 4Steals) Nov. 24 Lee, lost 83-59 (Nathan Johnston 19Pts, Grant Weiskircher 13Pts, Nicholas Gallego 10Pts, Ed Whipple 9Reb, Rasheed Baker 9Reb) Dec. 1 Ed White, lost 63-54 (Grant Weiskircher 13Pts, Nicholas Gallego 11Pts) Dec. 3 Baldwin, lost 58-52 (Landon Hawkins 18Pts, Tajh Brown 12Pts, Ed Whipple 10Reb, 3Steals) Dec. 4 Fernandina Beach, won 64-58 (Landon Hawkins 20Pts, Ed Whipple 10Pts, 8Reb; Grant Weiskircher 10Pts, 2 3-PTer, Tajh Brown 6Assists) Wed., Dec. 9 at NFEI Fri., Dec. 11 at Clay Tues., Dec. 15 at Interlachen Thurs., Dec. 17 Fleming Island</p>	<p><b>Keystone Heights</b> Nov. 24 Yulee, lost 50-46 (Gage Stevens 20Pts, 6 3-PTer; Bryson Channell 12Pts, 3Assists, 3Steals) Nov. 28 St. Francis, lost 61-58 (Seth Gagnon 16Pts, Gage Stevens 15Pts, 3 3-PTer; Ian Schofield 11Pts, 12Reb, 4Steals, Bryson Channell 3Assists) Nov. 30 Hope Christian A, won 78-44 (Bryce Couey 24Pts, 10Reb; Gage Stevens 16, 4 3-PTer; Seth Gagnon 12Pts) Dec. 1 Seacoast Christian, lost 71-60 (Seth Gagnon 23Pts, 12Reb; Ian Schofield 12Reb, Gage Stevens 20Pts, 3 3-PTer) Dec. 4 Stanton, won 33-31 (Ian Schofield 10Pts, Bryce Couey 8Pts, Seth Gagnon 8Reb; Bryson Channell 4Assists, 5Steals) Tues., Dec. 8 Interlachen 8pm Fri., Dec. 11 Baldwin Tues., Dec. 15 Middleburg Sat., Dec. 19 at FBCA Tournament (GA) Tues., Dec. 22 Gainesville</p> <p><b>St Johns Country Day School</b> Nov. 30 Cedar Creek, won 20-0 Dec. 2 San Jose Prep, won 63-42</p>	<p>Dec. 4 Harvest Community (Jax), won 43-42 Mon., Dec. 7 at Parsons Christian Mon., Dec. 14 Beacon of Hope Tues., Dec. 15 Cedar Creek Thurs., Dec. 17 at Fernandina Beach Fri., Dec. 18 Tournament</p> <p><b>Middleburg</b> Nov. 23 Interlachen, lost 57-46 (Cory Wyatt 16Pts, 4Assists, 3Steals; Greg Holland 11Pts, 10Reb) Dec. 1 Creekside, lost 70-40 (AJ Bridges 17Pts, 5 3-PTer, 9Reb; Gavin Cook 11Pts) Dec. 4 St. Augustine, lost 49-42 (Cory Wyatt 13Pts, Gavin Cook 9Pts, 3 3-PTer) Tues., Dec. 8 Clay Thurs., Dec. 10 Orange Park Fri., Dec. 11 at Fernandina Beach Tues., Dec. 15 at Keystone Heights Thurs., Dec. 17 at Menendez Fri., Dec. 18 Baldwin Mon., Dec. 28 Nease Tournament 6pm</p>
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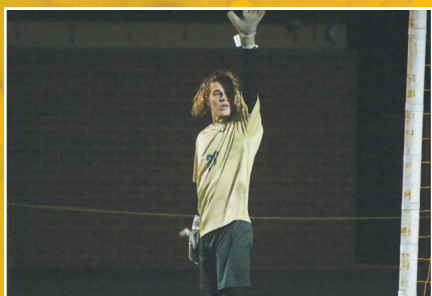


**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



**Tamira Briley**  
Oakleaf, Weightlifting, Senior

Tamira Briley set the bar very high for her 110 pound weight division with a 165 bench press that was five shy of the state record of 170 pounds in a dual meet with Clay High. Briley attempted 170 on her last lift, but could only get halfway up to locked arms. Briley finished 10th in Class 2A at 110 pounds last year.



**Keegan French**  
Fleming Island, Soccer Goalie, Junior

Keegan French thwarted all shots by previously unbeaten Ridgeview High (now, 4-1) in a Fleming Island 6-0 shutout win over the Clay County rival.

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# Clay's Reape returns to top duty

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Clay High Hall of Fame wrestling coach Jim Reape made a stunning return to the mat after a brief hiatus and got Blue Devil effort with a strong second place finish to Class 1A power Wakulla at the Border Wars VIII in the Florida panhandle's Santa Rosa Beach High School.

Reape, who had semi-retired two years and gave the keys to the Clay wrestling room to long-time assistant Hunter Hill, stepped back into the head coach role after Hill's family moved to Tennessee recently.

"I never left, just kind of hung around the wrestle room," said Reape. "Most of the coaches knew I was still part of the program so it wasn't not that much of a deal."

At the Border Wars event, Clay fought to a close second place team score with Wakulla through most of the tournament with a slight lead going into the championship rounds; 116.5 to 111.5 before finishing second to Wakulla at 181.5 to 171.0. Pace High was third at 146.0 with Class 3A power Osceola High fifth at 113.5.

"The team is young and we have some work to do," said Reape. "Cale Hoskinson was sick, but he wrestled and won a tournament title. He's an athlete."

Individual champions for Clay were Maverick Rainwater at 113 and Cale Hoskinson at 170.

In the finals and finishing with silver medals were Ivey Gunner at 120, Luke



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Clay High Hall of Fame wrestling coach Jim Reape is back in the corner of Blue Devils' mat after long-time assistant Hunter Hill moved to Tennessee. Above, Reape and Hill with twice state champion Adam Briendel.



Boree at 138 and Garrett Tyre at 220.

"Luke wrestled a 3A state champion in his bracket (Jaekus Hines of Osceola) and he had to up his game," said Reape. "He had to step up against a quality opponent."

