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Eddie Farhat, left, lived on dialysis for six-and-a-half years before Roger Higginbotham donated one of his kidneys last August.

## Facebook post leads to life-altering kidney donation

Man responds to social media request by donating kidney to Jacksonville man

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FLEMING ISLAND – Eddie Farhat visited the doctors six and a half years ago for what he thought was standard procedure. He learned day he had kidney disease and he'd need to be on dialysis until a new kidney was found

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## A Christmas tradition



Volunteers fill bags of toys that were given away at the J.P. Hall Children's Charity toy giveaway at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

J.P. Hall Children's Charities

## Filling dreams, hope of children

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Bickner family waited nearly four hours in line to get three bags of toys for their

children. It was time well spent.

Not only will the family from Keystone Heights be able to have presents under the Christmas tree, the children made tree ornaments, wrote

**SEE CHILDREN, 24**

## A salute to Hendry



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Gayward Hendry has spent his entire adult life serving in the military, working with law enforcement and more recently on the Board of County Commissioners. Now 73, Hendry will transition into retirement his his dog Dixie. Just don't expect him to slow down. *See story, page 22.*



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# The Way, Chamber join forces to provide healthcare to uninsured local workers

In the third 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. In the first two installments, *The Way* revealed it will open a second clinic in Orange Park next year and its plan to create ClayPASS to help needy families navigate more efficiently through the healthcare system. This 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.

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CLAY COUNTY – The Way Free Medical Clinic and the Chamber of Commerce are looking to bring local employers and their employees into the fold of free healthcare.

Free healthcare may sound too good to be true, but that's exactly what *The Way* Free Medical Clinic in Green Cove Springs provides to its patients. *The Way* executive director Don Fann said there's a stigma with the clinic and free healthcare, but he says it's not healthcare just for the homeless or for those with nowhere else to turn. The Chamber and the clinic are working to break that stigma so that otherwise un-

insured, low-income employees without healthcare can get the medical attention they might need.

"Way@Work is a free medical care program for low income, uninsured employees of local businesses," Fann said. "So many businesses can't afford to provide insurance coverage to employees who are ineligible for benefits and this program outreach local businesses to enroll eligible low-income, uninsured workers into *The Way* Free medical clinic's care before they become ill so that when they do need care, they're already a patient."

Way@Work is a multi-step program *The Way* plans to launch in January. It's multi-step because adding hundreds of new pa-



The Way Free Medical Clinic's Don Fann (r) and the Clay County Chamber of Commerce's Wendell Chindra are excited to work together to bring their Way@Work free medical care program to low-income, uninsured employees of local businesses.

tients at one time wouldn't bode well for the clinic. So *The Way* and the Chamber of Commerce will work to bring the new patients onboard in phases.

Way@Work works directly with local businesses to pre-qualify workers for free medical care before they become ill, Fann said, and when it launches, it will be free to both workers and employers, and participating businesses will have the option to sponsor the program through a corporate donation, which is tax deductible.

After Fann and his team came up with the idea, they knew they needed to dig into Clay County's business community, and that meant bringing in the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and its president, Wendell Chindra.

"A crucial piece of Way@Work is getting businesses to buy into the idea and the program," Chindra said. "The Way has been here doing good work, but Way@Work needs to receive some validation and collaboration, which is where we come in."

Chindra and the Chamber will be working with its members to get them involved, and he said having the Chamber behind the program will help it gain more ground.

"I approached Wendell because I saw the potential and immense value of the partnership with the chamber," Fann said. "Essentially, this is an outreach program so even though we may think there are say, 50,000 low-income, uninsured in Clay County, we don't know who or where they are necessarily. We do know many are employees in our local businesses though and the chamber's extensive reach is just

a perfect augmentation to this program for us."

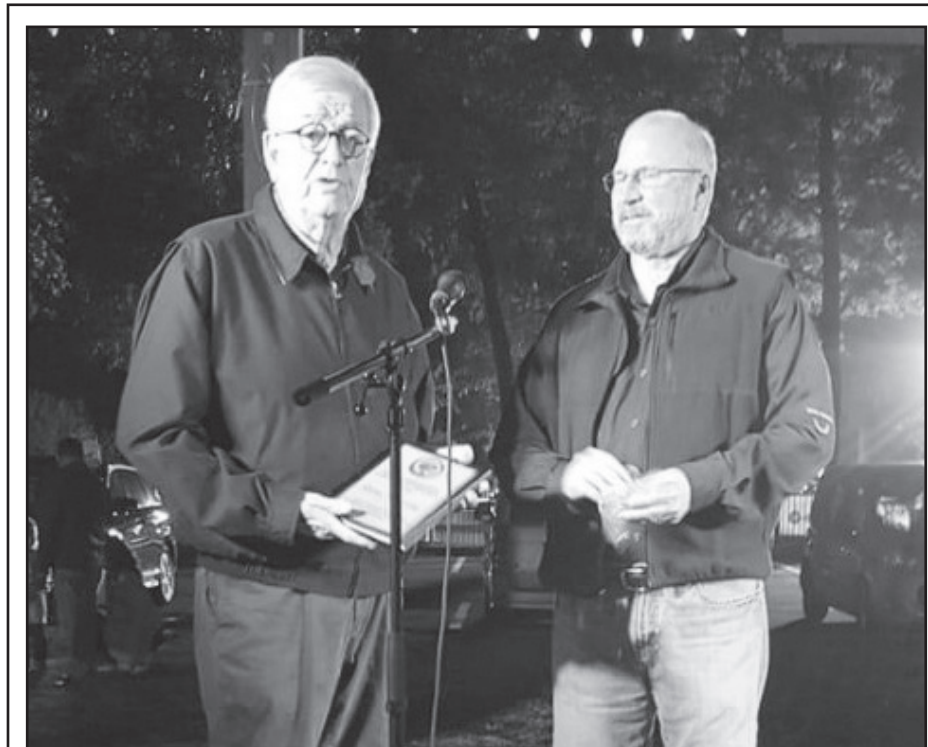
Fann said one of the greatest benefits of the program is the employees and their family will be able to receive free healthcare from the clinic. Beyond the immediate benefits of free healthcare and healthcare in general, Fann said employers will likely notice improved employee performance, attendance and retention.

One of the leading factors employees leave their job is benefits. If a happy employee doesn't have benefits, they might leave their job in search of a job for health insurance. Way@Work will be there to bridge that gap, Fann said.

The program is expected to launch next year and as the months go by, more businesses will be brought into the fold.

"Employers at their heart would like to give as much as they could, including benefits, but financially, it's difficult," Chindra said. "Add COVID-19 to the equation and the word impossible definitely enters the vocabulary. With the addition of COVID-19 and everything we're dealing with, I think the timing of the program is great.

"When Don first approached me about this, it sounded too good to be true and I felt as though by adding our name to it, it will validate it and take the possible lack of trust from businesses away from it. Timing is important. You could have the greatest idea in the world, but if the timing is off, it could fail. The timing could not be better for this and I'm excited for our local businesses to learn about this."



## Howard honored for lifetime of service in Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – Former Mayor Steve Howard (l) was honored to be presented with the Earl Harrington Community Service Award for outstanding service to the Orange Park Community by the Historical Society of Orange Park. Van Hogan is shown presenting Taylor with the award at Orange Park's Hometown Holiday Celebration on Saturday at the Clark House.

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## The Power of prevention: An advocate's plea for action

By Jack Levine  
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Without any doubt, prevention is the best medicine.

In both personal behavior and public policy priorities, keeping bad things from happening is not only wise, it's potentially life-saving.

For more than 40 years, it has been my honor to advocate for tried and true policies, programs and practices for children which reduce risk and enhance success.

In so many ways, our children's health and well-being depends on us doing our best to avoid problems before they bring negative results. From the earliest stages of life, access to prenatal care enhances the likelihood of a healthy birth. The research is clear and convincing...early health care in pregnancy minimizes newborn distress and reduces infant mortality.

We have learned so much about early brain development and the importance of providing positive sensory experiences to enhance emotional well-being and pave the way for educational success. Babies are smart in so many ways. When they receive the attention they crave, are properly fed and lovingly cared for, they learn that they are safe and secure. When they are ignored, neglected or suffer violence, they perceive their world to be an unsafe and frightening place.

Innovative neurological research tells us that the majority of brain growth and development occurs years before kindergarten. Realizing that our homes are our first school rooms recognizes the vital importance of the early years. That is why timely education and support services for new parents and affordable high-quality early learning opportunities in the community are so essential for our children's educational futures.

I doubt that anyone would dismiss these realities as unimportant, but it's up to all of us as individuals, family members, neighbors and citizens to do all we can to create opportunities for our youngest to survive, thrive and succeed.

When it comes to children, it's not whether we pay; it's when. Investing in success is far better than paying the high costs of failure. Not only does an ounce of prevention avoid a pound of cure...it far outweighs a ton of punishment.

My experience tells me that a "whole child, whole family and whole community" approach to assuring that prudent investments in quality care should be made

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## OPINION



## New year finally takes us away from 2020 – and to start of a new racing season

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

The best thing about 2020 is the fact it's almost gone. That means we can be optimistic about 2021.

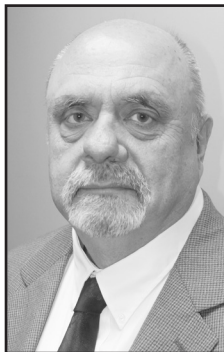
For me, that means the return of the racing season.

The lure of sports-car racing has always been tempting for NASCAR drivers. Jimmie Johnson is on that long list of stock car drivers who continues to accept the challenge of a twice-around-the-clock race.

Johnson will join Action Express Racing in the No. 48 Cadillac DPiV.R. His co-drivers will be 2019 Indianapolis 500 winner Simon Pagenaud, two-time Rolex 24 at Daytona winner Kamui Kobayashi and former Daytona and LeMans winner Mike Rockenfeller in a second Action Express car.

Action team manager Gary Nelson, the former NASCAR Cup Series Director, last week confirmed the formation of second car for the Jan. 30-31 on the 3.56-mile Daytona International Speedway road course.

"We've been talking to Jimmie about running with us for many months," Nelson said. "It all came together in November with the support of Hendrick Motorsports and their tremendous partner, Ally.



Don Coble

"Jimmie has a lot of experience at Daytona, not only on the oval, but turning into the infield as well. Simon brings a lot of endurance experience and Kamui adds a wealth of car setup knowledge and speed to the car. We won the Rolex 24 with Mike in 2010, so he is familiar with how we operate. I would like to thank fellow IMSA competitor Paul Miller for sharing the 48 number. We're looking at having a great 10 days in Daytona starting with the Roar Before the 24."

The Cadillacs have won the last four sports car marathons, including in 2018 when Action Express won with its No. 5 Mustang Sampling prototype.

The other three Cadillac wins were by Wayne Taylor Racing, but Taylor switched to the Acura ARX-05 after Penske Racing withdrew from the series.

Taylor's void will be filled by Chip Ganassi Racing. The organization that's won a record six 24-hour races at Daytona will return in a Cadillac with drivers Renger van der Zande and Kevin Magnussen. Additional drivers will be selected later, but Ganassi has a long list of candidates from his NASCAR and IndyCar teams, including four-time Daytona winner Scott Dixon, Kurt Busch, Alex Palou, Marcus Ericsson and Tony Kanaan.

Johnson retired last month as a full-time NASCAR driver after winning 83 of 686 starts. He will race in selected IndyCar events in 2021, as well as the 24-hour race in Daytona.

Next month's race will be Johnson's 10th career sports car start. Eight came

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## Word OF THE WEEK

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

**Prehensile:** (pree-HEN-sil) an adjective that means adapted for seizing or grasping.

"Monkeys have prehensile tails that can wrap around branches to keep them from falling from treetops."

## This Week In History

### Five years ago, 2015

- CenterState Bank sues the Rodeway Inn in Orange Park to recover the outstanding balance of \$2.6 million on their mortgage because the hotel owner is "causing waste, impairment and deterioration" to the property. The Town of Orange Park is trying to close the hotel after receiving numerous complaints about drug use and crime.

- Former Clay County Agriculture Fair General Manager Pete Sutton announces his retirement.

- St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County celebrates construction of the new J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver Women and Infants Pavilion.

### 10 years ago, 2010

- Clay Electric Cooperative warns customers of a possible increase rate. The average monthly bill will grow by 90 cents for each 1,000-kilowatt hours.

- The Way Free Medical Clinic gets a \$10,000 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's Community Fund.

- The Clay County Board of Commissioners vote to extend a moratorium on the collection of impact fees from residential builders until July 1, 2011.

### 20 years ago, 2000

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office is called to investigate reported child neglect at Childtime Children's Center in Orange Park.

- Ground is broken for the Thrasher-Horne Center on the Orange Park campus of St. Johns River State College.

- Clay County Teen Court Mock Trial team wins top honors at a competition in Volusia County.

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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

and write no more than 600 words. All we ask is that you stick to local issues, be clear and make a point. We reserve the right to edit for AP Stylebook errors, grammar and spelling. In your email, type Letter to the Editor in your subject and send it to Managing Editor Don Coble at don@opcfla.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Opinions ...

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# NASCAR

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at Daytona and one came in 2010 at Watkins Glen International.

"The Rolex 24 At Daytona is one of the marquee races in the world," Johnson said. "It's such a challenging event for both team and driver and requires such a high level of concentration throughout. It's just such a fun and unique race to compete in. This will be the first time I've raced with Action Express and have been very impressed with the team and its preparation.

"I'm also excited to have Ally on board and to be co-driving with Simon, Kamui and Mike, who are three world-class drivers with experience in this race and the DPi class. I've finished second in this event, so I'm looking forward to trying to get on the top step in 2021."

Johnson will try to join A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Jeff Gordon as the only drivers to win the Daytona 500 at 24 Hours of Daytona.

He also will try to join the ever-growing list of prominent stock-car drivers to win the Daytona sports car race. Kyle Larson, Jamie McMurray, Juan Pablo Montoya, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, A.J. Allmendinger, Dale Earnhardt, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Clint Bowyer, Michael Waltrip, Mark Martin,

Casey Mears, Paul Menard, John Andretti, Darrell Waltrip and Tony Stewart all have appeared in Daytona's 24-hour main event.

Car owner Rick Hendrick said he expected Johnson and newly-crowned Cup Series champion Chase Elliott to be in the 24-hour race.

"Both of our guys, Chase and Jimmie, will be in the 24hour race, so I'm looking forward to that," Hendrick said during Elliott's post-race celebration.

Hendrick then quickly back-peddled.

"Maybe I jumped the gun on that. I'm not 100% sure. I heard a rumor, okay, so I can't confirm that."

Elliott hasn't slowed down in NASCAR's three-month break. He finished third at the Snowball Derby at Five Flags Speedway in Pensacola, and he's scheduled to drive a Midget in next month's Chili Bowl Nationals at the Tulsa Expo Center.

The son of 1988 NASCAR champion Bill Elliott, hasn't yet confirmed his plans to race at IMSA's season-opener. Bill Elliott won the smaller GTO Class in the 1987 24-hour race.

The Roar Before the Rolex 24 open practice session is scheduled for Jan. 22-24 and it includes the Motul Pole Award 100 qualifying race to determine the starting grid for the Rolex 24.

The Rolex 24 At Daytona will take the green flag on Jan. 30 at 3:40 p.m.

# Prevention

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when they produce the best chance for social dividends to accrue.

As we approach the final days of 2020, a year which will surely be judged as one which challenged all of us to be alert to the dangers we face by ignoring good advice, let's resolve to be strong advocates for building a bridge that connects what we know with what we do to assure a brighter future...for our children and the boarder society.

With the availability vaccines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the horizon, let's recognize that many other social, health, educational and economic ills can be prevented through investments in timely research-proven policies and programs.

While I consider myself an optimist by nature, it's clear to me that the good things

we hope for don't just happen. We have such great opportunities to act as responsible parents, grandparents, and community leaders to become ardent and assertive advocates for progress.

Let's resolve to make 2021 a year when we leverage the best knowledge to create better futures for our loved ones at home and for the many others whose names we don't know, but in many ways affect us and our economy.

When all is said, most important is what gets done. Please join me in supporting advocacy organizations, family service agencies and thoughtful policy leaders who make the power of prevention their top priority.

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# History

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## 30 years ago, 1990

- Three Clay County firefighters are fired for infractions involving public funds.
- The Clay County School District complies with a state mandate by forming a sex education committee.
- Two men, including one from Middleburg, are arrested after deputies said they stuffed a 28-year-old woman into a airplane toolbox.

## 40 years ago, 1980

- The Board of County Commissioner increase the millage rate by one mill for road improvements.
- The Clay County Commission agrees to accept a gift of 30½ acres adjoining the Agriculture Complex from the Reinhold Corporation.
- A school bus slid into a drainage ditch on Chasen Road, injuring 14 students.

# Quigley House challenges local community to donate

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – This year has been challenging in many ways. Quigley House has been challenged to provide 9,229 nights in shelter, answer 1,292 emergency hotline calls, served 249 children, file 305 injunctions for protection, provide 1,240 counseling hours and serve 2,305 clients through our advocacy programs.

In order to continue to help these survivors, we rely heavily on the donations of those in our community. This year, Quigley House is participating in a #give5challenge5 campaign to help raise money for our mission serving the survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. We challenge you to give \$5 (or whatever amount you feel inclined to give), and then challenge five of your friends to do the same. Our goal is to reach \$25,000 in donations by the end of this year. By donating just \$5, you can make a difference in the life

of a survivor. Your gift is very important, and any amount makes an enormous difference.

- Quigley House has three goals:
- Educate every person we encounter on the impact of domestic and sexual violence to prevent further harm, teach the community what a healthy relationship should look like and how to break the cycle of future abuse.
  - Equip our advocates to provide resources and services that range from maintaining safety through an injunction for protection or shelter to helping a survivor find a job, a home or event themselves.
  - Empower every survivor to rebuild their lives separate from all forms of abuse and find a new path to independence.

Quigley House said it will continue to serve those in need in the Clay County, and it's asking the community by taking the challenge to donate by going to <https://tinyurl.com/quigleyhousedonate>.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Popular pickup truck
- Profoundly wise men
- Camera company
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Passerine birds
- Plum-shaped fruit used for preserves
- Popular kids channel
- Dodgers' skipper
- Removes
- The Atlantic is one
- Badgerlike mammal
- Foulness
- Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- Commercial
- A type of gin
- Temptress
- Shuts in an enclosed space
- Milligram
- Actress Adams
- Strive to equal or match
- Health insurance
- A detective's source
- Small American rails
- Alfred \_\_, Brit. poet
- Crest of a hill
- Atomic #52
- \_\_\_ Caesar, comedian
- Breaks apart

55. Register formally (Brit. sp.)

- Worker
- Chemical compound
- Disgraced newsman
- Born of
- Chemical substance
- Supernatural powers
- Clothes
- Indy footballers
- Moves forward
- Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- Driver
- Bone cavities
- Menacing
- Where coaches patrol
- Greek mythological figure
- War-based board game
- Midway between northeast and east
- 18-year period in astronomy
- Mid-century term used to describe Japanese-Americans
- Large bodies of water
- Eurasian ryegrass
- Perform on stage
- Greek island
- 10th month of the year (abbr.)

21. One point east of southeast

- Belgian city
- Praise excessively
- River in France
- Edible lily bulbs
- Quarterbacks take them
- Organic compound
- Tears down (Brit.)
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Unconscious
- Missouri
- Firemen use them
- Pig noise
- Greatly dismay
- Imitator
- Moves by turning over
- Boxing's GOAT
- Swarms with
- Margarines
- Feudal superior
- As fast as can be done
- Reciprocal of a sine
- Chinese city
- Tell on
- United

# Vietnam veterans, CenterState Bank team to provide food, clothing to homeless students

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – Two seemingly unrelated organizations in the county have teamed up to get food, clothing and other essentials to the school district's homeless population.

The local chapter of Vietnam Veterans and a bank likely aren't the first two things to pop into your head when you think of a food and goods drive team-up, but that's exactly what happened with Vietnam Vet-

erans of America Chapter 1059 and Orange Park's CenterState Bank. The two raised truckloads of food and clothing for homeless students in Clay County.

"It was probably early fall that we were made aware through my Rotary Club that there is a large population of homeless students in Clay County," CenterState Bank's Michele Riley said. "When we heard about that, we decided that we'd do a drive as there was a serious need for clothing and food, as well as toiletries. We have been



CenterState Bank's Stephanie Boysen and Michele Riley are excited to deliver food and goods to local schools in the area.

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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Elder Law</b> Mike Jorgensen Senior Counsel	<b>Current Events</b> Ken Johansen, & George Tower	<b>Line Dancing</b> Hal Hill LouAnn Simpson	<b>Your Self Care</b> Maria Rieck Community Hospice	<b>None</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Android Phone Instruction</b> Joe Pacachek	<b>Galivanting Through Jacksonville's History</b> Kate Riggs Life Care Center	<b>Relaxation and Stress Reduction</b> Concetta Hillman, LCSW Clay Behavioral Health	<b>Jewelry Making</b> Nancy Keown \$30 supply fee Limit 8 Reg by 12/21	<b>Bridge Playing at OP Presbyterian 1-3pm</b> Scotty Hood
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Chair Exercise</b> Amber Luke and Palagio Senior Living	<b>Shop Smart to Eat Smart</b> Esther Lee	<b>Greeting Cards</b> Pat Fiedler Limit 10 \$15 class fee	<b>Tangles on Paper</b> Chris Bass	<b>Primetime Health for Seniors</b> Tressa Kirilloff, Life Balance
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Genealogy</b> Charles Nichols and Stanley Carroll	<b>Art Appreciation The Impressionists</b> Susan Nevinger	<b>iPhone</b> Jami Kelly Allegro Fleming Island	<b>Water Colors</b> Carron Wedland	<b>Water Colors Continued</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>iPad Instruction</b> Mike Saffy Silverlink Consulting	<b>Acrylic Painting Techniques</b> Susan Nevinger	<b>Do the Write Thing!</b> Dr. Douglas Greenberg	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>

Adventures in Learning will be offered via the Zoom Platform of online meetings. You may join a class via your computer, tablet or phone. You may take as many classes as you like for a set fee of \$30. The session begins Monday January 11, 2021 and will last for 6 weeks. There is a one time new member fee of \$25. Please email the office with any questions, [info@tscoop.org](mailto:info@tscoop.org).

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doing this drive now for several months and it's been extremely successful."

This months-long drive originally started off as a single-month project. CenterState Bank branches receive \$125 each month to put back into the community by means of a charity or some other community-helping act or organization. Riley and her team landed on the school district's homeless population months ago and the need was so large that now, several months later, the drive is still alive and well.

It received its largest donation yet just

last week. That's where David Treffinger and the Chapter 1059 Vietnam veterans come in. Treffinger doesn't remember exactly how his chapter learned of Riley's work, but he said when they did hear about it, they got right to work.

"I put an email out to our members, about 155 members in this chapter and 30 associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, about what was needed," Treffinger said. "We held an outdoor meeting on Dec. 5 and

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### \*\*\*FIND MY ATTACKER\*\*\*

Im looking for a man who would have been in Middleburg FL in 01/88. He was 20-25 with light brown/aub hair & light blue eyes. He was 5'9" - 6 ft & thin with an oval face, straight nose, crooked teeth and dipped. He was wearing a big light brown jacket, blue flannel & jeans w/ a light brown trucker hat. He had a class ring. He drove a 2 door, brown chevy hatchback with tan interior. The panel & speaker was missing behind the drivers side door in back seat.

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# Obituaries

## Virginia (Jinnee) M. Ballou

Virginia (Jinnee) M. Ballou, age 98, of Orange Park passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

She was born September 18, 1922 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She graduated from high school in Stillwater, Oklahoma and attended St. John's University and Columbia the first year they accepted women.



Virginia (Jinnee) M. Ballou

She married Justin Guy Ballou II on July 14, 1942 and became a Navy wife.

In the 27 years he was in the Navy they lived in Cape May, NY; New York City, Providence, RI; Wakefield, RI; Hunts River, NJ; Alfred and Sanford, Maine; Key West, FL; Yorktown VA; Lakehurst, NJ; Tom's River, NJ; Corpus Christie, TX; Sacramento, CA; Coronado, CA; Modesto, CA; Monterey CA; Richman, CA; Guam and Trinidad and Tobago. The family moved to Jacksonville in 1966 and then to Orange Park in 1969. She lived there and Saint Augustine until her death.

She was an artist who created many watercolor paintings. She was a member of Orange Park Presbyterian Church and was active in the Orange Park Women's Club, Shepherd's Center, Red Hat Society, and Retired Officer's Wives Club. She was a leader with both the Boy and Girl Scouts for many years.

Jinnee was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Guy Ballou and her son Justin Guy Ballou III.

She is survived by three children, Christine Brindle (Jim Brindle) of St. Augustine, FL, Robert Ballou (Janet Ballou) of St. Augustine, FL, and Kelle Ballou Maher (Scott Maher) of Scottsdale, AZ. She is survived by three grandchildren, Justin Guy Ballou IV of Charlestown, RI; Shelley Ballou of Orange Park, FL, and Tatum Maher of Scottsdale, AZ. She is also survived by several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Jinnee's memorial service on December 12 can be viewed on the Orange Park Presbyterian Church You Tube channel. Her family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Orange Park Presbyterian Church or Community Hospice, Jacksonville, FL.

## Janet McCurry

Janet McCurry, age 80, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 in Cookeville, TN. She was born in Jacksonville, FL on July 14, 1940 to George and Zelna Loznicka.



Janet McCurry

She had been a lifelong resident of the North Florida area and enjoyed spending time at her second home in Tennessee.

Mrs. McCurry was a Registered Nurse and retired from Northeast Florida State Hospital. She was also a talented decorator and gifted at transforming a house into a home. Janet was always doing something for others and will be fondly remembered for her generous nature and kind spirit. She touched the lives of many and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. McCurry was preceded in death by her parents; and a son, Mark Losco; a brother, George; and her sister, Terry. She is survived by her loving husband of 21 years, Harry McCurry, Jr.; children: Crystal McCurry, Candy Knight, and Franz Braatz; a brother, Herbert Loznicka (Brenda); and grandchildren: Tyler, Amber, and David; as well as many extended family members and dear friends.

The family received friends on Wednesday, Dec. 16th from 5:00 until 7:00 PM at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery and Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park. Funeral services officiated by Dr. Tim McDaniel were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, Dec. 17th at the funeral home. We are following CDC guidelines and allowing as many as 50 people in the building & strongly encourage suitable distances between family and friends. The family requests the use of a protective mask, as well. Interment will immediately follow at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Cemetery. She will be laid to rest with her parents in the Fountain of Life Garden. Please sign the online guestbook at [www.jacksonville-memorygardens.com](http://www.jacksonville-memorygardens.com)

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## Amy Nicole Fleming

On Sunday, November 22, 2020, Amy Nicole Fleming, loving mother, sister and a friend to so many, passed away at the age of 43.

Born November 12, 1977 in Orange Park, Amy was a natural leader and used her strength every day to inspire others to believe in themselves. With confidence and self driven determination she quickly became a well known and respected member in telecommunications construction field where she managed construction coordination and right of way permitting for 10 years.



Amy Nicole Fleming

Amy was full of life, her radiant smile, her laughing character and her loving spirit brought joy to everyone she was around. She was quick to help anyone she could and to take care of any animal in need and will be dearly missed.

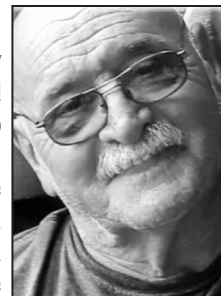
Amy is survived by her father, Robert Fleming, mother Loretta Kroupa, two pride and joy's, of her life daughters, Dallas Marie Teeter and Alana Nicole Bird, her loving significant other of 5 years Stacy Murphy, sisters, Regina Cheeseman and Stephanie Hanson, brother, Franklin Clay and her life long best friend of 23 years Andrew Lee.

Services were held 11:00 AM Saturday, December 5, 2020 in Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Family and friends may share their condolences at [www.RHRFH.com](http://www.RHRFH.com), 904-284-7720

## Milford G. Oakes, Jr.

Milford G. Oakes, Jr., 78, of Middleburg, FL passed away on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

"Jay" was born to Milford Sr. and Isabel Oakes on October 21, 1942 in Portland, Maine. Jay proudly served in the United States Army for two tours in Vietnam. He belonged to the American Legion Post 250 and was a life member of the VFW Post 8255.



Milford G. Oakes, Jr.

He was married to Nancy Oakes, who preceded him in death on March 20, 2019. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Skip Oakes; his sisters, Barbara Duncun and Pat Harris along with his stepdaughter, Melanie Kramer.

Jay is survived by his sons, Shaun, George and Shane; stepchildren, Jamie and Ryan; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews including a special niece and caregiver, Pam Belt.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

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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## Obituaries

### Pasquale Frank "Pat" La Monica

Mr. Pasquale Frank "Pat" La Monica, age 89 of Orange Park, FL passed away Thursday December 3, 2020. Pat was born May 6, 1931 in Queens, NY to Leonard La Monica and Sara Trangone La Monica.

Pat was a veteran of the U.S. Army with service during the Korean War. He attended Hofstra University and worked in the retail grocery and pharmacy industry. He was quick with a friendly word or assistance to others and encouraging to everyone he met. His strong Christian faith was also evident in his many years of service to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Orange Park, FL.

Pat was predeceased by his loving wife of 48 years, Jane La Monica in June, 2000. Surviving are his daughter Linda La Monica; his son Kevin La Monica and his wife Paulina; grandchildren Christin Neumann and her husband Fabian, and Cara Jean La Monica; great grandson Aaron J. Neumann; his brother James La Monica and his wife Arlene; his sister in law Carmen La Monica; also numerous nieces and nephews and many other loving family members and friends. Pat will be deeply missed.

In honoring his wishes, memorialization is by cremation, and a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday December 18, 2020 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 1649 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL with Fr. Jose Kulathinal Celebrant. Committal service with Army Honors will be held at 12:30 PM on Monday December 21, 2020 at Jacksonville National Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to share remembrances of Pat on the Tribute Wall here.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.*

*In my Father's house there are many*

*dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.*

*Where I am going you know the way.*

*Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way? Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

### Edgar Tracy Stewart

Edgar Tracy Stewart, at the age of 88, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, December 13th with his family by his side.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Sandra Brooklyn Stewart, his daughter and her partner, Sandra Lynn "Lindy" Stewart and Marc Emerlin, his 4 grandchildren and their spouses, Bryan and Melinda Stewart, Britton and Dieter McGuire, Starling Settle, and Justin "Wyatt" Settle, his 8 great-grandchildren, Collin Stewart, Brady Moses, Kolby Hancock, Caleb Stewart, Jenna Stewart, Ava Stewart, Siara Voight, and Skyla Robertson, and his brother Walter "Joe" Stewart.

He spent his early years with the railroad, working for Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and Auto Train. He and his business partner established Kustom Karr and operated out of Reynolds Industrial Park for many years. He later managed Reynolds Industrial Park until his retirement in 2006.

He was truly a wonderful man and all who were lucky enough to know him were very fortunate. He will be dearly missed.

### Travis Cummings appointed to Florida Commission on Ethics

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Travis Cummings, Glenton Gilzean and Jim Waldman to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

Cummings, of Fleming Island, is the Vice President of Benefits at The Bailey Group. He has served his community as Chairman of the Clay County Commission and Mayor of Orange Park. Cummings served eight years serving Clay County in District 18 in the Florida House of Representatives, the

last two as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He has volunteered his time with the Borland-Groover Clinic Foundation, Orange Park Medical Center Board of Trustees and the Clay County YMCA.

Cummings earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Valdosta State University and his master of business administration from the University of North Florida. The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

## Dennis Chapman selected as Florida Forest Service's Volunteer of the Year

### For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – The Florida Forest Service is honored to present this year's prestigious "Volunteer of the Year" award to Dennis Chapman of Middleburg.

Chapman served over two decades in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Electrician and another 15 years with the Department of Defense as a Quality Control expert before retiring from civil services and donating his time to volunteering.

Chapman has lived a life of service and doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon. "I'm still having fun playing in the dirt", said the retired Navy Chief. A trait that helped fuel the passion for his volunteer service and commitment to our public lands.

Chapman began volunteering for the Florida Forest Service in 2018, after chatting with staff at an area event, learning that local staff had longed for a trail that connected all the recreation areas along Black Creek in Jennings State Forest; the obstacle was lack of personnel to get the work done. Chapman was wrapping up his three years of volunteer work at a nursing home and was looking for new, outdoor volunteer opportunities. His love of trails, hiking and the fact that his wife Velva's family has an extensive history in the forest and surrounding areas made it too good an opportunity to pass up. After brief discussions with Jennings' Forest Supervisor Frank Burley and Jacksonville District Recreation Coordinator, Justin Rogers - who are both avid hikers and shared the vision of a trail connecting the recreation areas, Chapman eagerly signed up as a volunteer.

To date, Chapman has donated over 2,500 hours of his time in building the Pioneer Trail. Chapman has performed tasks such as scouting and marking a route for the trail, building bridges, overlooks and benches, cutting trail tread into the slope, hauling rock by hand in a 5-gallon bucket, carrying 8ft. timbers and installing primitive campsites throughout the trail. When



Dennis Chapman

complete, the total mileage of this linear trail will be approximately 12 miles of hand cut trail for the public to enjoy.

"Chapman's commitment to developing the Pioneer Trail, from his vision and dedication, has created a local asset that will be enjoyed by countless hikers for many generations to come", said District Manager Andy Lamborn. The Florida Forest Service, as well as visitors to this forest, will be eternally grateful to the one volunteer who made it happen. And for these reasons and more, the Florida Forest Service could not think of a better person to present the "Volunteer of the Year" award to. All of us at the Florida Forest Service said it's proud and honored to have Chapman on its team.

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# Fleming Island High wind ensemble to play at statewide Music Education Conference

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – The Fleming Island High Wind Ensemble will perform at during the 2021 Florida Music Education Association Virtual Professional Development Conference and All-State Experience, which runs on Jan. 13-16. The ensemble will perform virtually at the President's Concert on Jan. 13 from 8-9 p.m.