Also wrestling were KJ Rheume at 106 (8th), Dalton Huckleberry at 126 (5th), Thomas Viens at 132 (5th), Hayden Meszaros at 145 (6th), Aiden Mayo at 145 (3rd), Dominic Martin at 152 (3rd), Luca Fiannaca at 160 (6th), Ethan Larsen at 182 (3rd), JadonBell at 195 (7th), John Johnson at 195 (4th) and Ethan Daniels at 285 (4th).

At Ridgeview, the Panther Prowl fea-

ture mainly local teams with Wewahitchka High traveling in from the Panhandle as Bishop Kenny defeating Ridgeview for the final team crown with Orange Park third.

Fleming Island traveled to Camden County High, home of the defending 7A Georgia champions for the Camden Call Out, a non-scoring roundabout of some of the top schools in Georgia including Richmond Hill and Florida's Tampa Jesuit.

Next up is the Danny Byron Invite in Osceola for most of the state's 3A powerhouses including Fleming Island, Camden County (GA), Flagler Palm Coast, 2A champion Lake Gibson and 3A champion South Dade.

Oakleaf will host a duals Friday Knight Lights tournament on Friday with Orange Park and five area teams. Ridgeview heads to the Fernandina Beach Duals while Clay will go to Ponte Vedra High for a duals tournament.

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## Speed

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former Orange Park Junior High coach, Michael Nesmith, will take the reigns from Cole in a unique clash of courtside friends.

“For me, with that game coming here, it’s a new era and a new tradition,” said Nesmith, prior to a win over Clay High on Thursday. “I’m not Fred Cole, I’m not going to coach like Fred Cole, I’m going to do what Michael Nesmith does. Plus my suits are better looking.”

Orange Park has opened with three wins in a row; a 68-11 drubbing of Baker County in their opener, a 67-26 win over Keystone Heights and last Thursday’s 75-14 win over Clay.

“It is in the Dome and there is nothing like it,” said Nesmith. “I’m going to coach my girls hard. We play Orange Park basketball, we’ll be successful.”



Ridgeview High guard Alyssa Sherman has had the hot hand for the Lady Panthers with strong three point shooting.

Oakleaf, implementing Cole’s fast-paced, suffocating defensive scheme with breakaways, has kept pace with impressive wins over Bolles, Lee (a key regional playoff foe), Bradford County, First Coast and Mandarin.

Nesmith has had a very smooth transition into the high school scene at Orange Park with his tenure at Orange Park Junior High give him recognition in the RaiderDome.

“Transition has been seamless because I knew some of the kids,” said Nesmith. “There is a good group of seniors here; Sydney Rowland and Nia Brown, both key players under Fred Cole. Nia Brown has been averaging a triple double for three games (double figures in shooting, rebounds and assists). They have helped make things smooth.”

One player that Nesmith likes is freshman Eris Lester, ironically, a former Lakeside Junior High player. Lester, so far has had point totals of 24 with seven steals against Bolles, 30 against Keystone Heights also with seven steals and 32 points against Clay, also with seven steals.

“Our number four is Eris Lester, just a freshman, but she really knows what she is doing,” said Nesmith. “She’s going to be good.”



STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High (6-0) already had two super sophomores in Fantasia James and Kaylah Turner. Now, incoming sophomore Taliah Scott, a transfer from Bolles, is added to the mix with her 20 points per game average last year. Scott led Knights to 67-25 win over previously unbeaten Orange Park on Tuesday.



Ridgeview High freshman center Nia Blocton has been pounding the boards with a string of triple doubles; double digit points, rebounds and assists for Lady Panthers.

For Oakleaf (5-0), the explosive rise to prominence last year was brought on by their two freshmen players now sophomores; Fantasia James and Kaylah Turner. Added to the mix is former Bolles’ standout Taliah Scott, also a sophomore, who has rifled up with team-leading point totals of 22, 16 and 25 against Mandarin while James has punched in with 12 rebounds against Bolles, 19 points and four steals against Bradford with games of 20 and 21 against First Coast and Mandarin. Turner has also kept shoulder to shoulder with her backfield teammate with 23 points and nine steals against Bradford and 24 points against First Coast.

Both James and Turner ushered out long time coach Frank Jenkins in dramatic fashion last year with a late season run with a 16-11 overall record and a playoff overtime win over former state champion Nease High in the district tournament. Oakleaf lost in the district semifinal to Flagler Palm Coast. Scott averaged 20 points per game with six rebounds and four steals for Bolles last year.

“They know who I am and where I came from, but we’ve been taking small steps to make it work,” said Cole. “Fantasia is an

awesome point guard and Taliah, who lives in Oakleaf, has added a third weapon to the mix.”

Cole liked the initial energy of the Knights attack and added one more element that differs from his squads at Orange Park.

“The Orange Park girls were just scrappy players and outthusted people,” said Cole, now at 5-0. “These can just flat out play. They are all so smooth out there.”

Cole noted that the Orange Park game was supposed to be at Oakleaf High School, but football playoffs pushed the game to the Tues., Dec. 8 date.

“It is going to be weird to be in the RaiderDome and sitting on the other end of the court,” said Cole, who spent two years as boys assistant coach before coaching the girls team for the past four years. “Coach Nesmith was part of the Orange Park Junior High team that fed players to us, so I know him. It’s still going to be weird until the whistle to start goes. Then, it is game on.”

Cole had records of 17-9, 17-12, 22-6 and 20-8 with three region playoff appearances while directing the Orange Park team.