The Fleming Island High School Wind Ensemble is the top performing ensemble at Fleming Island High and is primarily under the direction of Mara Rose. The ensemble has received the Otto J. Kraushaar Award, given to bands that receive a superior in marching, district concert assessment and state concert assessment for six of the last eight years.

The ensemble has received a rating of superior at District Concert Festival since the school opened in 2003. Additionally, the wind ensemble has received a superior at State Concert Festival nine of the last 10 years.

In 2019, Rose was a recipient of the Andrew J. Crew award, through the Florida Bandmasters Association, which is given to directors that have received superiors at the state level for five consecutive years. Fleming Island has traveled and

performed throughout the state of Florida and recently performed in London, England and in Rome, Italy.

This year's conference will feature more than 120 sessions, including 70-plus live, interactive sessions for music educators in all subjects and teaching levels; on-demand access to all session recordings; a Virtual Exhibit Hall; a College Fair; networking; the All-State Experience; and performances and mini-concerts. There will also be a Pre-Conference focusing on "Health & Wellness for Music Educators."

FMEA President, Dr. Steven N. Kelly, PhD, said: "Being selected to perform for the President's Concert of the FMEA Conference is one of the most prestigious honors an ensemble can receive. It is a recognition of dedication, hard work, and achievement at the highest level by both the students and teachers as they represent the very best of their schools and communities."

Please contact Val Anderson at Val@FMEA.org or (800) 301-3632 to access this or other conference sessions. More information about the FMEA Virtual Professional Development Conference and Fleming Island High may be found at [www.FMEA.org](http://www.FMEA.org).



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Pat Burnsed sorted through items before they went to Middleburg High where her son who works there will help the school dole out the goods to the students there in need.

## Students from page 6

that's where we collected everything for the students. We had truckloads of things. Trunks were full, back seats were stocked...I just couldn't believe it."

Treffinger said for as surprised as he was, he probably shouldn't have been. That's because the veterans of Chapter 1059 are some of the most generous people he knows, Treffinger said.

"It's been phenomenal working with David," Riley said. "The vets have been the largest contributor to this drive so far. We were just beside ourselves when we learned of how much they had raised for us. Our branch is stuffed with food and goods for these students."

Riley said the goods have been primarily going to Middleburg and Orange Park highs. Riley said that's where the most recent intake of goods is going, although she's recently heard of Grove Park Elementary and Ridgeview High's need. She said

schools like Ridgeview don't have great storage options for drives like this, but that she wants to work with the district to possibly create a network of involved schools.

If a school can store the goods and allow someone from a different school to access them, that'd be perfect, Riley said in reference to storage options in the district.

Riley and her team are working to get the truckloads of food and essentials to students before the school district's winter break begins. She said she's learned in this process that many homeless students live in cars without heat, under bridges and in wooded areas in Clay County.

"We take for granted our homes and our jobs that keep us somewhere warm and not worried about food, but there are children in our county that are homeless and school might be the only place they get warmth and food," Riley said. "We are just trying to help however we can, be it some food or a pair of socks."

"These students matter to us."



Orange Park's CenterState Bank and Chapter 1059 of the Vietnam Veterans of America are working this month to ensure homeless students in Clay County have food, clothing and other essentials before the school district's holiday break.

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# Keystone Heights parade celebrates festive season



**KEYSTONE HEIGHTS** – Residents lined the streets near Keystone Heights Junior/Senior high Saturday night for the annual Lake Region Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade. Despite the events of the past 10 months, the festive event afforded everyone to celebrate the season. The Minor Family won first place in Judge's Choice, while the KAT Family Fire Truck was second. The Christmas Convoy won the Most Original category, with Jeremy Bradley placing second. The Keystone Heights High National Junior ROTC won first place in marching, while the Keystone Heights Junior/Senior band finished second. The Best in Business category was won by Lake Swan Camp with Entry Realty CWL in second, while Cub Scouts Pack 146 was first in the Closest to the Theme category and North Florida Christian Camp windup up second. Finally, the Keystone Heights Elementary finished first in Best Youth Entry, while Key Club/Kiwanis was second.



## Andy Lamborn selected new Florida Forest Service District Manager

**CLAY COUNTY** – The Florida Forest Service has appointed Andy Lamborn as the newest District Manager for the Florida Forest Service Jacksonville market. This position carries the responsibility of managing five state forest totaling in 66,453 acres of pristine state forest land, all district assets and its personnel. Along with the managing of the state forests, Lamborn is responsible for the overall wildfire management of more than 1.3 million acres of land in Duval, Nassau and Clay counties.

"As the newest Jacksonville District Manager, my goal is to help guide the management of Northeast Florida's forest resources to make them more resilient to the challenges of urban development so future generations have forest lands to enjoy," Lamborn said.

Prior to becoming the Jacksonville District Manager, Lamborn began his career with the Florida Forest Service as an OPS



Andy Lamborn

Park Ranger on Goethe State Forest while attending the University of Florida. After graduating from UF in 2004, he went

work as a forester in the Suwanee Forestry Center (SFC) serving landowners in Baker and Bradford Counties.

As a Forestry Supervisor II at SFC, Lamborn managed John M. Bethea State Forest, working closely with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the Greater Okefenokee Association of Landowners managing the state forest lands around the Okefenokee Swamp. Most recently serving as Operations Administrator, Lamborn oversaw fire suppression and resource management activities on the east side of the Suwanee Forestry Center. In addition, Lamborn served as Resource Unit Leader for the Florida Green Interagency Incident Management Team and coordinated the logistics for the Blue-Ribbon Staff Ride.

Lamborn is a big proponent for forestry education. Throughout his career, he's made it his focus to advocate for the edu-

cational resources and benefits. Lamborn has spent many of his summers at O'leno State Park as an instructor at the Future Farmers of America Forestry Camp where he helped to spearhead the coordination of forestry programs and contests. He enjoys hosting workshops and field tours for anyone wanting to learn more about forest management and the prescribed fire process. Lamborn also enjoys working with the summer interns to help young foresters gain "in the field" work experience.

Lamborn is a resident of Baker County, where he resides with his wife and daughter. In his spare time, you can find him enjoying recreational sport diving while exploring Florida's vast resources of springs and rivers.

Lamborn can be reached at [Andy.Lamborn@fdacs.gov](mailto:Andy.Lamborn@fdacs.gov) or called directly at the district office at (904) 266-8350.

# Clay Education Foundation receives Bright Future Grant

**The \$4,000 gift comes from Florida Lottery**

CLAY TODAY – The Clay Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works directly with educators and administration to improve public education in Clay County. Through innovative programming, grants, community partnerships, and events, we ensure that teachers and students have the resources they need to reach their full potential, today announced it has received a grant for \$4,000 from the Florida Lottery.

Through the grant, the Clay Education Foundation will work alongside Clay County School District to expand its “Future Ready Clay” initiative, providing ninth-12th grade students and families one-to-one advising services throughout the year in the form of workshops, free ACT/SAT test prep, resume building, essay review, FAFSA completion events, and financial literacy events as they plan for success during and beyond high school.

“We believe that through this partnership with the school district we will be able to successfully equip students and their families with the self-awareness and responsibility skills needed to build a successful path after high school,” stated

Makayla Buchanan, Executive Director at the Clay Education Foundation.

While college and career planning information is considered “readily available” by many, Clay County has a number of students that still do not know their 1) eligibility for Bright Futures Program, especially the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship;

2) how to create a plan in high school to achieve their post-secondary and career goals;

3) when and how to complete their FAFSA; and 4) what college opportunities exist and are best for their goals. This program will not only help students and their families become aware of the relevant college and career planning information and eligibility for Bright Futures, but in addition, take actionable steps towards those post-secondary pathways.

This is the second year the Florida Lottery has awarded grants to local education foundations for projects that help students overcome barriers to earn a Bright Futures scholarship and encourage students of low socio-economic backgrounds to be prepared for postsecondary education. This year the Florida Lottery provided \$40,000 to the Consortium of Florida Edu-

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## Clerk’s office brings holiday spirit to Historic Triangle Courtyard

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The county’s historic buildings and huge trees of our county’s Historic Triangle site in Green Cove Springs are adorned with lights and décor for our community’s enjoyment.

The Clerk of Courts Office invites invite families to drive, ride and walk through the area to enjoy the display and to take some fun photos, too. The Historic Triangle is located at Walnut Street and State Road 16, directly across the street from the Clay County School District’s headquarters. The 1890 Historic Courthouse is home to our Teen Court program and the Old Clay County Jail houses our Historical Archives operation. (yes, that is an “inmate” wearing a Santa hat trying to escape).

Clerk’s Office employees get to enjoy these beautiful grounds year-round, so we decided to share them with the public, too – and, what better time to share than Christmas? On behalf of Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green, her staff, and the many volunteers who helped install the décor, they wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Union County Correctional inmates contribute \$600 to Kids First

**State's most-hardened criminals collect money to help abused, abandoned children**

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK — Kids First of Florida, a community-based agency for children's welfare and foster care in Clay County, received a \$600 donation from inmates of Union County Correctional Institution in Raiford.

Approximately 110 inmates of the prison are members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"Every year for the past six years, we have been making donations to different charities throughout the state of Florida," said Gary Newman, Vice president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Florida State Council. Newman is also the advisor of the incarcerated chapter 1080 of the organization.

"We raise money by having a Walk-A-Thon every year, and that's where we generate our money, plus donations. This year we weren't able to have the Walk-A-Thon to raise the money, but we did have some assets left over. The prisoners decided who to give the money to."

Union County Correctional Institution, formerly known at Florida State Prison, houses the state's most-dangerous criminals, including all 339 inmates sentenced to Florida's Death Row.

Newman quickly realized some of the most-hardened prisoners still want to play a role, however limited, in their community.

Newman already had discussed Kids First with the inmates, and they immediately liked the donation idea.

"We are in a position now where we can do a little more for our kids, especially during the Christmas season, with a donation like this that Gary [Newman] was able to acquire through the generosity of these inmates," said Ernie Cohen of Kids First.

Newman is partial to Kids First. He came from a broken home and was raised in foster homes and orphanages. He didn't have a real Christmas until he was 6 and he has never forgotten the one gift he received that year — a Nutcracker set.

"I've always had a very soft heart for kids who unfortunately cannot have a decent Christmas," he said. "So, I really wanted to be able to support the Kids First program of giving out gifts at Christmas time."

Some of the inmates at the prison in Chapter 1080 had a similar childhood experience and wanted to give back to society



Ernie Cohen (l) of Kids First accepts a \$600 check from Gary Newman of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The money was raised by inmates at the Union County Correctional Institution.

as much as they could. This small effort was one way they could do that.

Donating to Kids First touched those involved.

"It made us super-ecstatic," said Newman. "We love giving back to the children, especially those who unfortunately have not had nice Christmases."

"I was so moved by this," said Cohen. "Gary [Newman] is very involved with the Vietnam Veterans of America, and they've

been generous with us in the past, and Gary's been generous with us on a personal level. Those are always appreciated. But a group of people, seeing the challenges of these inmates, it makes it even a little bit more special than people just out in the community on an everyday basis. They took it on themselves to raise money for these kids and it's just so moving for me and everybody else in the agency."

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## Facebook Question of the Week

# Do you trust the new COVID-19 vaccines?

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – With the first of two major COVID-19 vaccines going into the distribution phase, residents are split on their feelings about the vaccine.

We asked Clay Today readers what they thought about the incoming COVID-19 vaccines. Some are outright against it. Some are for it. And some said they will be cautious of the side effects.

The general public won't see the vaccines until a couple of months. That's because the vaccines first are going to health-care workers and first responders.

"Phase 1A [of the vaccines] will be for large hospitals," Clay County Health Department administrator Heather Huffman

said. "The State of Florida has been allocated about 170,000 doses at the beginning."

It's easy to see 170,000 vaccines won't make a dent in Florida's population of 21.5 million, but it's going to the people who are at greater risk than others. Domenic Musco said anyone who wants to get the vaccine should be able to get it.

"If it works, and it's approved for use, get it to anyone who wants it ASAP at no cost," Musco said. "Prioritize most at-risk and essential workers. Let's get this COVID-19 thing over with."

Others are suspicious of the vaccines. The Food and Drug Administration, which is made up of scientists, have already approved the Pfizer vaccine, which was created by scientists as well, but that won't stop people from believing otherwise.

Some of the responses to Facebook Question of the Week about vaccines include people saying the vaccine is microchipping the global population, that it changes the genetic code, and that the side effects are drastic and not worth risking, although the FDA said it wouldn't have approved the vaccine if that was true.

"If you want to get one, get one and if you don't, then don't," Clarise Keegan said. "This is America. We're all adults. We can make our own decisions rather to or not. No one should be forced to do anything they don't want to do."

Many said they simply don't trust the vaccine. Kathy Roy said she's not anti-vaccine, but that due to how new the vaccine is, she's going to wait to see how others feel after getting it. Daret Garcia said he's

not going to get it because he's read that certain medications can trigger symptoms of Stevens-Johnson and Susan Soltys said she's going to wait a year to see the side effects.

"I don't trust it," Kimberly Shadrock said. "It is being rushed and not getting any true trial periods."

The majority responses include some variation of "it needs more testing before I get it myself," so for now, only time will tell how the vaccine works in Clay County. It seems the county will not see many in line for the vaccine on day one if the responses to this week's Question of the Week are any indication.

Let us know what you think in the comments of the question on the official *Clay Today Newspaper* Facebook page.

## District increases proposed salary increases after hearing litany of teacher complaints

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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FLEMING ISLAND – Veteran teachers in the district will receive a larger raise than originally planned after they expressed their disappointment in a plan to boost salaries by 1.28% during the most recent school board meeting.

As the Clay County School District and School Board prepares its legislative priorities, many teachers came to the recent school board to talk about their disappointment with their initial raises. That discord made an impact because the district and the Clay County Education Association reached a new agreement for a larger raise.

"Clay County District Schools is proud to announce a tentative contract agreement with the Clay County Education Association," according to the district. "This tentative agreement recognized the contributions of veteran teachers while also adhering to the statutory requirements set forth by House Bill 641.

"Under this House Bill, the District is able to move the teacher starting pay to \$44,867 and all teachers will receive a minimum salary increase of \$1,200. Due to the funding outlook as a result of the recent executive order, the District is able to recognize these veteran teachers. The District is committed to supporting all employees while remaining fiscally responsible."

The statement comes days after teachers spoke directly to the school board during the Dec. 10 meeting to express their displeasure with the district about the 1.28% raise.

"You're sitting on the healthiest general fund balance this district has ever seen," Clay County teacher Chris Trahan said. "We just passed the sales tax that



Veteran teachers like Chris Trahan in Clay County have more experience than most teachers in the district, so he expressed his disappointment with the original 1.28% raise before the district decided to increase the raise further a few days later.

will alleviate the financial burden that our property repairers represent. You have the \$1.8 million that [the Clay County Education Association] proposed that would give our veteran teachers the lifeline and your own bargaining team called that proposal reasonable and yet, you rejected it."

Also, not only are veteran teachers going to receive a raise that equates to \$600, which is an extra \$50 a month on a 12-month calendar, but starting teachers are receiving a large jump in starting salary. Veteran teachers weren't opposed to higher salaries for starting teachers. They said it just made the sting of the 1.28% veteran teacher raise hurt even more.

Trahan's comments came five days before the district agreed to a higher raise.

"Looking at this, I must take issue with the fact that this body values my experience [14 years of teaching and a Master's of Education amongst other accolades] and

its veterans at 1.28%," Trahan said. "To be told that a veteran teacher during a crisis year is only worth \$500 to \$600 more is an affront to every teacher here, both new and experienced.

"Year after year, we are told to save for that rainy day. What do you call teaching in the middle of a global pandemic? What do you call last March when we packed up our classrooms and redesigned our curriculum to teach online overnight? I'm sorry, but the storm is no longer coming. It is here and your employees are in the eye of that storm right now."

Before the district reconsidered, some worried about the sustainability of teaching in Clay County.

"No teacher can do their best if they can't take care of themselves," said second-year teacher Jennifer Corona. "If this is the way teaching will go, if they have to take second or third jobs to take care of

themselves, then this career just isn't sustainable for me and I wish that wasn't the case because I love this job."

The school board and the district apparently got to work quickly on solving this problem because the district and CCEA agreed on a minimum \$1,200 raise for all teachers less than five days after the meeting.

## Grant

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education Foundations to fund standout projects that support students and families in understanding and taking the next steps to successful postsecondary education.

"At the Florida Lottery, enhancing education for students in our state is at the very heart of what we do," said Florida Lottery Secretary John F. Davis. "We are proud to partner with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations to give back and help students realize their dream of a brighter future."

- For additional information on the Florida Lottery Bright Futures program, visit: <https://www.flalottery.com/brightfutures>

- For more information on the Clay Education Foundation please visit: <https://clayeducationfoundation.com/>.

The Clay Education Foundation is Clay County's district-wide local education foundation. Established in 1988, we are dedicated to strengthening our Clay County public schools and community by empowering students and educators, building community partnerships, and providing the necessary tools and resources to help all students succeed.

# Oakleaf's Bryant wins acclaim for emotional song

**'I Just Want to Live' considered by many as the Black Lives Matters Anthem**

By Bruce Hope  
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OAKLEAF – Keedron Bryant just wanted an outlet to appeal for social justice and awareness. He got so much more.

The 13-year-old online student of Oakleaf Junior High gained worldwide fame with his performance of the song "I Just Want to Live" after it was selected by The Associated Press as its Song of the Year.

The song, written by his mother, Johnetta Bryant, had initially been her way of expressing her feelings about the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer. Bryant talked frankly to her children frankly about racism and the growing turmoil in the country. After watching the video of Floyd's death, she told her son to meditate and pray about the situation.

That's when he decided to sing his mother's song.

Although he was already known in some music circles, "I Just Want to Live" took the boy's exposure and popularity to a new



Keedron Bryant

level.

Bryant's song went viral after it was shared on the internet. He was contacted by celebrities the sports, politics and entertainment worlds like LeBron James,

Oprah, Ellen DeGeneres, Beyonce and Jay-Z, as well as former president Barack Obama.

"It was just going like wildfire," said Johnetta Bryant. "So many people reaching out to Keedron, even from Beyonce and Jay-Z calling him on the phone; that first couple days was like 'Whoa.'"

The song's success led to interest from many record labels, including Warner, with whom he signed a recording contract.

Bryant is excited about his early successes and the chances to pursue his dreams.

"I'm just so grateful for all the opportunities," he said. "I can't wait to see all the other opportunities coming next year."

"Our assistant principal just raves about what standup, nice young man he [Bryant] is," said Oakleaf Junior High Principal Kristin Rousseau. "He is very talented. We heard about Keedron first when he was on the TV show Little Big Shots. That was the first time I was able to hear Keedron sing. We blasted that out on our Facebook page. We were all extremely proud. We're excited for his success."

Bryant didn't sing with the school chorus, but he's been active in his church choir.

His parents knew that he had unique gifts from a young age.

"With Keedron, there's the old saying, 'I've been singing all my life,' that is definitely not cliché. That's his story," said his mother, Johnetta. "He grew up around music in our home. My husband and I, we sing, so that's in his genes. About when he was like 5 or 6 or so, we knew, wow, this kid is amazing. Singing is what he does and who he is, and it inspires him."

With all of the success and fanfare, Bryant remains grounded. His is an online student is due to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to his mother, if not for the pandemic, he would in the classroom.

"COVID was the reason why we chose that," said Johnetta Bryant. "He would love to be in school. He still likes to be with his friends. Of course, moving forward, you never know what it's going to call for."

The Bryants have ensured that Keedron remains focused on getting a good education, no matter where the music takes him. He wants to attend Morehouse College in Atlanta in the future to study music.

Along with social injustice, music is definitely something Keedron is passionate about. He feels it's his purpose.

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# Clay County Fair puts tickets on sale, unveils 2021 concert lineup

**Featured acts include 38 Special, Gretchen Wilson, Vanilla Ice, Sir Mix-A-Lot**

By Don Coble  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Tasha Hyder didn't hesitate Tuesday when the 2021 Clay County Agriculture Fair concert lineup was revealed.

"We're back!"

The fair's general manager said despite the shutdowns and disappointment created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, she's confident the county's biggest event will return to the fairgrounds April 1-11. And that includes the return of national and local groups returning to the Cattle-

man's Arena for concerts.

Last year's fair was canceled two weeks before opening day after the county reported positive tests and deaths related to the coronavirus. A vaccine is being rolled out and with more than three months to continue to fight the disease, Hyder said initial plans don't include any significant restrictions.

"We're confident there's no reason we won't have a fair," Hyder said. "That's a positive thing. We feel pretty good about April, especially with the vaccine's been out. We hope we won't have any restrictions."

Hyder said many of the current protocols to reduce the spread of the virus already were in place. Additional steps will be taken to enhance safety guidelines, Hy-



38 Special

der said.

The concert lineup mirrors what was planned for this year's fair. The only acts that won't be back are Charlie Daniels, Zack Williams and Runaway June. New groups added to this year's lineup include Plain White T's, Jon Langston, Tenille Arts and Niko Moon.

Headlining eight night of shows includes 38 Special, Curt Towne Band and Duval County Line on April 2, Gretchen Wilson and Jessie G on April 3, John Michael Montgomery and Pam Tillis on April 4, Vanilla Ice and Sir Mix-A-Lot on April 5 and the Bellamy Brothers on April 8. Filmore and Tenille Townes also are scheduled to perform.

Vanilla Ice and Sir Mix-A-Lot were booked a year ago, and all VIP badges were sold out weeks before the show.

"That was the first time we've ever sold out before the fair was open," Hyder said. "All we did is hit the reset button this year. Everyone's been doing things virtually for a year. But we're ready to do things in person again. We're going to be okay."

The 38 Special, Curt Towne Band and Duval County Line will feature three prominent groups with deep Clay County ties. Donnie Van Zant and Don Barnes founded 38 Special in Jacksonville in 1974. Van Zant now lives in Clay.

Curt Towne has an extensive portfolio of national appearances. The Green Cove Springs band has opened for Lynyrd Skynyrd, 38 Special, The Outlaws and the Marshall Tucker Band.

"I've been playing my whole life," Towne said. "I've never taken a year off. But we're moving forward. We're looking forward to



Curt Towne Band

being with people again."

Towne was supposed to open for Charlie Daniels last year. Daniels then died four months after the fair was canceled.

"We were scheduled to open for Charlie again in 2021, but unfortunately he died," Towne said. "They had to move some things around, and they put us with 38 Special."

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**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR  
CONCERT LINEUP  
APRIL 1-11, 2021**

- APRIL 1 TENILLE ARTS – JON LANGSTON**
- APRIL 2 38 SPECIAL – DUVAL COUNTY LINE – CURT TOWNE BAND**
- APRIL 3 GRETCHEN WILSON – JESSIE G**
- APRIL 4 JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY – PAM TILLIS**
- APRIL 5 VANILLA ICE – SIR MIX-A-LOT**
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# State Farm, CCSO employ simulator to help teen drivers



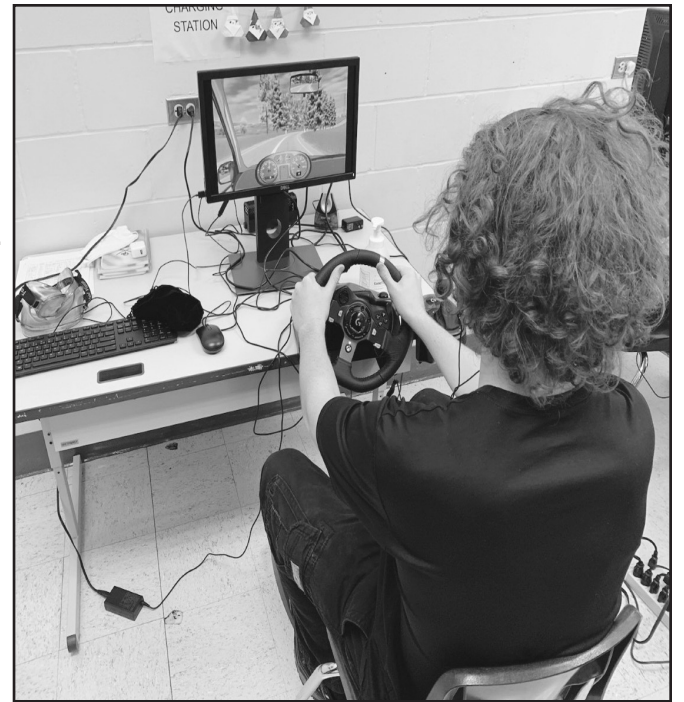
ORANGE PARK – On Wednesday, July 22, the Clay County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant from State Farm Insurance to purchase a Distracted Driving Simulator from Simulator Systems International. The agency applied for the grant earlier this year and it was awarded the funds in March.

The simulator is a virtual reality program that allows teens to experience firsthand the hazards of manual, cognitive and visual distractions behind-the-wheel.

During a recent class, students had the opportunity to use the simulator and other outdoor traffic safety activity courses.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office said it appreciated State Farm Insurance and Corporate Responsibility Analyst Jose Soto for their efforts to help us keep the drivers of Clay County Safe.

Protecting and educating young drivers is a significant focus for the Clay County Sheriff's Office, and it looks forward to teaching new teen drivers on safe driving habits.



Gretchen Wilson

## Fair

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We've been friends with 38 Special for years, so we're excited."

Middleburg's Duval County Line issued the following statement after the lineup was announced:

"After such a crazy year, DCL is so excited to be part of the Clay County Fair 2021! Look forward to seeing all our friends Friday night, April 2 with 38 Special." Hyder said next April's fair will be a significant step toward returning to some normalcy.

"We missed everybody," she said. "Our fair is like a family reunion. We didn't get to do it last year. We can't wait to get to-



Duval County Line

gether next year."

Advanced tickets now are on sale. Standing room tickets start at \$20 and VIP packages, which include prime seating, a

lounge, food and soft drinks. VIP tickets range from \$45 to \$100, and they include admission to the fair.

## Kidney

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for him. A couple keystrokes on a social media site changed all that.

The average wait time on a kidney transplant list is anywhere from two to four years. Farhat was on that list for six and a half years before a friend that goes back over 30 years, Roger Higginbotham, discovered that he was a perfect match for him. Farhat's nearly seven-year search for a kidney came to an end on Aug. 25 after the donor remembered one of Farhat's Facebook posts.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that phone call from Roger was one of the best phone calls I've ever received," Farhat said.

Higginbotham's journey to becoming Farhat's donor goes back to July, 1999. Higginbotham's wife, Karol, told him she was going to get tested to be a kidney donor. The Fleming Island man remembered asking his wife if she had gone crazy. He wasn't aware people who were alive could

donate one of their kidneys. Karol said she felt a call from God to donate her kidney, so he decided to follow her on that journey.

She donated a kidney to a former co-worker's spouse that December, and it wasn't long before Higginbotham followed. He remembered seeing one of Farhat's posts on Facebook that he had a stencil on the back of his vehicle asking for a kidney. He didn't think too much of it at the time, but that picture and Farhat's need for a kidney continued to pop up on his Facebook feed.

"It was like I couldn't escape it," Higginbotham said. "I really felt like God was trying to show me this so I told Karol about it and I told her I want to look into it."

That was in March. After Higginbotham was approved to be Farhat's donor, he went to Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville to begin the process. That required extensive testing both to ensure that he was a match and to ensure Higginbotham could live healthily without one of his kidneys.

He learned in May that he was a perfect match.

"He called me in early May and I asked how he was doing," Farhat said. "He said he was doing good and at that point, I thought he was calling about something business related [Farhat is a builder supplier and Higginbotham is a builder]. He said he had been going to Mayo and I, still not thinking anything of it, told him I hoped everything was okay because I thought maybe something was wrong.

"He said, 'I'm fine brother, but I'm calling to tell you I've been going to get tested for you and Mayo said I'm a perfect match.' I told him I wasn't sure if I should cry or laugh, and that he shouldn't feel obligated at all to do this."

Higginbotham, a member of the Board of Directors for the Clay County Habitat for Humanity, didn't feel an ounce of obligation. He was helping a friend.

The two kept things quiet and off of social media. Higginbotham still needed to tell the rest of his family and Farhat had to tell. The two eventually agreed on Aug. 25 for surgery, and the two arrived at the hospital together at 5:30 a.m. The surgery

changed both their lives for the better.

The surgery was a success and the recovery went well. Farhat, after six-and-a-half years, was finally free from dialysis, free to travel further than 45 minutes of Mayo without the fear that a matching kidney would come in on a moment's notice, and free to live the life he used to live.

"I love him like a brother," Farhat said. "He is absolutely family. We can't do much right now because of COVID-19, but when that's passed, we will get everyone together and Roger and Karol will for sure be there. Roger saved my life."

Higginbotham didn't want any publicity. Nor did he do it for the praise that came with his decision. He simply wanted to help someone because it was the right thing to do. "I feel like all of this is a blessing," Higginbotham said. "God blessed me with being healthy enough at my age to do this for another human being, and I'm so happy I was able to do this for Eddie. I really feel strange getting all this publicity because it was never about that. I did it because it felt like something God told me to do."

# Wreaths Across America

## Fallen soldiers to be remembered Saturday

**Services held Saturday in Orange Park, Keystone Heights and Middleburg**

By Bruce Hope  
bruce@opcfla.com

CLAY COUNTY – Three locations across Clay County will participate in Wreaths Across America ceremonies on Saturday to commemorate the lives lost over the years by American military service personnel.

In Clay County, three different locations – Jacksonville Memory Gardens in Orange Park, Keystone Heights Memory Gardens, and Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Memorial Park in Middleburg – will participate in the ceremonies at noon to honor fallen American veterans.

“It’s personal to me because I feel like, as far as our veterans go in our local locations, the veteran’s cemetery, the national ceremony, they get those honors and rites,” said Jimmy Arthur, a 20-year retired U.S. Army veteran who served as a mortuary specialist and now works with the Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill. “And I feel like in Clay County, in our community, our veterans deserve those same rites as the ones that are in the national cemetery. It’s personal for me because of that fact. We never leave a fallen comrade, and this is extending that same courtesy. We never leave a fallen comrade, no matter where they’re laid to rest.”

While the ceremonies will continue this year despite the COVID-19 pandemic, they will do so with some changes in order to adhere to medical guidelines.

All people arriving at the Memorial Gardens should remain in their vehicles during the ceremony. They can tune into 94.8 FM on their radios to listen. The specific events will take place to include a moment of silence, speeches and musical selections. Those who would like to place a wreath will turn on their hazard lights to signal volunteers to bring one to their ve-



hicle. Following the ceremony, those wishing to place wreaths will be able to do so but must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

Clay County is very military friendly to those actively serving, veterans, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The project started when Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, had extra wreaths following the 1992 holiday season and decided to have them placed in a low-traffic area of Arlington National Cemetery. Other volunteers helped in the efforts to get the wreaths to Arlington, and a ceremony was organized at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to lay them.

For years, the ceremony was repeated until 2005, when a picture of the wreaths at Arlington made it onto the internet. That was the beginning of the spread of the tradition which would lead to Wreaths Across America, held each year on the second or third Saturday of December.

Fallen soldiers will be honored Saturday at three county cemeteries by Wreaths Across America. The program started in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery and has grown to a national project.



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County Commissioner Gayward Hendry, left, presents Joan Jones with flowers at last year’s Wreaths Across America celebration at Keystone Heights.



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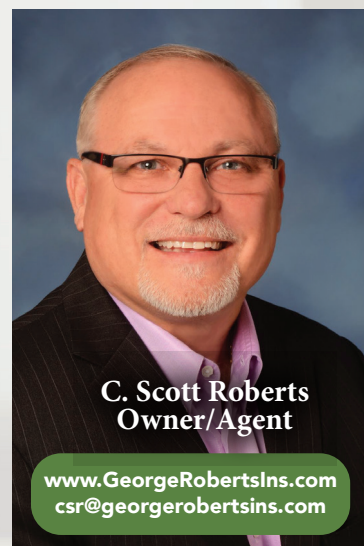


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## Salvation Army 'Rescues Christmas' with its annual toy giveaway

MIDDLEBURG – Thanks to the generosity of local residents and businesses, nearly 400 Clay County families will wake up to toys under the Christmas Tree this year. Behind the work of the Salvation Army's Help Rescue Christmas toy giveaway, residents and organizations picked up over-stuffed bags of toys and necessities during the three-day event that concluded Tuesday at Clay County headquarters on State Road 220. Many also received Bibles and frozen turkeys as the group continued its mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ while meeting the human needs of its community.



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### Keystone teachers win grants from Farm Bureau, St. Johns River Water Management District

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Sarah Crawford and Cynthia Brown, teachers at Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High, have been awarded two grants to help further educate the students in their classroom.

The first grant they received was for \$233 from the Farm Bureau to help build raised garden beds which will help teach students where food comes from before it arrives at the grocery store. The second grant they were awarded was for \$761.84 from St. Johns River Water Management District to educate students in water resource protection.

### SJR State Foundation welcomes Brian Bergen

ORANGE PARK – St. Johns River State College welcomes Brian Bergen as its new director of fundraising and alumni engagement of the College's Foundation, which exists to support the growth and development of SJR State students and the College community in Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties. Bergen will oversee the Foundation, including handling daily operations, fundraising efforts and community outreach, and will also work closely with SJR State donors and members of the board of directors on cultivating philanthropic support for the College.

According to SJR State Vice President for Development and External Affairs Caroline Tingle, "We are confident that Brian will bring talent, energy and focus to the SJR State Foundation. The support of the community has always been a constant in the 60-plus year history at SJR State, and the Foundation has certainly played a fundamental role in strengthening this relationship."

Bergen, who most recently served as vice president of economic development at the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, brings an extensive background to the SJR State Foundation. "Brian's previous leadership experience with the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and his passion for our community have prepared him to take on this position," said Tingle.

Bergen holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a minor in economics from Indiana State University. Additionally, he holds specialized certifications in community development and grant administration. At SJR State, Bergen's efforts will focus on continuing with the high level of private support required for the Foundation to maintain access to quality and affordable education within the communities the College serves.