## SCHEDULES

### Middleburg

Nov. 17 Creekside, won 48-44 (Kamiya Jones 25Pts, 6-3Pts; Autumn Vineyard 10Reb)  
Nov. 19 NFEI, lost 50-42 (Sam Hardison 17Pts)  
Nov. 25 Bolles, lost 49-39 (Sam Hardison 22Pts, 7Steals)  
Dec. 1, Andrew Jackson, lost 65-27  
Thurs., Dec. 3 Bartram Trail, lost 65-28  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at University Christian 630  
Mon., Dec. 14 at Ribault 6  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Vanguard 630  
Fri., Dec. 18 Sandalwood 6  
Mon., Dec. 28 Ponte Vedra 1030 Tournament  
Tues., Dec. 29 Tournament  
Wed., Dec. 30 Tournament

### Oakleaf

Nov. 18 Bolles, won 48-34 (Taliah Scott 22Pts, Fantasia James 12Reb)  
Nov. 19 Lee, won 60-40 (Taliah Scott 16Pts)  
Nov. 24 Bradford, won 62-18 (Fantasia James 19Pts, 4Steals; Kaylah Turner 23Pts, 9Steals)  
Dec. 1 First Coast, won 69-50 (Kaylah Turner 24Pts, Fantasia James 20Pts, 4Steals)  
Fri., Dec. 4 Mandarin, won 87-58 (Taliah Scott 25Pts, Fantasia James 21, Kaylah Turner 18)  
Tues., Dec. 8 at Orange Park  
Thurs., Dec. 10 Sandalwood  
Mon., Dec. 14 at Hilliard  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Clay  
Fri., Dec. 18 Orange Park  
Mon., Dec. 28 Interlachen  
Tues., Dec. 29 Tournament

### Fleming Island

Thurs., Dec. 3 at First Coast, lost 62-56  
Tues., Dec. 8 at Creekside  
Fri., Dec. 11-12 Bishop Moore Tournament  
Tues., Dec. 15 NFEI  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Bishop Snyder  
Fri., Dec. 18 Providence  
Mon., Dec. 21-30 FHS Tournament

### Clay

Nov. 17 Matanzas, won 36-28  
Nov. 18 St. Joseph, lost 65-13  
Nov. 30 Ridgeview, lost 61-35  
Dec. 1 Westside, lost 35-30  
Thurs., Dec. 3 at Orange Park, lost 75-14  
Tues., Dec. 8 at Bishop Snyder 6pm  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at Palatka 6pm  
Tues., Dec. 15 Oakleaf 6pm

### Keystone Heights

Nov. 16 Williston, lost 42-21 (Dezerah Bright 6Pts, 16Reb)  
Nov. 17 Lake Weir, won 25-20 (Dezerah Bright 8Pts, 14Reb, 3Steals; Emma Rogel 4Steals, Madi Mitzel 4Steals)  
Nov. 21 Williston, lost 34-28 (Dezerah Bright 8Pts, 9Reb)  
Nov. 21 HEART, lost 37-23 (Lindsay Quails 7Pts)  
Nov. 23 HEART, lost 39-17 (Dezerah Bright 8Pts, Lindsay Quails 6Reb)  
Nov. 24, Suwannee, lost 66-18  
Dec. 1, Orange Park, lost 67-26 (Lindsay Quails 12Pts, Nyasia Mcgruder 8Pts, Madi Mitzel/Mcgruder 6Reb)  
Thurs., Dec. 3 at Bradford  
Tues., Dec. 8 Interlachen 630pm  
Mon., Dec. 14 Bradford  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Ridgeview  
Fri., Dec. 18 Matanzas 9pm Tournament  
Sat., Dec. 19 North Marion 930am Tournament  
Sat., Dec. 19 Tournament 12:30  
Mon., Dec. 21 Eastside

### St. Johns Country Day School

Nov. 19 St. Francis, won 50-28 (Mary Kate Kent 14Pts, Maggie Kent 12Pts, Kinley Hall 10Pts)  
Nov. 20 St. Joseph, lost 61-35  
Dec. 1 Ridgeview, won 66-58 (Mary Kate Kent 29Pts, Semaj Williams 17Pts, Maggie Kent 11Pts)  
Sat., Dec. 5, Fletcher 2pm  
Mon., Dec. 7 NFEI 6pm  
Tues., Dec. 15 at CCHS 530  
Fri., Dec. 18 Trinity Catholic (Ocala) 615pm  
Sat., Dec. 19 at Belleview 11 Tournament

### Ridgeview

Nov. 10 Bishop Snyder, lost 62-36 (Paetyn Miller 18Pts, 3 3-Pts; Alyssa Sherman 11Pts, 9Reb)  
Nov. 19 Palatka, won 53-35 (Paetyn Miller 20Pts, Alyssa Sherman 17Pts, Nia Blocton 13Pts, 7Steals; Aniyah Lewis 9Reb)  
Nov. 20 RCHS (Davenport), lost 42-37 (Paetyn Miller 11Pts, Alyssa Sherman 11Pts, 7Steals; Nia Blocton 16Reb)  
Nov. 30 Clay, won 61-35 (Nia Blocton 20Pts, 20Reb; Alyssa Sherman 16Pts)  
Dec. 1, SICDS, lost 66-58 (Alyssa Sherman 23Pts, Paetyn Miller 14Pts, Nia Blocton 14Pts, 26Reb)  
Fri., Dec. 4 at Bradford, won 48-40 (Nia Blocton 20Pts, 23Reb, Alyssa Sherman 17Pts, 3-3Pts)  
Tues., Dec. 8 Palatka 630pm  
Thurs., Dec. 10 at West Nassau 630pm  
Fri., Dec. 11 at Trinity Christian 6pm  
Mon., Dec. 14 Westside 6pm  
Tues., Dec. 15 Keystone Heights 7pm  
Fri., Dec. 18 at Ponte Vedra 6pm

### Orange Park

Nov. 17 Baker County, won 68-11 (Eris Lester 24Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 18Pts, 9Reb, 1BS)  
Dec. 1 Keystone Heights, won 67-26 (Eris Lester 30Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 15Pts, 11Reb, 10Steals; Mychaela Parker 9Reb)  
Thurs., Dec. 3 Clay, won 75-14 (Eris Lester 32Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 19Pts; Kymaria Bozeman 7Reb)  
Tues., Dec. 8 Oakleaf  
Thurs., Dec. 10 Baker County  
Fri., Dec. 11 Mandarin  
Sat., Dec. 12 at Trenton 630pm  
Tues., Dec. 15 Nease  
Fri., Dec. 18 at Oakleaf  
Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Bishop Snyder 9am Tournament

# Blue Devils, Panthers win cheerleading titles

By Mike Zima  
Correspondent

TAMPA - Clay and Ridgeview high schools won division titles at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Central Florida Regional in Tampa on December 5, leading a contingent of five local high schools that earned bids to the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship to be held Feb. 5-7, 2021 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida.