As the Foundation celebrates its 50 years of service, Tingle said, "We are thrilled that Brian will be joining our team during this exciting time and leading the Foundation in our tireless commitment to students. In the 50 years since its founding, the SJR State Foundation has not wavered in its commitment to serve students and the entire college community, and Brian comes at a time when we're proudly reflecting on our success and preparing to move it forward."

The SJR State Foundation offers numerous scholarships to students.

For additional information about the Foundation and these scholarships funded by the contributions of businesses, non-profit entities and individuals, visit <http://sjrstate.edu/foundation.html>.

# Clay County school teachers receive portion of SONIC's \$1.3 million donation

## Money divided among 21 teachers for school supplies

CLAY COUNTY – For the 12th year in a row and during an especially urgent time of need, SONIC Drive-In donated an all-time high of \$1.3 million to fund public school teacher requests across the country as part of its annual Limeades for Learning Fall Voting Campaign. In partnership with nonprofit teacher crowdfunding platform DonorsChoose and with the help of SONIC fans, they were among the community heroes up-voted to receive donations for essential materials to create an engaging learning environment in both physical and virtual classrooms.

"Celebrating public school teachers through our Fall Voting Campaign feels special every year, but especially this year, as our incredible public school teachers are going the extra mile to keep their students inspired, regardless of where their classroom may be," said Christi Woodworth, vice president for public relations for SONIC. "From cleaning supplies to humidifiers and technology needs, we were able to fulfill thousands of teachers' wish lists for necessary teaching materials to keep their students safe and learning." The following exceptional teachers earned funding for their much-needed learning materials as part of the annual Fall Voting Campaign:

- Four teachers at R.C. Bannerman Learning Center in Green Cove Springs received a total of \$1,524. They are: Antonette Walker-Ford for the project "Coffee and Collaboration," Jennifer Allen-Rohr for the project "Critical Thinking and Social-Emotional Learning through LEGO Education," Joan Kingston for the project "Self-Help Workbooks to Become Your Best Self!" and Victoria Tompkins for the project "BLC Bi-



son Incentive Store."

- Two teachers at Doctors Inlet Elementary and one at Wilkinson Elementary received a total of \$1,684. They are: Lauren Paine at Doctors Inlet for her projects "Level Up with Reading" and "Pictures...with Words?" and Lorraine Evatt at Wilkinson for the project "Exploring History Through Reading."

- Fifteen teachers in Oakleaf received a total donation at \$14,854. They are: Chad Robbins at Oakleaf High for his projects "More Mallets Please!," "Paper and Ink and Staplers, Oh My!" and "Spectacular Sabres;" Jeanette Burley at Oakleaf Junior High for her projects "Chrome Covered" and "Chrome Covered 2;" Karen Whitten at Oakleaf Junior High for the project "Balanced Science;" Michael Summers at Oakleaf Junior High for his projects "More Music for Band," "Music Made Just For Us!" and "Ring the Bells for Band!;" Angela Brown of Oakleaf Village Elementary for her projects "Looking Through the Scope of a Magazine!" and "Scholastic Storyworks Magazine;" Brad Smith of Oakleaf Village Elementary for his projects "Chromebooks for Sixth" and "Chromebooks for Sixth, Part 2;" Caroline Hellman of Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project "Interventions to Make Learning Fun!;" Courtney

Tindel at Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project "Classroom Technology to Navigate Our New Normal;" Gina Roundtree of Oakleaf Village Elementary for her projects "Hands-On Learning During COVID" and "Hot Dots and a Chromebook;" Krystal Mason of Oakleaf Village Elementary for her projects "Chromebook Cart and Supplies for Fifth" and "Chromebook Cart for 5<sup>th</sup>;" Marla Teal of Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project "Taking the Kids to the Big Screen;" Maureen Devine at Oakleaf Village Elementary for her projects "Books to Hook and Charging Devices" and "Subscriptions for STEM Learning;" Michelle Levinson at Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project "Art in the Village!;" Paula Summers at Oakleaf Village Elementary School for her projects "Specdrums for STEAM Fun!," "Specdrums for STEAM Fun, Part 2" and "Specdrums for STEAM Fun, Part 3;" and Stanley Abramowich at Oakleaf Village Elementary for the project "Chromebooks for Kids."

Since 2009, SONIC has donated \$17.9 million, supported more than 26,500 classrooms, and provided necessary learning materials and teaching resources requested by teachers to impact more than 5.6 million students in partnership with DonorsChoose.

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John 1:14

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# Hendry retires (again) after serving the community for more than 50 years

**Former county commissioner to stay involved, but plans to spend time on his farm**

By Don Coble  
don@opcfla.com

LAKE ASBURY – Gayward Hendry’s U.S. Marines Dress blues still hangs in his closet. The creases are razor sharp. His Company Grade White Hat is clean and crisp. At 73, his jaw is still firm, his handshake is powerful.

So much as happened in Hendry’s life, but little has changed. He still wears the same size dress blues he wore during his 20-year stint in the military. He’s still not afraid to speak his mind. And when he looks you in the eye, you know it’s the truth.

After spending his entire adult life serving the community, including the last four years on the Clay Board of County Commissioners, Hendry will walk away. Yet he will stay involved.

For now, he’s finding tranquility on his farm making cane syrup. There also are plans to travel and fish to be caught in the Gulf of Mexico.

“I don’t sit around much,” Hendry said just a few days after his term on the commission ended. “I watch very little television. I never take a nap in the afternoon. So far, I’ve had plenty to do between church and farm and the various organizations I’m involved in. I’m still wide open.”

It’s also the fourth time he’s retired.

Hendry spent 20 years at the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office. Some of that overlapped with his time as a reservist in the Marines. After retiring from JSO and the Marines, he worked 14 years as a senior investigator with the State Attorney’s office. He retired from that job and became a chief inspector with the Clay County Sheriff’s Office. He retired from CCSO and



Gayward Hendry

spent four years on the county’s planning commission before winning the District 5 seat on the BCC in 1996.

“I could have run one more time, but I decided to take a break,” he said. “There’s stuff I still want to do. I tell everybody I’ll be back. And I’m going to keep my fingers in the political things around here.

“There’s a lot of stuff out there I wouldn’t spit on, but there’s a lot of stuff out there that needs real attention.”

Hendry said a brief conversation with a woman at church played a role in his decision to walk away from the BCC. She wanted a dirt road on her property to be paved. Hendry said it was against the law to use county resources on private land.

The woman vowed to never vote for him again.

“I don’t need that stuff,” Hendry said.

“Let me tell you about this county. When I ran the first time, they kept telling me it’s a part-time job. That’s B.S. in the first order. It can be a part-time job if the only thing you do is go to meetings and return a few phone calls. It’s a full-time job if you



Always a proud Marine, Gayward Hendry often attends ceremonies in his Dress Blues, including Wreaths Across America. Hendry retired from the Board of County Commissioners, but he will remain active in local politics.

work it the way it should be – being proactive. You get out there and look at stuff that needs to be fixed. If you do it that way, if you return all of your phone calls and try to help everybody that reaches out to you, it’s full-time. The worst thing in the world is telling somebody you can’t do something.”

Hendry still serves. He’s the president of Farm Bureau, a past president of the Clay County Historical Society, a board member of the Military Museum of North Florida, the president of the Lake Asbury

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# Miller Electric contributes \$1 million to United Way

## Money to advance race, equity and social justice in Northeast Florida

JACKSONVILLE – United Way of Northeast Florida announced this week Miller Electric Company, a national electrical contractor and systems integrator headquartered in Jacksonville and long-time supporter of the organization, donated \$1 million to support United Way's focus on race, equity and social justice in Northeast Florida.

"We are grateful to Miller Electric for their partnership and for showing such strong support for race, equity and social justice through their generous gift," said Michelle Braun, president and CEO of United Way of Northeast Florida. "In order to tackle this issue at the level and depth it requires, we must have long-term partners and leaders like Miller Electric join us. We must fight for equity and strive to create communities where everyone has the resources, opportunities and support they need to thrive. This lead gift provides a significant initial investment and I hope serves as a challenge to others to secure additional funding for this important work."

According to the recent "ALICE in Flor-

ida: A Financial Hardship Study" report commissioned by United Way, nearly 40% of households struggle to make ends meet in Northeast Florida, defined Duval, Nassau, Clay, Baker and St. Johns counties.

Locally and across Florida, this number increases dramatically for Black households: 63% of Black households in Florida are unable to afford basic household essentials in their communities. Miller Electric's transformational gift will support United Way's goal to change the paradigm for people of color in Northeast Florida and dramatically improve outcomes – as well as allow the organization to advance racial justice by empowering those closest to the issues. The generous gift will also fund existing programs and services, including place-based work, collective impact partnerships, civil discourse and capacity-building.

"Community is one of our core values at Miller Electric, and reinvesting in the communities where we work is part of our mission," said Henry K. Brown, CEO of Miller Electric. "We recognize race equity and social justice impacts almost every issue in our society – and it will take a committed, long-term approach to make any significant change. As a family-owned company,

we take a generational approach to our business, and we know we need to bring the same approach to these issues. As the events that unfolded this year brought the spotlight on the continued race equity challenges across the country and in our local community, we did not want to sit on the sidelines."

"As a company and as a family, we have consistently committed to working with United Way to invest in the long-term health of our community. They are not afraid to take on our community's biggest challenges and do so in a strategic way to create significant change," continued Brown, a third-generation leader of the Jacksonville-based company. "When we decided we wanted to create change on this issue, we turned to United Way to see how we could work together to make a lasting impact. This is generational work that will take the collaboration of the entire community, and I am confident United Way is the right organization to lead this effort."

Drawing from a 95-year history of connecting people, resources and ideas to address the community's most urgent challenges, United Way has developed and funded programs and organizations that tackle poverty and, more recently,

generational poverty. Understanding the relevance and urgency of the situation, the organization knows it must continue to drive investment in the programs already addressing the effects of inequity as well as do more to specifically address structural racism and the systems that keep people in poverty.

With the support of partners like Miller Electric, United Way of Northeast Florida is committed to a dedicated focus on race, equity and social justice, incorporating a race-equity lens on all of their work to foster a more just community. Underscoring the importance of this work to ensure positive change and impact, the organization identified three areas of focus that require investment:

- Benchmarking and data analytics
  - Education, awareness and civic engagement
  - Building a network of informed and passionate champions
- United Way will continue to work with community partners and local residents to put this tremendous investment to use.

For more information on the work of United Way of Northeast Florida and its partners, visit [unitedwaynefl.org](http://unitedwaynefl.org).

## Working from home for the holidays: Tips to stay productive, employed

By Cynthia Spraggs

The holiday season brings families together, but it also means added distractions for the many people working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

How can remote workers keep their focus sharp and their productivity high while noise and interruptions surround them? And what can businesses do to ensure their employees aren't slacking and projects are on track?

"Working from home creates a different psychological vibe from the all-business environment of a brick-and-mortar office setting, and that feeling is magnified during the holidays," says Cynthia Spraggs ([www.virtira.com](http://www.virtira.com)), a veteran of working remotely, author of *How To Work From Home And Actually Get SH\*T Done*, and CEO of Virtira, a completely virtual company that helps other businesses work virtually.

"The holidays bring new challenges to getting work done efficiently at home, and at the same time, employers have concerns about how the holidays can affect workers' productivity in a home setting. It

can cause tension between managers and employees."

Here are tips to employees and employers about working from home productively during the holidays:

### How WFH employees can overcome holiday distractions

**Create a mental commute and brain warm-up.** A morning routine can help clear the mind and prepare for the working mindset. "The drive to the office used to create a mental separation between home life and work life and give the worker space and time to prepare for the day," Spraggs says. "A similar separation time is vital at home, especially in a holiday atmosphere, in order to focus on the work tasks ahead. Develop a routine, such as reading or exercise, that warms up your brain."

**Create must-do lists.** The holidays are filled with gift lists, parties, family obligations, baking plans, and other tasks that aren't usually on the everyday agenda. "When these distractions make it difficult

to focus," Spraggs says, "it helps to start the day with a list of work tasks that must be completed that day. Prioritizing them makes it more likely they'll get done, even if your mind does veer off into visions of sugar plums."

### Keep your office space a quiet place, and show everyone the door.

"Establishing a clear boundary is a must," Spraggs says. "I strongly advise you to put a door between you and the rest of the household, and keep it shut. Otherwise, the home holiday cheer will break your concentration as people and pets stream in."

### How employers can keep WFH workers from slacking during holidays

**Trust, don't micromanage.** Some businesses go so far as screen- or mouse-tracking software on company-provided devices to check in on their workforce. But Spraggs says that type of micromanaging can be counterproductive as employees feel distrusted and overly pressured. "Such a management practice during the holidays comes across worse," she says. "Managers can find less intrusive ways to help employees stay on track. Set targets and measure results, preferably using online dashboards with status reports. This makes it easy for employees to earn your trust. The more you trust those who have earned it, and don't hound them, the more they will produce."

**Have daily check-ins.** Remote managers should establish either a daily one-on-one call or team call with their employees. In the holiday season, Spraggs says, extra efforts should be made in communication to compensate for people taking time off and getting projects completed. "A regular routine of calls provides a forum for the employees to consult with the manager and each other," Spraggs says, "and the manager can track performance in real time."

**Set holiday goals and rewards.** "Your quarterly goals can be augmented by special holiday goals and rewards for meeting them," Spraggs says. "These dangled carrots incentivize working diligently at home during the holidays and give them a bonus. Making it fun and competitive, the productivity goes up."

*"It's all about discipline and knowing how to protect the work side of your home from the fun side during the holidays," Spraggs says.*

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### Shores Liquors at Argyle opens at Argyle Village

ARGYLE FOREST – Shores Liquors at Argyle will be opening their 13th store at Argyle Village Shopping Center.

They have other stores in Orange Park, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Shores Liquors is known for their sell of fine wine and spirits. Plus, this location has a convenient drive-thru, so there is no need to get out of your car.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Newly-elected Florida Senator Jennifer Bradley worked as a runner during the drive-thru event, picking up bags of toys and delivering them to cars.

Volunteers filled trunks, cargo holds and the dreams of local children with toys collected by the J.P. Hall Children's Charities.

## Children

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letters to Santa Claus and finished several pages in a coloring book as they impatiently waited for the J.P. Hall Children's Charities Giving the Gift of Hope toy distribution to start at the Clay County Fairgrounds.



**"The community really stepped up. Organizations and individuals have really helped. We're lucky to be able to continue this."**

**— Virginia Hall**

"We do everything as a family," said the father, Chris. "We also talked about where we want to go camping later this year. We stayed busy while we waited."

Hundreds of cars wrapped about the massive fairgrounds lot. Clay County residents invited to drive through the Cattleman's Arena. Organizer Virginia Hall said the county's biggest holiday event usually



Santa Claus gives J.P. Hall Children's Charities Chairman Virginia Hall a well-deserved hug after her organization continued its tradition of providing toys to local children.

helps as many as 1,500 local children.

This year's event was challenged by the deadly coronavirus that forced the cancellation of the organization's biggest fundraiser earlier this year.

"We had to change the way we do it because of COVID-19, but we're grateful we're able to do it," Hall said. "We thought about not doing it for about a half-second. This is our 39th year. We pray things will be back to normal next year.

"The community really stepped up. Organizations and individuals have really helped. We're lucky to be able to continue this."

Instead of walking through the exhibition halls and collecting toys – including bicycles – families were required to drive through the area. Volunteers loaded a bag of toys for each child in the car.

There were no bicycles given away this year's since families weren't allowed to leave their cars. That kept volunteers from matching the size of helmets and bikes.

J.P. Hall Charities, however, passed along news that Orange Park United Methodist Church will be giving away bicycles on a first-come, first-served basis on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 12:30-4 p.m. Many of the bikes given to J.P. Hall in the past came from the Orange Park church.

For many, it's the only thing they'll get on Christmas morning.

"It's so amazing they do this,"







Santa Claus rode through the parking lot in a 1941 firetruck, waving at the children and parents in line at the Clay County Fairgrounds

said Chelsea Hammitt of Orange Park. "There are so many families in need this year. The kids are antsy, but they appreciate it so much."

Hammitt rode with her friend, Lisa Griffin. Both brought two children.

They were first in line. Unlike years past, residents weren't allowed to arrive a day early and wait on the shoulder of State Road 16 or the fairgrounds parking lot. The doors opened at 8 a.m., and they weaved through a mile-long traffic maze. By the time they picked up their packages, the line of traffic was nearly backed up to the entrance.

Gifts were divided by age groups and sex.

"But it's not about the gifts," Griffin said. "Christmas is how you make it. That's something our children understand. Things are hard right now. This helps a lot."

"Christmas is about Jesus," her son, Taylor Cole, said from the backseat.

Clay County Sheriff's Office Chief Patrick Golemme was one of many deputies

who helped with traffic and donated their time.

"This is always our biggest Christmas events of the year," he said. "Everything has run smoothly. We've noticed everyone is filled with Christmas spirit. Everyone is excited."

Some of the volunteers in the drive-thru included Sheriff Michelle Cook, Green Cove Springs Mayor Van Royal, newly-elected Florida Senator Jennifer Bradley and her husband, former Senator Rob Bradley.

The real stars, however, were the children. They smiled and waved. Their excitement was matched only by a community's unwavering desire to help their neighbors.

"All I want for Christmas is for my kids to be happy," Hammitt said.

No child has left the giveaway without a toy, volunteers said.

That tradition continued in 2020.

"This Christmas was going to be fulfilling anyway," Bickner said. "This just makes it better."



Volunteers were eager to give away toys and wish every child a Merry Christmas.

STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE



Two-by-two traffic was backed up for a mile at the toy giveaway. Many waited for four hours, but no child went home without toys.



### Alpha Beta Club Toy Drive

The Green Cove Spring Alpha Beta Club kicked off their 10th annual toy drive in November with great success. This is the largest community service project for the Beta Club. The group filled several boxes with toys, socks and sweatshirts for the J.P. Hall Children's Charities Annual Christmas party. Pictured from left: Michael Taft, Club sponsor, Kenneth Jolly, J. P. Hall volunteer, Alpha Beta secretary Ava Rogers, Sophia Cheshire, vice president, Kathryn McNeill, president, Zac Ortiz, treasurer and Vice Principal Monica Green.



# Community Calendar

**WILKINSON JUNIOR HIGH COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** is on Dec. 17 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Wilkinson Junior High, 5025 County Road 218 West in Middleburg. For more information, contact Wilkinson Family and Community Coordinator Sheila Walker at (904) 517-9703.

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

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

**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.

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



## Grumpy's to match donations to deliver hot meals to OPMC

**ORANGE PARK – From now until Christmas, all donations made to Grumpy's Community Action Campaign will go toward sponsoring meals for healthcare workers at Orange Park Medical Center. The restaurant will match every donation received and deliver the hot meals to the hospital. Earlier this year, Grumpy's delivered 1,000 meals to local healthcare heroes, first responders and essential grocery workers in Orange Park. Those wishing to donate can do so onsite (with take out or curbside) or by calling (904) 215-1956.**

**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.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**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.

**CLAY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:** will meet Jan. 6 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs. Residents who wish to issue public testimony to Rep. Sam Garrison should contact his office by email at marie.ehle@myfloridahouse.gov by noon on Jan. 4.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will meet Jan. 7 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will meet on Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Jan. 8-10 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**CYCLOCROSS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP:** is Jan. 10 at Ronnie Van Zant Park. Event includes bicycle competitions for trails, grass, steep hill and obstacles.

**ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**POPOVICH COMEDY PET THEATER:** is Jan. 15 at 7 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.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Jan. 15-16 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**ROGER MCGUINN:** will perform on Jan. 16 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.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is Jan. 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION:** will meet Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**HIGHWAY MEN LIVE MUSICAL TRIBUTE:** is Jan. 21 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.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**OPEN TRACK WEEKEND:** is Jan. 22-24 from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will conduct a workshop on Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**CLAY ACTION COALITION:** will meet Jan. 28 at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet Jan. 28 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference room, third floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will meet Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will meet Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/PAT TRAVERS BAND:** will play Feb. 6 at 8 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.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is Feb. 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY BRIDAL SPECTACULAR:** is Feb. 7 at noon at the Thrasher-Horne Center, St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.

**ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**THE JUNGLE BOOK:** is Feb. 11 at 6:30 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.

**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION:** will meet Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

## Holiday Happenings

**CHRISTMAS STORIES WITH THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** is Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Deputies will read Christmas classics on the CCSO Facebook page and YouTube.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CHRISTMAS STORIES WITH THE CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:** is Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Deputies will read Christmas classics on the CCSO Facebook page and YouTube.

**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 shootout features elements of a Wild West Show.

# Despite White House Task Force advice, Ron DeSantis says Florida restaurants will stay open

By **Renzo Downey**  
For Florida Politics

Despite facing pressure this month to take a step back on Florida's pandemic reopening timeline, Gov. Ron DeSantis reassured restaurants Tuesday that he won't shut them down.

On Sunday, news broke that a White House Coronavirus Task Force report for Florida recommended stricter measures for stopping the virus including mask wearing at all times in public, increased physical distancing by reducing capacity or closing indoor spaces at restaurants and bars and limiting gatherings outside of immediate households. States like California are reimposing restrictions in the face of rising cases, but Florida has waitresses, cooks and family-owned businesses covered, the Governor said.

"We just want to send the message, some may want to shut you down, we want to pull you up," he said during a press conference with several restaurant industry workers.

"You're working folks who are working hard to make a living, and you can take it to the bank in the state of Florida, you're going to have that right defended by the Governor."

Since September, Florida has been in reopening Phase Three, which allows all businesses to open. The order lifted

all COVID-19 state-level restrictions and preempted local governments' abilities to close businesses and assess fines on individuals.

"If a local leader wants to put them out of work, you're damned right I'm hobbling them from doing that," DeSantis said Tuesday. "If they want to shut down businesses, I'm going to stand in the way. I'm going to stand with these folks here because they have a right to make a living and I don't think government has a right to put these people out of work and not let them put food on the table for their family."

Businesses put every effort into protecting customers and their staff, the Governor noted, or guests won't visit.

"I have not seen a single business owner — I have not seen a single employee who has acted like this virus isn't real," he said. "They all understand that, but they also understand that they have to be able to make ends meet."

State health officials reported 9,411 new cases and 94 deaths in Tuesday's pandemic update. And with the holiday season, experts expect cases to go on the rise again.

"The vast, vast majority of infections are occurring in people's homes, particularly if you have people getting together," DeSantis said. "Closing a restaurant for indoor dining is going to lead to more people doing that in private homes anyways."

Instead, government should inform people about situations with higher risk and let individuals make their own decisions. Mandates and shutdowns haven't worked for other states, he noted.

Florida is among 10 states with the lowest new infections per capita, according to the task force report.

"If the mandate was so important, Florida would be higher than all of those states," DeSantis said.

"Rankings are almost irrelevant as the entire country is surging," the task force report said.

The Dec. 6 report obtained by the Center for Public Integrity also urged leaders to begin warning about the risks of gathering during the December holiday season.

The White House Coronavirus Task Force is chaired by Vice President Mike Pence, and Dr. Deborah Birx serves as its response coordinator. The task force's reports are sent to governors across the U.S.

Last week, the Orlando Sentinel and the South Florida Sun Sentinel, based in Palm Beach County, sued DeSantis' administra-

tion for failing to make public the weekly reports about coronavirus conditions in the Sunshine State. The Governor held his Tuesday press conference at Okeechobee Steakhouse in West Palm Beach.

The lawsuit said the DeSantis administration is violating the Public Records Act by refusing to release the reports, which provide recommendations and snapshots of virus conditions state by state. The lawsuit filed last week in state court in Tallahassee seeks the immediate release of requested and future reports.

The White House has indicated these reports should be "widely" shared, including with the media, according to the newspapers' lawsuit, as reported by The Associated Press.

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## Hendry

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Community Association and on the board of directors for the 4-H Foundation. But he believes his greatest accomplishment has been working with Youth Leadership Program at Quantico, Virginia — and eventually expanding the program to Camp Blanding.

"We ran a couple thousand kids through that summer program," Hendry said. "That was a real out for most of those kids."

Hendry said he won't miss the bickering and back-biting that comes with campaigning. He said people create lies during election cycles, which makes the process a waste of time and "un-American."

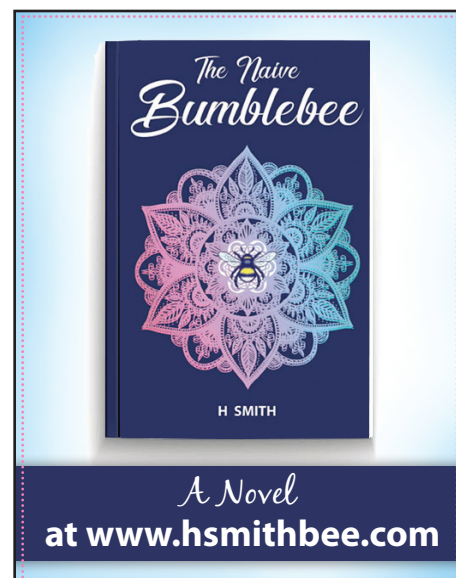
Besides, he's too busy to dwell on hate and negativity. There's too much work to be done, too many projects that need im-

mediate attention. Anything else is simply a distraction.

"I've seen too many people who hate life, walking around with a poor attitude. Nothing's ever right," he said. "Everyone's always after them. Blah, blah, blah. That's an easy trap to fall into. I try to live my life with enthusiasm."

"When I get up every morning, one of the first things I do is think who out there needs my help? I got a couple hours to spare. All the people I speak to, I impress on them to live your life in a manner that when your feet hit the floor, the devil says [crap], you're awake again."

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# Police Briefs

## School security guard arrested at school for cocaine possession

MIDDLEBURG — A Clay County District Schools employee has been charged with possession of cocaine following a Clay County Sheriff's Office investigation.

Douglas Charles Batchelder, a guardian with Clay County District Schools, was arrested by the Clay County Sheriff's Office after detectives received information he was involved in the use of illegal narcotics. Working jointly with the Clay County District Schools Police Department, detectives responded to Middleburg High on Nov. 15 and met with CCSDSPD Chief Kenneth Wagner and Batchelder.

While there, a CCSO K9 alerted to Batchelder's vehicle for the presence of an illegal drug. Detectives found a brown wallet in the driver's side door that contained a white substance that field-tested positive as cocaine. Batchelder admitted to ownership of the cocaine discovered inside his vehicle and completed a sworn written statement.

The guardian program was established in 2018 following the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School. Guardians assist deputized officers. They are highly trained to respond immediately in the event of a school shooting.

CCSO deputies arrested Batchelder, and he was transported to the Clay County Jail.

## CCSO deputy fired for turning in fake timesheets

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A 26-year veteran of the Clay County Sheriff's Office was fired and arrested for organized fraud on Dec. 10.

Sheriff Michelle Cook said Timothy James Bell cashed a check of more than \$1,350 after fraudulently turning in hours from secondary jobs hired through the sheriff's office. CCSO said it has surveillance of Bell either leaving early or not showing up for his part-time assignments, although he electronically submitted hours to the agency.

Deputies are offered an opportunity to do part-time work through CCSO, primarily for security and property checks. Bell turned in hours for work at the Clay County Utility Authority on Nov. 7 and 16, Duval Asphalt on Nov. 10 and 21, and Fleming Island Plantation on Nov. 15. He also turned in hours for simultaneous work at Duval Asphalt and Fleming Island Plantation, although they are more than 10 miles apart from each other.

"This is why it's so important to hold those responsible," Cook said. "None of us want our badges tarnished."

"As disappointed as I am in Bell's actions which lead to his arrest, I'm just as proud to say that the information about his illegal activity also came from agency employees. These employees who understand the importance of honesty and integrity. It

is important to hold those who stray from our oath accountable, to maintain the trust of the public we serve."

CCSO said the investigation into Bell is ongoing. The former deputy was released from the Clay County Jail on his own recognizance.

## Social media post puts spotlight on school police officer

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — The Clay County Sheriff's Office denied it ignored a claim by a resident that a Clay County School District Police Officer sent inappropriate test messages and was involved in chats to a 14-year-old girl.

Nathan Waits, who's the president of a group that chats with men while pretending to be children. Waits posted a confrontation with the officer at his school on Facebook. Waits also said he notified the sheriff's office about the messages in October ago.

Sheriff Michelle Cook said a departmental investigation revealed the man mistakenly sent a test message to a landline number at the agency. Landlines generally don't accept text messages.

The school officer has been placed on leave, according to the school district.

"The Clay County District Schools Police Department is aware of the allegations made on social media posted by a citizen on December 8, 2020. The Clay County District Schools Police Department Officer referenced in the post has been placed on administrative leave indefinitely pending the results of an internal investigation by the Clay County District Schools Police Department and an outside investigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office," said district spokesperson Nicole Young.

Waits said he has transcripts of the chats, including an apparent conversation asking the girl about sexy bikini photos.

The district's police chief angrily defended CCSO and said his department takes all allegations seriously.

"That law enforcement agency [CCSO] is an outstanding agency with many highly qualified individuals with the highest levels of integrity and a strong commitment to always doing the right thing, even when no one is looking," Kenneth Wagner posted on Facebook. "They serve with honor, pride and compassion. I am proud to say I worked at that agency for over 20 years.

They would never fail to respond to a complaint, such as the incident posted on social media.

"The agency I lead [CCSDPD] at this moment in time has all of the same traits and a compassion and dedication to their duties. They nor I would fail to respond to a complaint. Mischaracterization, statements, or information on social media has created a firestorm of people from all across the country to reach out to me and people with whom I serve with via phone and social media with baseless allegations, being vile, vulgar and evil."

Cook said her department is investigating the case.

## Man finally caught following rash of March car break-ins

OAKLEAF — A 24-year-old man was in the Clay County Jail following a string of at least five car break-ins in March, the Clay County Sheriff's Office reported.

Kenneth Charles Nettles, of Orange Park, was charged with five counts of burglary on Dec. 11 following an investigation by the CCSO auto crimes unit.

According to the arrest reports, several residents their cars were broken into during the early morning hours of March 13. Detectives met with Nettles in Jacksonville, and he turned himself at the Orange Park substation.

His bond was set at \$25,015.

## Women arrested for reselling stolen handbags on internet

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A woman was arrested for stealing handbags from a local store and reselling them on the internet, the Clay County Sheriff's Office reported.

Lori Ann Cocciolo, 53, of Green Cove Springs, was charged on Dec. 10 with grand theft of items \$5,000-\$9,999 and

dealing in stolen property on the internet.

According to the arrest report, Cocciolo was investigated after several handbags were stolen. Deputies recovered many of the bags at her residence. The investigation then revealed Cocciolo was selling the bags on Poshmark.

Her bond was set at \$35,006.

## Wanted man back in Clay after being caught in Baker County

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A man wanted in Clay County for hit and run with injuries and property damage was caught in Baker County and transported back to Clay to face charges.

Royce Morris Jr., 39, of Jacksonville, was wanted since April 24, 2019, following an accident at Filmore Street and Moody Ave. He arrived at the Clay County Jail on Dec. 10.

According to the arrest warrant, Morris was driving on Filmore and he made a left turn onto Moody without stopping at the sign. A car travelling on Moody collided with Morris' car. The Clay County Sheriff's Office learned Morris also was wanted in Jacksonville on a felony warrant for fleeing from Jacksonville Sheriff's Office deputies.

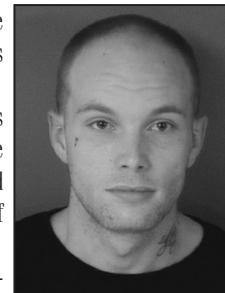
Morris' bond was set at \$35,007.

## CCSO capture wanted man during traffic stop for running red light

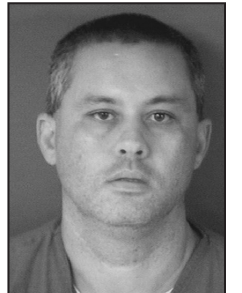
GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A man wanted in Jacksonville was caught by a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy on U.S. Highway 17 during a traffic stop.

Bryant K. Walker, 33, was a passenger in the car that reportedly ran a red light, according to the arrest report. Deputies were alerted Walker has been wanted since Nov. 2 for armed burglary, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Walker was held in the Clay County Jail without bond while he waits to be transported to Duval County.