The Blue Devils overcame a shaky start with a near-flawless finish to capture first place in the Medium Coed Division.

"We had two drops at the beginning but then pulled it together and hit the rest of the routine," said Clay head coach Lori Davis. "Our running tumbling was great and

the cheer was very energetic."

Clay's challenging routine featured hand to hand pyramids and round-offs by the flyers as they approached their bases to be lifted into full extensions.

Despite having a whole new slate of five boys who had never cheered before this season, the Blue Devils showed no signs of slowing down after winning last year's FHSAA Class 1A state championship. Davis intends to clean up the current routine and then add more difficulty in between the FHSAA Regional Meet on January 9, 2021 and the UCA national championship.

Ridgeview, a rising cheer power under third-year coach Aimee Stutz, won the Small Varsity Coed Non-Tumbling Di-

SEE CHEER, 31



A handful of area cheerleader squads; led by Ridgeview, left, and Clay high school, below, varsity teams with first place finishes at the Universal Cheerleader Association regionals, will be attending the national championships in February. Ridgeview's junior varsity, above, also will compete.



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# Cheer

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vision at the regional for the second straight year. With only one drop during what Stutz called "the hardest routine we have ever done in my three years as head coach," the Panthers punched their ticket to Orlando. Like Clay, Stutz plans to increase the difficulty of the Ridgeview routine in order to give the Panthers a chance to medal in Orlando.

"We know there are great teams who compete there, and we are excited for the opportunity to see and compete against them," she said.

All of the Clay County schools who competed scored high enough to earn bids to the UCA national competition. Fleming Island was the runnerup behind Clay in the Medium Coed Division, while Bishop Snyder took second place behind Ridgeview in the Small Varsity Coed Non-Tumbling Division. Most of last year's FH-SAA title-winning Snyder squad is new, so coach Angi Brannan was pleased with Saturday's result.

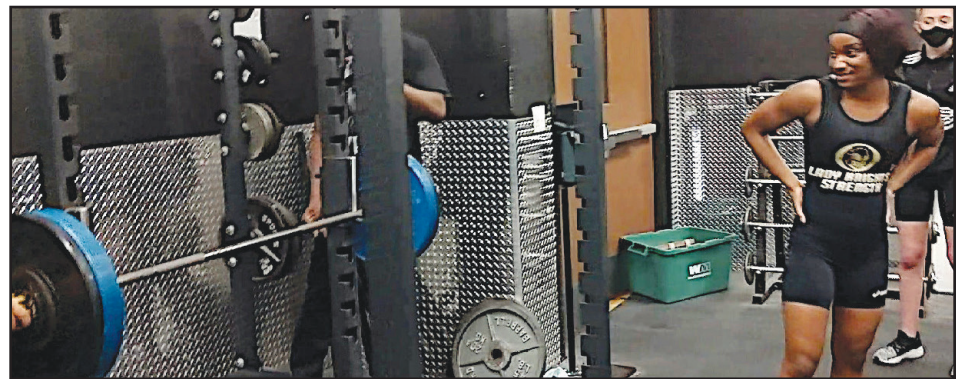
"We went in with the mindset of just getting a bid to nationals because we have a whole new team and because of Covid, so we are super blessed to have had the opportunity to perform and to get that," said Brannan.

Middleburg secured a bid in the Small Varsity Division. The Covid-19 pandemic has affected all of Clay County's teams, limiting the ability to practice stunts, which require close contact, and even the cheer portion of the routines. Oakleaf was unable to compete as scheduled in the Super Varsity Division of the UCA Regional due to Covid contact tracing protocols. According to head coach Daniel Richardson, the Knights' eligibility for the national competition will be determined at a later date.

"This season is so different from the past with all the teams losing most of our summer practice time, plus dealing with all the Covid protocols," said Clay's Davis. "But I believe all the Clay County teams have worked hard to make things work and are just truly happy to be having a season at all."



The Green Cove Junior High cheerleading team competed at the UCA Central Florida Regional Championship this past weekend and received a bid to Nationals in Disney World. The team will be traveling to Orlando in February to compete for the title of National Champion.



Oakleaf High senior weightlifter Tamia Briley gets set to attempt a state record 170 pounds on the bench press in dual meet with Clay. Briley is strong candidate for Class 2A title in February.

## Briley lighter, stronger for her state lifting bid

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - After two 10th place finishes at state, Oakleaf High weightlifter Tamia Briley sent a message last week that she is primed to not repeat in 2020.

Briley, 10th at 110 two years ago and 10th last year at 119, is returning to 110 to make her bid at a state weightlift medal.

"That was 155, 165 and 170 for her progression," said Oakleaf weightlifting coach Ben White, noting Briley's near miss at the state record weight of 170 on the bench press at a dual meet with Clay High. "The state record is 170 at the state championship; post season best. We have to work on some form to get her to 180 by the post season. She is obviously strong."

At last week's dual meet with Clay High, in a clash of state contenders, Briley just missed at a state record 170 in the bench press.

"That was close," said Briley, on her record attempt. "It was good. My best was just 155 last year. I didn't get 165 last week, but

got it today, so I'll get the 170 next week."

For White, Briley's improvement is coming in stages with a little more weight each week targeting for a big lift in post season championship meets.

"Last year, 160 was her best, so the 165 today was big," said White. "She missed 165 earlier this year, so getting 165 and getting 170 halfway up is heading in the right direction. Our goal is to get to the 180-185 range by districts."

At last year's region meet, Briley had a dramatic no-lift situation on her first two lifts at 150 and nearly lost her bid to state before landing her third lift at 150 to finish third, but more importantly, advance to state. "She's always been good at bench press, so her clean and jerk progression is where we want to make up weight," said White. "Her bench and clean have been the

At the state meet, Briley benched just 155 and clean and jerked 140.

"To get that 165 today and with our plan to improve her technique each week, we want to be improve about five pounds per week by districts," said White. "Her bench has always been her strongest part with her clean and jerk about the same. She's always been good at bench and we want to hit 190 at state."