Kenneth Nettles



Royce Morris



Lori Cocciolo

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# Arrests & Bookings

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

## Tuesday, Dec. 15

Douglas C. Batchelder, 42, Middleburg, possession-cocaine  
Gary A. Miller, 36, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
Dontavis L. Hendrith, 33, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR  
Justin A. Ferguson, 28, Green Cove Springs, vandalism  
Travis L. Joffe, 26, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-controlled substance  
Tracy L. Meador, 54, Green Cove Springs, non-support  
Cody M. Dettelbach, 21, Orange Park, retail theft  
Anthony T.K. Aldridge, 25, Orange Park, armed robbery  
Jeffrey A. Neff, 34, Orange Park four counts felony warrant  
Jennifer S. Kendle, 51, Middleburg, fugitive from justice  
Johnnie R. Wallace, 36, Oakleaf, writ of bodily attachment (Duval)  
Shawn T. Meinke, 27, Middleburg, FTA

## Monday, Dec. 14

Brandon M. Mazza, 26, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, trespassing  
Megan C. Currie, 23, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Bonnie B. Adame, 40, Middleburg, DUI-third violation in 10 years, refusal to submit to BAL test, DWSRL-third offense  
Melissa K. McElroy, 26, Orange Park, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Kevin L.B. Thompson, 32, Oakleaf, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Tyrone L. Almeida, 44, Orange Park, FTA  
Freddie J. Broadwater, 49, Orange Park, FTA, DWLSR  
Zachary S. Fox, 22, Orange Park, simple dating battery  
Christopher R. Modlin, 36, Fleming Island, DUI with property damage  
Mitchell L. Hall, 27, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, aggravated battery on pregnant woman  
Roderick D. White, 28, Green Cove Springs, FTA

## Sunday, Dec. 13

Celeena L. Shealy, 24, Keystone Heights, DUI  
Manuel J. Vazquez, 47, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia (glass pipe), loitering/prowling  
Joseph A. Bowen, 51, Middleburg, VOP-domestic battery  
Ashlie L. Blumel, 20, Orange Park, petit theft  
Anthony W. Jones, 48, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
David A. Davitt, 57, Orange Park, DUI with property damage  
Dillon M. Riley, 20, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR

**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
Robert J. Graham, 36, Orange Park, trespassing  
Kimberly D. Mullis, 54, Fleming Island,

DUI  
Brittany L.A. Casey, 31, Keystone Heights, FTA-driving without license (Pinellas)  
Nina M. Kerns, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
Paul H. Beech, 35, Orange Park, grand theft (Baker)  
Marion T. Christopher, 56, Orange Park, petit theft  
Jason J. Nordstrom, 36, Middleburg, VOP-carrying concealed firearm (Okaloosa)  
Sherby D. Palmer, 37, Fleming Island, FTA-failure to register vehicle (Duval), FTA-driving without license (Duval), VOP-battery/touching/striking (Duval)

## Friday, Dec. 11

Phillip J. Gurley, 39, Maxville, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test  
Julius J. White, 32, Middleburg, FTA  
Michael J. Braddock, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft auto  
Kenneth C. Nettles, 24, Oakleaf, five counts burglary  
Donald E. Lockwood, 24, Middleburg, two counts VOP-community control  
Brandon L. Stevens, 36, Middleburg, possession-cocaine, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl theft

## Thursday, Dec. 10

Sara G. Hall, 36, Fleming Island, DUI  
Michelle M. Gordon, 32, Fleming Island, DUI  
Matthew J. Horvath, 37, Orange Park, three counts failure to register  
Royce Morris, 39, Green Cove Springs, hit and run with injury, hit and run with property damage, DWLSR  
Nathaniel M. Staton, 38, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Lori A. Cocciolo, 52, Fleming Island, grand theft, dealing in stolen property  
Sherod L. Hunt, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery/touching/striking  
Jason S. Worrell, 19, Green Cove Springs, FTA-lewd/lascivious behavior  
Larry W. Hegwood, 40, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Yarea G. Medina-Flores, 25, Oakleaf, driving without license, resisting officer with violence  
Carlos Vasquez, 45, Orange Park, VOP-domestic violence  
Colleen A. Kane, 37, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

## Wednesday, Dec. 9

Bryant K. Walker, 33, Green Cove Springs, aggravated battery with deadly weapon (Duval), armed burglary (Duval), possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon  
Anthony A. Rigdon, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-marijuana, possession-controlled substance  
Natalie E. Brown, 40, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-grand theft  
Jeremy L. Ellington, 38, Green Cove Springs, VOP-larceny  
Jimmy R. Clark, 28, Keystone Heights, VOP-domestic battery (Marion), VOP-violation of injunction against domestic violence (Marion)  
Randi M. Zdanok, 34, Orange Park, DUI with property damage  
Benjamin C. Reaves, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA  
Christopher T. Price, 29, Middleburg, domestic battery  
Jenna M. Godreau, 34, Orange Park, retail petit theft

## Calendar

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### GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

will meet on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET: is Feb. 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**LINDA DAVIS PRESENTS FIRST COAST OPRY AND COUNTRY AWARDS:** is Feb. 21 at 3 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.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will conduct a workshop on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on March 1 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321

Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will meet March 4 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will meet on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**THE YOUNG IRELANDERS:** will perform March 5 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.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is March 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet March 11 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will

meet on March 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION:** will meet March 15 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is March 21 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will conduct a workshop on March 23 at 9 a.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** will meet April 1 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD:** will meet on April 1 at 6 p.m. at the District Multi-Purpose Room, at Fleming Island High, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., on Fleming Island.

**CLAY COUNTY AGRICULTURE FAIR:** Is April 1-11, at the Clay County Fairgrounds, 2497 State Highway 16, Green Cove Springs.

**GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:** will meet on April 5 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

**ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL:** will meet on April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ORANGE PARK PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:** will meet April 8 at 6 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

**ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS:** will be performed on April 11 at 3 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.

**ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET:** is April 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION:** will meet April 19 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

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## Knights snag big win in Eagle country

By Ray DiMonda  
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - When last Oakleaf and Fleming Island teams met, it was on the football field as Oakleaf was on their way to their crowning as the Kings of Clay.

On Friday night, on the hardwood at Fleming Island High School, the visiting Oakleaf Knights stumbled out of the starting blocks, getting down 15-9 to the host Golden Eagles.

"I thought we actually started well, and then they made a run on us" said Knights head Coach Jason Price. "We're still learning in spots. We have a championship level defense. We just have to get some offense to go with it, and it's coming."

The Knights regrouped and made the adjustments needed to stall the Golden Eagles momentum, then take over for the rest of the game. Fleming Island could do no better than close the gap to four points

in the third period, then standby as Oakleaf again opened up an 11 point lead.

The Golden Eagles defense pulled out all the stops and slowed the Knights, only to again stall out to finish going down to the Knights 57-52.

"I love the fight in this group," said Price. "We've played high-level defense and tonight we scored. Nice beautiful cuts, layups, rewarding yourself for the hard work you're playing on the other end."

Coming into the night, both teams are still getting out of the early season doldrums as the Knights and Golden Eagles each only had a single win so far. The difference maker seemed to be overall games played, with the Knights having six games already (2-4), but the Golden Eagles only saw three opponents (1-2). The evidence was in game time chemistry as Oakleaf

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Oakleaf High forward Gage Cooper goes "Air Jordan" under outstretched arm of Fleming Island defender Antoine Sandy in Knights Friday night win at Fleming Island High School.

## Knights' 'Super Sophs' ease into 8-0 record

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

HILLIARD - With his top scorer Kaylah Turner this time, Fred Cole's Oakleaf High girls basketball team showed off a strength that upcoming opponents may want to consider.

"It's not a bad thing having three players the caliber of my three sophomores," said Cole, who moved to 8-0 for 2020 with a 79-25 blowout of Hilliard on Monday. "The funny thing is is we don't worry about who gets what as long as we get the win."

Turner and teammates Fantasia James and Taliah Scott have barnstormed the season's first month with a versatility that belies, one, young players, and, two, fun.

"You know, we work on set plays and scenarios all week during practice and we run, alot," said Cole, who is aptly shadowed by long time assistant Ron Jefferson, who was with Cole during his tenure as the Orange Park High head girls basketball coach. "But, we just let them play. I called maybe two set plays in our game against

SEE KNIGHTS, 36



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Oakleaf High sophomore Fantasia James and her sophomore teammates; Kaylah Turner and Taliah Scott, have been producing big wins for new coach Fred Cole, on left, as Lady Knights have pounded to unbeaten streak to start 2020 season.

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**NEW ARRIVALS**  
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Clay High state weightlift champion Lindsey Brooks has become a part of the tradition of champions returning to the Clay weightlift room to add some coaching eyes with coach Rodney Keller.

## State champ Brooks brings gold to Clay lifting

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - During their senior season of weightlifting, Clay High graduates Lindsey Brooks and Kailah McKean have once again combined talents to bring their lifting expertise back to the Blue Devils' room of Iron.

"She's always been my sidekick, even when we were on the team as athletes," said Brooks, who won the Class 1A title at 199 pounds while McKean took fourth in the Class 1A Unlimited Division last year. "Now, we are together again as coaches helping coach Keller (Clay coach Rodney Keller). It's nice to watch the action without actually having to lift."

For Clay lifting coach Rodney Keller, the return of the past champions and even any past Clay lifter, is a welcomed addition to the eyes in the training camp especially with a bevy of state powerhouses attending a Suwannee High Invitational on Friday.

"Most of the girls that have been successful here have been with the program and tradition for three to four years," said Keller, who noted that Friday at Suwannee High School is the last powerhouse meet for area lifters before the Christmas break and the upcoming state meet climb. "What they bring to the room is tremendous expertise as well as the proverbial 'street cred' of what it feels like to be in those tense situations."

Third in 2019, Brooks, who dominated her weight class with a district and region title last year, was able to put her name at the top of the championship list last year with her 20 pound gap served up on bench press. McKean was also a district and region champion.

"I went for a big lead just to put the pressure of winning the title on the clean

### New weightlifting classifications

**Formerly Class 2A:** Fleming Island, Oakleaf, Middleburg now Region 1, District 2, Class 3A Fleming Island, Oakleaf, Bartram Trail, Creekside, Mandarin

Region includes, from district 1-3A: Chiles, Crestview, Navarre, Niceville, Tate; from district 3-3A: Atlantic Coast, First Coast, Fletcher, Nease, Sandalwood, and, from district 4-3A: Buchholz, Deland, Flagler Palm Coast, Ocala Forest, Spruce Creek, University, West Port

**Formerly Class 1A:** Clay, Orange Park, Ridgeview, Keystone Heights, now Region 2, District 5, Class 2A: Orange Park, Ridgeview, Ed White, Englewood, Terry Parker, Robert E. Lee, Westside; District 6-2A: Clay, Middleburg, Gainesville, Ponte Vedra, St Augustine

Also in Region 2-2A: Belleview, Citrus, Lake Weir, Lecanto, Vanguard, Eustis, Leesburg, New Smyrna Beach, Seabreeze, Tavares

Keystone Heights in Region 2, District 5, Class 1A with Bradford, Eastside, Santa Fe, Union County. Region 2-1A also includes, from District 6-1A: Andrew Jackson, Baldwin, Bishop Snyder, Fernandina Beach, Menendez, Wolfson; from District 7-1A: Bronson, Cedar Key, Chiefland, Hawthorne, Interlachen, Palatka; from District 8-1A: Atlantic, Crescent City, Dunnellon, Father Lopez, North Marion, Taylor.

and jerk," said Brooks, who was top bench press last year with her 185 pounds 20 pounds higher than a handful of 165 pounders below her. "I try to bring the mental attitude to the girls now because I've been there and I've had coach Keller teach me how to win the mental game."

Brooks would give away 15 pounds on the clean and jerk, but the five pound differential was enough to win the title.

"This sports is a lot of mental toughness," said Brooks. "The Clay girls have had the attitude mainly because we have the history with the champions from the past."

Keller says the only thing that keeps the girls away for a while is their own school



As teammates, Lindsey Brooks, left, and Kailah McKean were a dynamic 1-2 punch at the top end of Class 1A weightlifting.



Kailah McKean was a fourth place finisher for Clay last year and brings quiet confidence to the next round of Blue Devil state lifters.

and training.

"Most times, it is them at school that restricts them from coming back here, but anytime they want to drop in and get a lift and maybe talk to the girls is welcomed by me," said Keller. "They all know the level of expectation and if they want to come back and help, it's a no-brainer. They understand what the training looks like and what is expected. I can't express my appreciation of the Bergers, the Brooks, the McKean and the Nulls who come back and lend a hand. You can never have too many eyes on the floor. They see things and we talk and we address the needs of the team."

For McKean, the road to the podium last year was going to have to go through state record holder Mahailya Reeves of Union County who was blowing up her competition with the likes of 375 pounds on the bench press to keep opposing lifters flabbergasted. Reeves was advancing

through region 4-1A with Clay competing in region 5-1A.

"That's the mental part," said Brooks. "The Union County girl was just great on the bench press and we watched her just make her competition roll their eyes."

McKean finished fourth with a 425 total with Reeves hoisting a combined 600 for the gold. McKean improved from a 13th place finish in 2019 at 355 total.

"Being able to have her here with me is nice because we pushed each other last year," said Brooks. "Now, we are thinking about the team and what they need to succeed. It's really good to watch the progress."

Keller noted that there are now three classes of competition in girls weightlifting with Clay moving up to Class 2A.

"Girls weightlifting is blowing up state-wide," said Keller. "This meet will tell us where we really are."



# Super Hero Kirk one short of an upset

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

BARTRAM TRAIL - Fleming Island High goalie Mackenzie Kirk sort of thanked her soccer playing brothers for her aggressive, hair-on-fire attack on the shooters of Bartram Trail High School as the clash between the unbeaten Golden Eagles under new coach Joy Rosano and the defending Class 7A champion Lady Bears turned into a clash of wills with Bartram Trail sneaking back into the gym with a 1-0 win Tuesday night at Bartram Trail High School.

"I knew they were going to be a tough team and last year we came here with a mentality that was low and that's why we lost," said Kirk, who made nearly 20 saves; 19 of them spectacular, high-velocity attacks just inside the 18 yard box that savaged incoming shooters before they could plant and fire away. "I wanted to play hard because my girls were going to play hard."

Kirk's rush toward the shooters was a tactic maybe learned from having a house full of soccer brothers.

"It's a part of the game and I have brothers," said Kirk. "Getting tackled is not something I'm afraid of."

In the first half, with Bartram Trail pushing into the Fleming Island side of midfield for most of the game, Kirk was hit with a barrage of 12-15 shots on goal that she repelled with death-defying daring.

Just before the half ended, Fleming Island was able to get their lone shot on goal.

"We got fired up at halftime and their goal was just an unlucky goal," said Fleming Island High coach Joy Rosano, a former Fleming Island High standout player in the early 2000. "Our goalie played fantastic. She was huge."

Rosano noted that Kirk's strategy to attack incoming shooters was just her way.

"In the second half, they got a couple around her coming out, but our defenders were in position to make a play," said Rosano. "Everyone played big; probably 16-17 shots, but none that had much power. Their shots were a little rushed. It was a tough game on the road against the state champions and I couldn't be prouder."

Bartram Trail's goal came near the 25 minute mark with Kirk facing off with Bartram Trail's Olivia Bori who, ironically, got an assist from forward Grace Ivey, daughter to former Fleming Island coach Darryl



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Fleming Island High goalie Mckenzie Kirk awaits kick from Bartram Trail's Olivia Roni that was gamebreaker in Bartram Trail 1-0 win over the previously unbeaten Golden Eagles. On left is Fleming Island defender Claudio McGough.

Ivey.

From that point on, Fleming Island had their own barrages of shots on the Bartram Trail goal, but failed to nail the net.

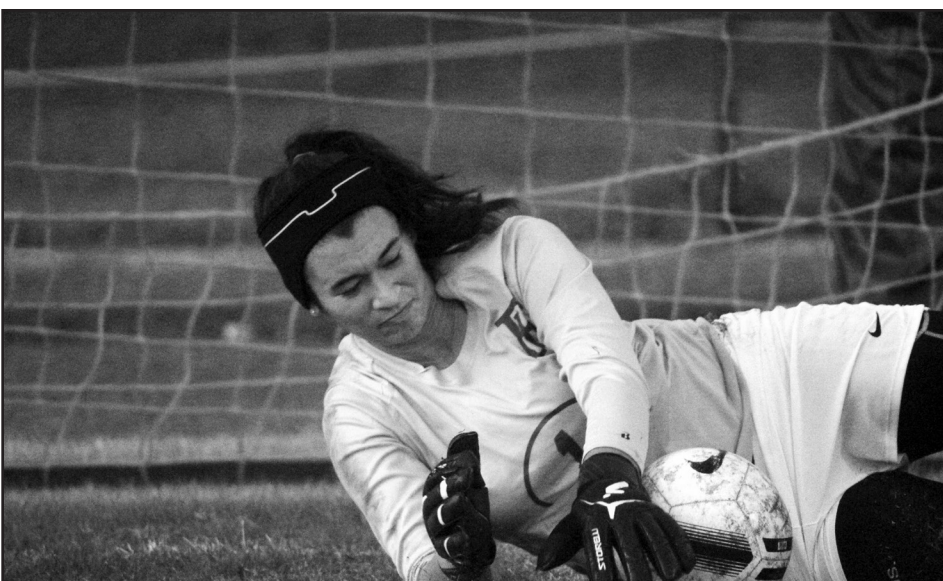
"They put a bunch of defenders in front of the goal and we never got a good foot on

the ball," said Rosano.

Fleming Island falls to 7-1-1 with a final December 17 match at Sandalwood before the Christmas break then a January 5 date with still-unbeaten Oakleaf High (5-0) to look forward to.



Fleming Island High girls soccer have registered some big early season wins under new coach Joy Rosano under the goal-scoring prowess of Libby Pittman, left, Gianna Gardner and, bottom right, Kaitlyn Scherer with goalie Mackenzie Kirk locking down three shutouts in last three games prior to showdown with Class 7A champion Bartram Trail on Tues., Dec. 15.



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**Gavin Smith**  
Fleming Island, Wrestling, Sr.

In one of the biggest season openers in Florida, with a bevy of state powerhouses from all classes including Camden County of Georgia, Fleming Island High 182 pound wrestler Gavin Smith came home with the lone gold medal for the Golden Eagles in two days of wrestling that featured his 13-5 major decision over South Dade's Creig Silimon in a possible preview of a rivalry that could finish at the state championships.



**Taliah Scott**  
Oakleaf High, Girls Basketball,  
Sophomore

Taliah Scott has been rifling through opposing defenses as the newest part of the Oakleaf High undefeated (7-0) girls basketball team. Scott, a transfer from Bolles, has been averaging 28.8 points per game for first year coach Fred Cole with 43 against previously unbeaten Orange Park.