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# Eagles

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fault.” “When you hear a lot of ‘My bads,’ it will kill you every time.”

The mistakes came early and often for the Golden Eagles. Running back Tim Thomas tripped over quarterback T.K. Kocak’s foot on the second play from scrimmage, resulting in a loss that forced Fleming Island into a passing situation. On the next play, Kocak’s screen pass was thrown right into the chest of linebacker Preston Murphy, who made the interception at the Golden Eagles’ 17 yard line. Niceville took advantage of the short field with a seven yard run by senior Shawn Parker, giving the Eagles a 7-0 lead three minutes into



Fleming Island seniors T.K. Kocak and Alex Maier share season ending moment.

the game. It got worse.

Four Golden Eagles stayed in short zones while Niceville receiver Roland Clay ran a fly pattern late in the first quarter, allowing Eagles quarterback Trey Wainwright to connect with his favorite target for an easy 53 yard score that put the visitors ahead 14-0.

In the second quarter, the Golden Eagles were caught with only two defenders to cover three Niceville receivers split wide right. Wainwright recognized it and threw a quick screen to Amareyeh Thomas for an 18 yard gain. Thomas hauled in a touchdown pass later in the quarter on a back shoulder throw to push Niceville’s advantage to 21.

Fleming Island had a chance to make a game of it midway through the second quarter. Tim Thomas woke up the partisan crowd with a 46 yard run that was followed by runs of 13 and 8 yards by Sam Singleton, all part of a 75 yard drive that reached the Eagles’ five yard line. But Niceville linebacker Michael Carruthers stripped Kocak on the next play, causing a fumble that Carruthers recovered to end the threat and preserve the 21 point margin.

Fleming’s Colt Hyams was short on a 47 yard field goal attempt just before halftime, sending the Golden Eagles to the



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA  
Fleming Island wide receiver Darion Domenick goes air trying to avoid Niceville tackler.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO  
Fleming Island defensive back Devin Grind gets some sideline advice in first half against Niceville.

locker room facing a 28-0 deficit.

On the first possession of the second half, Devin Grind failed to make an over the shoulder catch on a punt inside the Golden Eagles ten yard line, and was fortunate to corral the ball at the one. On the first play from scrimmage, Niceville linebacker Keylon Murphy pounced on a second Kocak fumble, setting up a short touchdown run by Dominic Annichiarico that, after Charles Labee’s extra point, gave Niceville

a 35-0 lead and started a running clock.

“It hurts,” said Springs. “We had to play a perfect game, just reading our keys. Instead, we blew assignments and got caught with our eyes in the backfield.”

The undefeated Eagles do not need much help. Only two of their 11 opponents this season have avoided a running clock. Wainwright, a Class 7A Mr. Football candidate who had completed 78 percent of his passes entering the game, threw for 164



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO  
Wide out Will Stephens gets touchdown signal from sideline fan Angela Whiddon.

yards and three touchdowns in the first half. The senior now has 31 touchdown passes and just two interceptions. Parker had 72 of his game-high 74 rushing yards in the first half. Thomas hauled in six passes for 65 yards, including a second touchdown on a perfectly timed fade route to the back corner of the end zone.

The early deficit forced Fleming Island to play an unfamiliar style, one the Golden Eagles did not want to play.

“We thought we could sustain the run game, wear them down, and gash them in the third and fourth quarter,” explained Springs.

Instead, Kocak, who threw only one pass in the Golden Eagles’ previous game, a 42-7 win over Atlantic Coast, threw 19 passes. The senior completed eight throws for 158 yards. Singleton and Tim Thomas had only 16 combined carries, less than half of their usual load.



Senior running back Tim Thomas breaks away for long run in fourth quarter.

The Golden Eagles scored the last 18 points of the game. Hyams nailed a 43 yard field goal on the final play of the third quarter, and Alex Maier recovered the ensuing onside kick at the Niceville 48 yard line. Four plays later, Kocak evaded pressure and connected with wideout Will Stephens, who touched his feet down just inside the end zone before falling out of bounds, for a 10 yard score. After a fumble recovery by the Golden Eagles’ Tyler Cross, Singleton broke two tackles on his way to the end zone for a 33 yard touchdown. Stephens passed to fellow senior T.J. Lawrence for a two-point conversion, making the score 35-18.

Springs was proud of the Golden Eagles rally.

“That felt good. Our team is always going to fight to the end,” said Springs. “It shows that they are becoming the young men we hoped they would.”

Fleming Island completes its season with a 9-3 record. Springs is already looking forward to 2021. A lot of players who contributed in 2020, including Singleton and receivers Darion Domineck and Caleb Jones, will return in the Fall.

“You want to reload instead of rebuild, and that is where our program is right now.”







Fleming Island's defense watches as defender Matthew Male clears ball in Golden Eagles 6-0 win over previously unbeaten Ridgeview.



St. Johns Country Day School defender Ben Clayton sends ball downfield in Spartans 1-0 win over Providence. Forward Matthew Stratton scored the lone goal for Spartans.

## BOYS SOCCER

### Fleming Island

Nov. 17 Mandarin, lost 3-0  
 Nov. 20 Seabreeze, lost 4-0  
 Nov. 23 Atlantic Coast, won 3-1  
 Dec. 1 Ridgeview, won 6-0  
 Dec. 3 Gainesville, lost 2-0  
 Tues., Dec. 8 at Creekside  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Oakleaf  
 Mon. Dec. 14 vs. Nease  
 Wed., Dec. 16 vs. Fletcher

### Ridgeview

Nov. 9 Episcopal, won 2-1  
 Nov. 16, Baker Co., won 8-0  
 Nov. 20 SJCDs, lost 2-0  
 Nov. 23 Fletcher, won 2-0  
 Dec. 1 Fleming Island, lost 6-0  
 Dec. 3 Ponte Vedra, lost 1-0  
 Mon., Dec. 7 at Middleburg  
 Tues., Dec. 8 vs. St. Augustine  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Orange Park  
 Tues., Dec. 15 vs. Menendez  
 Fri., Dec. 18 vs. Clay  
**Clay**  
 Nov. 16 SJCDs 2-2  
 Nov. 18 Middleburg, won 3-0  
 Dec. 2 Palatka, won 6-1  
 Dec. 4 Orange Park, lost 2-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 at Palatka  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 at Keystone Hts.  
 Fri., Dec. 18 at Ridgeview

### Keystone Heights

Nov. 13 Crescent City, lost 5-1 (Luke Van Zant 1Goal, Chris Anderson 1Assist, Carson Eatmon, 6Saves)  
 Nov. 17 Palatka, tie 1-1 (Chris Truman 1Goal, Jacob Lepanto 1Assist)  
 Nov. 19 West Nassau, won 7-0 (Chris Truman 3Goals, Chris Anderson 3Goals, Jordan Holmes 1Goal, Carson Eatmon 5Saves)  
 Dec. 1 Baker County, won 6-0 (Chris Anderson 3Goals, Tyler Shaw 1Goal, Skylar Kedgley 1Goal, Luke Van Zant 1Goal)

Dec. 3 Interlachen, won 3-1 (Jason Lauzurique 1Goal, Tyler Colaw 1Goal, Chris Anderson 1Goal)  
 Dec. 4 Fort White, won 8-0 (Chris Anderson 3Goals, Luke Van Zant 2Goals, Tyler Shaw 1Goal, Logan Spence 1Goal, Chris Truman 1Goal)  
 Tues., Dec. 8 Crescent City  
 Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston  
 Fri., Dec. 11 P.K. Yonge  
 Mon., Dec. 14 Fernandina Beach  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 Clay  
 Fri., Dec. 18 Palatka

### Middleburg

Nov. 17 Orange Park, lost 3-1  
 Nov. 18 Clay, lost 3-0  
 Dec. 1 Lee, won 10-2  
 Dec. 2 P.K. Yonge, lost 5-1  
 Mon., Dec. 7 Ridgeview  
 Wed., Dec. 9 at Palatka  
 Wed., Dec. 16 Duval Charter 530  
 Fri., Dec. 18 Orange Park

### Orange Park

Nov. 10 Bishop Snyder, lost 4-3  
 Nov. 13 SJCDs, lost 5-0  
 Nov. 17 Middleburg, won 3-1  
 Nov. 19 Westside, lost 4-2  
 Dec. 4 Clay, won 2-1  
 Tues., Dec. 8 at Baldwin  
 Fri., Dec. 11 Ridgeview  
 Tues., Dec. 15 at Oakleaf  
 Fri., Dec. 18 at Middleburg

### St. Johns Country Day School

Nov. 13 Maclay, lost 1-0  
 Nov. 13 Orange Park, won 5-0 (J. Graston, L. Graston, Linge, West, Brafford goals)  
 Nov. 16 Clay, tied 2-2  
 Nov. 20 Ridgeview, won 2-0  
 Dec. 1 Providence, won 1-0 (Matthew Stratton Goal)  
 Dec. 4 St. Joseph, lost 3-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 at Bishop Snyder 6



Ridgeview High forward Aiden Kenney attempts back kick to get ball back downfield in 8-0 win over Baker County.

### Oakleaf

Nov. 18 Episcopal, won 5-1  
 Nov. 20 Sandalwood, tied 3-3  
 Dec. 1 Bishop Snyder, won 6-0  
 Dec. 3 Wolfson, won 9-1  
 Dec. 4 P.K. Yonge, won 7-6

Mon., Dec. 7 at Nease  
 Wed., Dec. 9 Bishop Snyder  
 Fri., Dec. 11 Fleming Island  
 Mon., Dec. 14 at Bartram Trail  
 Tues., Dec. 15 Orange Park



St. Johns Country Day School midfielder Jacob Kailes moves ball up field against Providence in Spartans' 1-0 win.



Fleming Island forward Leon Horvath sprints past Ridgeview defense in Golden Eagles' 6-0 win.

# A LOOK BACK ...



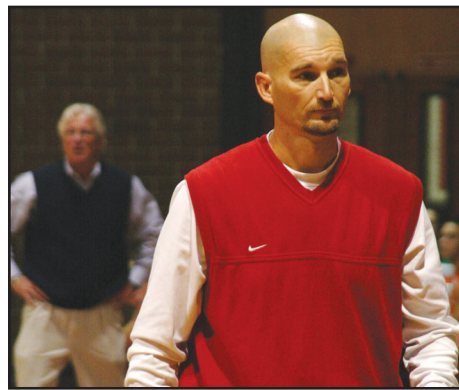
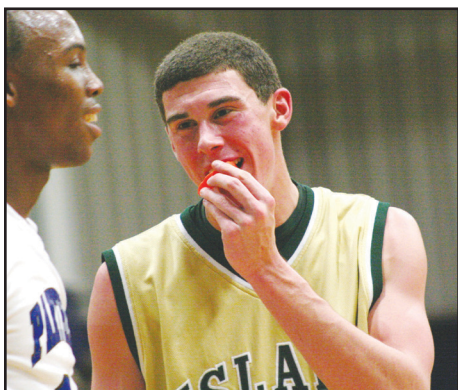
Fleming Island soccer standout Cody Shaw in driving rainstorm in overtime playoff win over Columbia.



Far Right: Former Clay County track standouts Mary Ann Brown, in white, and Nick Maedel in First Place Sports downtown race. Maedel, a Ridgeview High grad, has finished Hawaii Ironman. Brown, an Orange Park and Oakleaf standout, still holds many county track records.



Three long time Clay High football coaches; Jim Reape, still coaching football and wrestling; Frank Wickes, cross country, and John Stilianou, now athletic director at Middleburg High School, are still on area sidelines.



Fleming Island and Indiana University track hurdler Konner Achors, left, also dabbled in basketball while Orange Park High athletic director Michael Harrison, here on sideline against Orange Park legend coach Daryl Lauderdale, dons a smooth dome for Middleburg Broncos.

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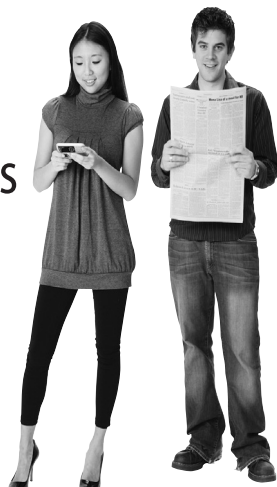
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# LEGAL NOTICES

## Legal Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, pursuant to SECTION 83.801-809 Florida Statutes "Storage Facility Act" will sell to the highest bidder the contents of the following storage units located at KEYSTONE HEIGHTS SELF STORAGE, 1029 SE Sate Road 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. Said contents consisting of personal property, household and other goods, furniture, etc., or as otherwise indicated.

Sale will take place on December 19th, 2020 @ 10:00am @ 1029 SE State Road 100, Keystone Heights, FL 32656. This sale is being made to satisfy a statutory lien. Registration will begin at 9:15am at 7378 Sunrise Blvd, Keystone Heights, FL 32656 and then will proceed to the location listed above as the auction site.

Unit number(s) and name(s) of tenants are as follows:  
K160 Veronica Burch

Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charges according to FL Statutes 83.806. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw any unit from such sale. Open bids only.

**CASH PAYMENTS ONLY. ALL Sales Are Final. 10% Buyers Premium.** For any winning bid the buyer must present a \$50.00 cleaning fee for each winning unit and is refundable upon returning the unit broom swept. Contents to be removed by close of business 12/19/2020.

Legal 47101 published Dec 10 and Dec 17, 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**

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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 in 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 crntinrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711**

**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 SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Dec 31, 2020 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2013 Toyota 2T1BU4EE6DC955664  
1998 Ford 1FTZR15U6WPA72285  
2004 Ford 1FMZU6K64UB18626  
Legal 47107 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

### NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida, will hold its Regular Meetings for 2021 on the dates listed below in the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule. The meetings will be held in the Board's Meeting Room on the fourth floor of the Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. All Regular Meetings of the Board commence at 4:00 P.M., unless otherwise posted.

All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings. Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, a person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at a meeting of the Board or any subsequent meeting to which the Board has continued its deliberations is advised that such person will need a record of all proceedings and may need to ensure that verbatim record of all proceeding is made, which must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Clay County ADA Coordinator by mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, or by telephone at number (904) 278-3707, no later than three (3) days prior to the meeting for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida

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Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
**2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**  
January 12 July 13  
January 26 July 27  
February 9 August 10  
February 23 August 24  
March 9 Sept 14  
March 23 Sept 28  
April 13 October 12  
April 27 October 26  
May 11 November 9  
May 25 November 23  
June 8 December 14  
June 22

Legal 47104 published 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 Number: 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 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 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. DONAHO, JR  
Florida Bar Number: 78530  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
DONAHO & 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.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2020-CP-000576  
Division A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DOLORES L. JARRETT, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of DOLORES L. JARRETT, deceased, whose date of death was October 8, 2019, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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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 SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 10, 2020.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

ALISON E. HICKMAN  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar Number 085048

Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.  
Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
1543 Kingsley Avenue Suite 5  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
Fax: (904) 264-0155

Primary email address: alison@floridaelder.com  
Secondary email address: donna@floridaelder.com

Personal Representative:  
MARGARET MARY HOPKINS  
817 Cherry Grove Road  
Orange Park, Florida 32073

Legal 47087 published Dec 10 and Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

### PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/26/2020 10:00 am at 2905 BLANDING BLVD 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.  
2HGES16571H574618 2001 HONDA 3FA6P0HD5HR250123 2017 FORD 4JGBF71E89A515423 2009 MERCEDES  
Legal 47075 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-611  
Division B

**IN RE: ESTATE OF EDITH B. SEATON, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Edith B. Seaton, deceased, whose date of death was October 30, 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

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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 December 10, 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:

Stuart Douglass Seaton  
2613 Faversham Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Legal 47106 published Dec 10 and Dec 17, 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

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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.

### FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **SETH TYLER BROKA, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

### AERIAL INSIGHTS

located at **4271 YVONNE TERRACE, MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068** intends to register the said name in **CLAY** county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Legal 47094 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

### Public Notice Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold a Special Meeting on **Thursday, December 17th, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the District Multi-Purpose Center located at the corner of Walnut Street and Gratio Place in Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Any person requiring special

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN ARMY STANDARD SCOUT RECONNAISSANCE RANGE, CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER

**DESCRIPTION:** Interested parties are hereby notified that the Florida Army National Guard (FLARNG) has prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA), and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) regarding the proposed action described below. **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 United States Code [USC] 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and 32 CFR 651 (Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, Final Rule, 29 March 2002). **PROPOSED ACTION:** This EA evaluates the potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects of establishing a new Department of the Army standard Scout Reconnaissance (Scout Recce) Range at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC). Construction of the Scout Recce Range would require approximately 667 acres of land to be cleared and converted to maintained grassland to accommodate the range footprint and the small arms range operations and control area facilities. In addition, range construction would include the addition of lighting, utility extensions, and access and maintenance road development. Approximately 14,077 acres would be required to accommodate the Surface Danger Zone, although this area would not be disturbed for range construction. Currently, the FLARNG can conduct only portions of required training on the existing ranges at CBJTC and must travel out-of-state to meet their full training requirements. The Proposed Action would ensure the continued and long-term viability of the CBJTC to support the FLARNG's and other military users' assigned training missions. **PUBLIC REVIEW:** The EA and draft FNSI will undergo a 30-day public comment period from 10 December 2020 to 9 January 2021 in accordance with 5 651.14 of 32 CFR Part 651, Environmental Analysis of Army Actions. During this period, the public may submit comments on the EA. The EA can be accessed online at <https://fl.ng.mil/Camp-Blanding/Pages/default.aspx> or at the Bradford County Public Library located at 456 West Pratt Street, Starke, FL 32091. **COMMENTS:** Comments on the EA and draft FNSI are welcomed and should be submitted during the 30-day comment period to: Ms. Jackie Kelly, Conservation Program Team Lead, Construction and Facilities Management Office, Florida Army National Guard, 2305 State Road 207, Saint Augustine, FL 32086, or via e-mail to [jacqueline.d.kelly6.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:jacqueline.d.kelly6.nfg@mail.mil).

Legal 47102 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.



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

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Email Christie at [christie@opcfla.com](mailto: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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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 honnie.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 47103 published Dec 10, 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 24, 2020 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. 2006 BMW WBAHN83546DT38011 2004 FORD 1FMZU62K64UB18626 2017 MITS ML32A3HJ3HH000918 Legal 47093 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time:  
**JANUARY 4, 2020 @ 10:00 AM**  
2005 Chevrolet 1GNDV23L75D229951  
2011 Ford 1FT7W2BT0BED11305  
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.  
Legal 47090 publish Dec 10, 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 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 3191 County Road 209 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property in Clay County, Florida:  
**LOT 1, BLOCK 3, OF RIVIERA ESTATES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED I PLAT BOOK 9 PAGES 7, 8 AND 9 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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 Plaintiff's 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 Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or

**PUBLIC SALE**  
On 23 DEC 2020 @ 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065, Tom's Towing Service will auction off the following vehicles for towing and storage charges.  
**2007 TOYOTA 4T1BE46K67U597843**  
Legal 47092 publish Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that SUSAN AMBONG RAYSOR, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of  
**AMFIL COMMERCIAL CLEANING**  
located at 569 THORNBERRY ROAD, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.  
Legal 47095 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

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 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  
Telephone: (407) 720-8350  
E-Mail: dowlin@pariolegal.com  
Secondary E-Mail: service@pariolegal.com  
Christopher McCoy  
Christopher McCoy, Petitioner  
Legal 47082 published Dec 3rd and Dec 10 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

**PUBLIC SALE**  
On 23 DEC 2020 @ 10 A.M. 246 Jefferson Ave, Orange Park, Florida 32065, Tom's Towing Service will auction off the following vehicles for towing and storage charges.  
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Legal 47095 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

**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

**PUBLIC SALE**  
FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/27/2020 10:00 am at 2905 BLANDING BLVD 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.  
**1FTR4FH8LLA49661 2020 FORD JNSDR09X84W805694 2004 NISSAN KMHD84LF1KU876682 2019 Hyundai**  
Legal 47016 publish Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**PUBLIC SALE**  
The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids.  
**2006 Cadillac 1GYEE63A960220867**  
**2007 Honda 1HGCM56787A154657**  
The auction will be held on 12/28/2020 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Legal 47099 published Dec 10, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today

Bid Notices

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 8th day, January 2021, at 2:00 P.M., the Town of Orange Park will receive and open sealed responses for the following:  
**APPRAISER SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA**  
Pursuant to F.S. 50.0211(3)(a), all published competitive solicitation notices can be viewed at: www.floridapublicnotices.com, a searchable Statewide repository for all published legal notices. Requirements for submission and the selection criteria may be viewed or downloaded from www.townoforangepark.com.  
Bids may be submitted, in person or via U.S. Mail to:  
Town of Orange Park  
Attention: Town Clerk  
2042 Park Avenue  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Bids will also be accepted via email to:  
Town Clerk Courtney Russo  
crusso@townop.com  
no later than 2:00 P.M., on January 8, 2021. Please submit your confidential financial information in a SEPARATE ENVELOPE or EMAIL from your bid and required documents. The subject line on both emails must read as follows:  
RFP APPRAISER SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - DISASTER RECOVERY VOLUNTARY HOME BUYOUT PROGRAM  
Files that do not contain this subject line WILL BE REJECTED. Please note that the maximum file size that will be accepted by email is 25MB. Should your bid documents exceed 25MB, please email: crusso@townop.com for instructions. The

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Chris Modlin #204 Hshld items  
Derek Modlin # 185 Hshld items  
Bonnie Lawrence #290 Hshld items  
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Bid Notices

bid opening for this solicitation will be held in person and virtually, via the internet, at 2:00 P.M., on January 8, 2021. You may register for the virtual call by contacting Town Clerk Courtney Russo before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021.  
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Notice of Sale

**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 LANDERS 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 LANDERS 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, 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  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 2018-CA-001249  
**LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**JUDITH S. SUTHERLAND, et al.**  
Defendant(s).  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 26, 2019, and entered in 2018 CA 001249 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC is the Plaintiff and JUDITH S. SUTHERLAND; RAYMOND SUTHERLAND; RIDGECREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntinrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you 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.  
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Notice of Sale

(Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crntinrp@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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CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2019CA001070  
**SECTION NO.**  
**PINGORA LOAN SERVICING, LLC,**  
PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
**PATRICIA K. CASSATT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA K. CASSATT; FOREST HAMMOCK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,**  
DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Order on Plaintiff's Emergency Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale entered on December 2, 2020, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on February 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at https://www.clay.realforeclose.com/, the following described property:  
**LOT 454, FOREST HAMMOCK AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION - UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 55, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 644 Drysdale Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM BEFORE THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED  
Dated: December 7, 2020  
(seal)  
TARA S. GREEN, CLERK  
CLAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION  
CASE NO: 2018-CA-001249  
**LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**JUDITH S. SUTHERLAND, et al.**  
Defendant(s).  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 26, 2019, and entered in 2018 CA 001249 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC is the Plaintiff and JUDITH S. SUTHERLAND; RAYMOND SUTHERLAND; RIDGECREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntinrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you 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.  
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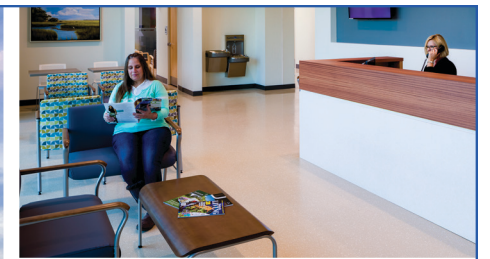
Notice of Sale

OF AMERICA, NA are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM, on **January 20, 2021**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 49, RIDGECREST, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 47 AND 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 619 HARRISON AVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.  
Dated this 4th day of December, 2020.  
(seal)  
Tara S. Green  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Rebecca Crews  
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT  
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crntinrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you 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.  
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