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JUNIOR HIGH ACTION



Orange Park Junior High forward Madison Chandler tries to slice between two Wilkinson defenders.



Orange Park Junior High forward Victor Monge, No. 12 white, gets cut off by Wilkinson defender in action at Clay County Soccer Complex on Monday.



Left: Wilkinson player shows a little ho-hum moment before free kick against Orange Park Junior High.  
Above: Lake Asbury forward Kirra Dodson makes a break in front of Oakleaf defenders Joy Swartz and Annicet Williams.



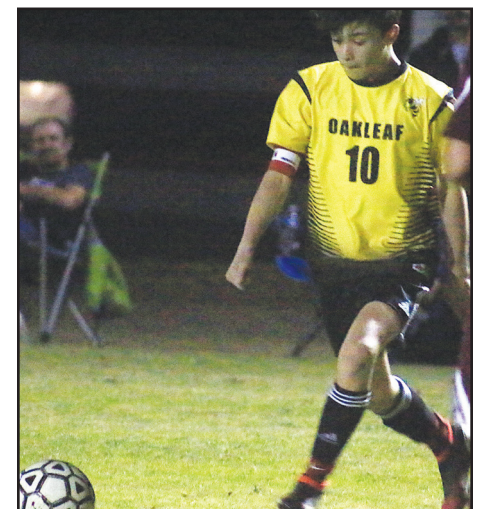
Green Cove Springs forward Gennaro Nacca and Lakeside defender Matthew Van Hook nearly get face to ball shot in close call in front of Lakeside goal by Nacca.



Green Cove Springs defender Kelsey Wright does her best slide tackle on ball in front of Lady Cougars net in game against Lakeside.



Green Cove Springs defender Alex Guevarra clears ball against Lakeside.



Oakleaf High forward Dalton Sass gets set to blast free kick against Lake Asbury.

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# Hoops

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took an early timeout to regroup and rebounded, as Fleming Island took several timeouts of their own to make adjustments, that just brought on another issue somewhere else.

After Fleming Island shot out to the 15-9 lead, Price took his first timeout and settled his corps in. The pause was magic as the Knights froze the Golden Eagles at 15 on their way to tying it up 15 each with less than a minute in the first period. Off of a foul shot, the Knights took the lead 16-15.

The Golden Eagles threw up a three pointer, but not before the buzzer screamed. The shot drained, but didn't count.

In the second, it was all Knights, as Oakleaf choked out Fleming Island for three measly points.

"I have to keep in mind I have to be patient with them" said Fleming Island Head Coach Traavis Chandler. "This is a whole new varsity team. They are trying to grasp what it takes to play at the level we were at the last two years. I think they'll come along. We have to find that chemistry and energy all the way through."

At the half, Oakleaf opened it up 33-18.

In the locker room, Chandler settled his crew and dialed them back in. At 5:29, Fleming Island woke up their defense, and



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Oakleaf High guard David Compere goes strong to layup in front of Fleming Island defender Lukas Miles.

the ball finally started dropping with the home team closing the gap 36-23.

With the continued pressure, Fleming Island narrowed it to 36-32 with 2:29 left in the third. The Knights said not so fast as they poured more gas on the fire and used take-aways to run the court, upping the score to 40-32 at the end of the third.

The final eight minutes were fierce as Fleming Island stayed high pressure man-to-man which led to a wave of penalties. Oakleaf used the momentum to open it up

45-34 just two minutes in. The train just kept building speed as Oakleaf drained shots, and Fleming Island's shots wouldn't drop, then lost the rebounds to the Knights. With 2:57 left. Oakleaf was holding a dominant 51-42 lead that was closed to 57-52 at the final buzzer.

"We have to continue to baptize ourselves with fire by continuing to play really good competition" said Price. "Records are fine, but you have to get to the district final. You want your team solid, strong,

## Battle on the Island schedule:

Dec. 21 (Brackets for final two days at sites)

At FIHS GYM

### Boys

Game 1: Columbia vs. Potters House, 2:30pm  
Game 2: Fleming Island vs. Santa Fe, 5:30pm  
Game 3: Lake Howell vs. East Lake, 7pm  
Game 4: Andrew Jackson vs. Durant (Tampa) 8:30pm

At RHS Gym

### Boys

Game 1: Bartram Trail vs. Spruce Creek 4pm  
Game 2: Matanzas vs. Baker County 5:30pm  
Game 3: Ponte Vedra vs. Hawthorne 7pm  
Game 4: Ridgeview vs. Countryside (Clearwater) 8:30pm

At Barco Newton YMCA, RHS, FIHS

### Girls

Game 1: Potters House vs. Hawthorne 1pm (YMCA)  
Game 2: Atlantic vs. Bolles 2:30pm (RHS)  
Game 3: Jackson vs. Columbia 3:30pm (YMCA)  
Game 4: Fleming Island vs. Baker County 4pm (FIHS)

battle tested, and that's the ultimate goal."

Oakleaf scoring was led by Davarious Jackson- 13, Markel Allums- 12, and David Compere- 12. Fleming leaders were Colton Zapp with 14, and Antoine Sandy with 13. Fleming Island will go three more games before the Christmas break, Oakleaf two, as both teams look forward to winter tournaments to sharpen the skills, but more important, get the synchronization dialed in.

Fleming Island will host their Battle on the Island Christmas girls and boys basketball tournament Dec. 21-23.

## Boys Basketball

as of Mon., Dec. 14

### Orange Park (5-1)

Dec. 1 Westside, won 58-42 (Josiah Sabino 23Pts, 7Reb; D'Marre Craddock 16 Pts, 11 Reb)  
Dec. 3 Trinity Christian, won 62-30 (Josiah Sabino 28Pts D'Marre Craddock 5Assists)  
Dec. 4 Ribault, won 57-53 (Josiah Sabino 30Pts, 8Reb; Corey Thomas 13Pts, D'Marre Craddock 6Assists, William Mosbach 3Block shots)  
Dec. 7 Raines, Won 59-58 (Josiah Sabino 16Pts, 8Reb; Corey Thomas 16Pts, DeAndre Dickerson 4Steals, D'Marre Craddock 4Block shots)  
Dec. 8 Bolles, Lost 49-47 (Josiah Sabino 15Pts, 5Assists; D'Marre Craddock 12Pts, William Mosbach 10Pts)  
Dec. 10 Middleburg Won 65-42 (Corey Thomas 19Pts, 6Assists; DeAndre Dickerson 17Pts, 4Steals, 5Reb; Avorie Grayson 8Reb, Julian Bryant 7Reb)  
Fri., Dec. 11 at Bishop Kenny  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Clay  
Mon., Dec. 28-30 Tournament

### Fleming Island (1-2)

Dec. 3 Englewood, won 74-27 (Nick Mas 14Pts, Antoine Sandy 10Pts, Blake Robinson 10Pts, Ahman Greenidge 6Reb, Colton Zapp 6Reb)  
Dec. 8 Ponte Vedra Lost 59-46 (Antoine Sandy 14Pts, 6Reb; Ahman Greenidge 10Pts, 8Reb; Quantavion Little 3Steals)  
Dec. 11 Oakleaf, Lost 57-52 (Colton Zapp 14Pts, 2 3-Ptrs; Antoine Sandy 13Pts, 9Reb, 3Assists; Ahman Greenidge 10Pts, 6Reb, Marco Astor 3Steals)  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Ridgeview  
Mon., Dec. 21-22-23 Tournament  
Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Orlando Tournament

### Oakleaf (2-4)

Nov. 27 Paxon, lost 65-43  
Nov. 28 Daytona Beach Mainland, lost 49-42  
Dec. 1 Fletcher, lost 41-38  
Dec. 3 Clay, won 52-49 (Markel Allums 15Pts)  
Dec. 8 Nease, lost 50-47  
Dec. 11 Fleming Island, won 57-52  
Mon., Dec. 14 At Ed White  
Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Tournament

### Clay (2-3)

Dec. 1 Bartram Trail, lost 53-46  
Dec. 3 Oakleaf, lost 52-49



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Battle of the boards between Ridgeview High's Ed Whipple and Clay's Brandon Peavy goes to Ridgeview in win Friday night at Clay High.

Dec. 8 Middleburg, won 63-45  
Dec. 10 Bradford, won 64-50  
Dec. 11 Ridgeview, lost 62-55  
Tues., Dec. 15 Orange Park  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Palatka  
Fri., Dec. 18 Bolles  
Mon., Dec. 28 Fernandina Beach

### Ridgeview (3-4)

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 10

Reb, 3Steals)  
Dec. 4 Fernandina Beach, won 64-58 (Landon Hawkins 20Pts, Ed Whipple 10Pts, 8Reb; Grant Weiskircher 10Pts, 2 3-PTR, Tajh Brown 6Assists)  
Dec. 9 at NFEI, lost 60-47 (Nick Gallego 13Pts, Ed Whipple 10Pts, 1 3-Pts)  
Dec. 11 at Clay, won 62-55 (Grant Weiskircher 19Pts, 5 3-Ptrs; Landon Hawkins 14Pts, Nick Gallego 13Pts, 6Reb; Nathan Johnston 9Reb, Ed Whipple 4Assists)  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Interlachen  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Fleming Island  
Mon., Dec. 21 Countryside (Clearwater)

### Keystone Heights (2-4)

Nov. 24 Yulee, lost 50-46 (Gage Stevens 20Pts, 6 3-PTR; Bryson Channell 12Pts, 3Assists, 3Steals)  
Nov. 28 St. Francis, lost 61-58 (Seth Gagnon 16Pts, Gage Stevens 15Pts, 3 3-PTR; 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-PTR; Seth Gagnon 12Pts)  
Dec. 1 Seacoast Christian, lost 71-60 (Seth Gagnon 23Pts, 12Reb; Ian Schofield 12Reb, Gage Stevens 20Pts, 3 3-PTR)  
Dec. 4 Stanton, won 33-31 (Ian Schofield 10Pts, Bryce Couey 8Pts, Seth Gagnon 8Reb; Bryson Channell 4Assists, 5Steals)  
Dec. 8 Interlachen 8pm, lost 55-54, 2OT (Bryson Channell 13Pts, 10Reb, 5Steals; Seth Gagnon 13Pts, 10Reb; Bryce Couey 11Pts, Ian Schofield 10Pts, 11Reb, 1Assists)  
Fri., Dec. 11 Baldwin (cancelled)  
Tues., Dec. 15 Middleburg  
Sat., Dec. 19 at FBCA Tournament (GA)  
Tues., Dec. 22 Gainesville

### St Johns Country Day School (4-0)

Nov. 30 Cedar Creek, won 20-0  
Dec. 2 San Jose Prep, won 63-42  
Dec. 4 Harvest Community (Jax), won 43-42  
Dec. 7 at Parsons Christian, won 47-42  
Mon., Dec. 14 Beacon of Hope  
Tues., Dec. 15 Cedar Creek  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Fernandina Beach  
Fri., Dec. 18 Tournament

### Middleburg (0-6)

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-PTR, 9Reb; Gavin Cook 11Pts)  
Dec. 4 St. Augustine, lost 49-42 (Cory Wyatt 13Pts, Gavin Cook 9Pts, 3 3-PTR)  
Dec. 8 Clay, lost 63-45 (Wyatt Underwood 14Pts, 4Assists; Aidan Farber 12Pts, 2 3Ptr, 3Steals; Cory Wyatt 10Pts, 2 3-Ptr; Kyle Hinton 9Reb)  
Dec. 10 Orange Park, lost 65-42 (AJ Bridges 12Pts, 3 3Ptr; Aidan Farber 10Pts, 2 3Ptr, Gavin Cook 7Reb, Cory Wyatt 6Reb, 7Assists)  
Dec. 11 at Fernandina Beach lost 61-49 (Cory Wyatt 17Pts, 3 3Ptr, 6Assists, 7Steals; Gavin Cook 9Reb, 5Steals; Aidan Farber 7Reb,  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Keystone Heights  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Menendez  
Fri., Dec. 18 Baldwin  
Mon., Dec. 28 Nease Tournament 6pm

# Knights

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Orange Park. The rest of the game, it was just them playing ball.”

In the first four games of 2020, the scoring leader for Cole was Scott; 22 points against Bolles; Scott, 16 points against Lee; James, 19 points against Bradford, and Turner, 24 points against First Coast; all wins by massive gaps against teams with less than stellar return fire.

“We are still a work in progress from the start of the season,” said Cole. “They have played with each other in club ball or AAU so they know each other pretty well and know the skill sets. The key is there is no selfishness.”

In the most recent span of four games; wins over Mandarin, Orange Park (was unbeaten), Bishop Kenny (was 8-1, back to back Final Four finishes) and Hilliard, the points leaders were Scott, 25; Scott, 43;



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Oakleaf High's quarterback on the hardwood floor has been senior guard Geniyah Turner who leads the fast-paced Knights' attack.

James, 30, and Turner 23, respectively.

“The good thing about the trio, and I must add in our seniors and the rest of the team, there is no ‘my turn, your turn’ on the team,” said Cole. “Bishop Kenny put two defenders on Taliah and Fantasia lit them up. You can't guard just one.”

Cole, who noted that senior Geniyah Turner may be the glue for the team, but coined the phrase of ‘controlled chaos’ about his team with the run workouts of Jefferson legendary in keeping the pace very high for four quarters.

“He runs them hard, but we run them with intention putting them in pressure situations so that if it happens in the game, they have seen the plan to react,” said Cole. “Geniyah averaged near 15 points on her own last year and is ready in the wings to take the role of team leader. As the season gets deeper and deeper and maybe playoffs, it's going to take someone to be that leader. She knows her role.”



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Former Fleming Island High hoops stars Molly Ragle, left, and Tia Robinson got to oppose each other in college with Ragle's Edward Waters College team losing to Robinson's University of North Florida team recently.

## Robinson vs. Ragle: UNF vs. Edward Waters

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - Two area girls basketball stars from Fleming Island High School; Tia Robinson and Molly Ragle, got a chance to see each other again on the hardwoods, but with different uniforms.

Robinson, a redshirt freshman guard for University of North Florida, and Ragle, a sophomore guard at Edward Waters College, contributed points, rebounds and assists in the Lady Ospreys' overwhelming 93-35 win on Sun., Dec. 13.

UNF improved to 2-3 while Edward Waters fell to 0-3.

In the game, UNF sprinted to an early 18-0 lead from the start to cruise to the win with Edward Waters getting one double figure quarter, a 19 point effort, in the

second quarter.

Robinson, who played two years at Fleming Island, but graduated from Nease High School, had one point off two free throws with three shots missed in 26 minutes of play. Robinson had one assist and three rebounds.

At Fleming Island, Robinson, a junior with Ragle a senior in a region semifinal finish in 2018, was part of a Final Four finish while making the state title game with Nease. Nease was state runnerup in 2019. Ragle was injured in her junior year.

Ragle, a junior, who transferred in from junior college play at St. Petersburg College, had six points in 29 minutes of play with eight rebounds. Ragle hit two three-pointers in six attempts. Ragle averaged 4.5 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.5 assists at St. Pete.

Last year, Edward Waters finished with a 19-11 record; fourth in the GCAC under coach Charmaine Wilson in her 10th year in 2020.

## Girls Basketball

as of Mon., Dec. 14

### Middleburg (1-5)

Nov. 17 Creekside, won 48-44 (Kamiya Jones 25Pts, 6-3PTS; Autumn Vineyard 10Reb)  
Nov. 19 NFEL, lost 50-42 (Sam Hardison 17Pts)  
Nov. 25 Bolles, lost 49-39 (Sam Hardison 22Pts, 7Steals)  
Dec. 1, Andrew Jackson, lost 65-27 (Sam Hardison 13Pts, 5Reb, 4Steals, 1Assist, 1Block shot; Autumn Vineyard 6Reb)  
Thurs., Dec. 3 Bartram Trail, lost 65-28 (Sam Hardison 11Pts, 2Assists, 3Steals; Kamiya Jones 9Pts, 1 3Ptr; Justice Ewig 5Reb, Autumn Vineyard 5Reb)  
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 (7-0)

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, 5 3Ptr; Fantasia James 21, Kaylah Turner 18)  
Dec. 8 at Orange Park, won 67-25 (Taliah Scott 43Pts, 5Steals, 2Assists; Fantasia James 8Pts, 7Reb; Kaylah Turner 7Reb, 7Steals, 3Assists, Drew Vergara 4Steals, 1Assist)  
Dec. 10 at Bishop Kenny, won 61-41 (Fantasia James 30Pts, 3 3Ptr, 14Reb, 2Assists, 1Steal; Taliah Scott 12Pts, 2 3Ptr, 2Assists, 3Steals; Kaylah Turner 11Pts, 4Assists, 2Steals; Geniyah Durante 3Assists, 2Steals)  
Mon., Dec. 14 at Hilliard, won 79-25 (Kaylah Turner 23Pts, Taliah Scott 19Pts, Geniyah Turner 15Pts)



Newcomer Taliah Scott is third “Super Soph” on the Oakleaf High basketball squad that is at 8-0.

Tues., Dec. 15 at Clay  
Fri., Dec. 18 Orange Park  
Mon., Dec. 28 Interlachen  
Tues., Dec. 29 Tournament

### Fleming Island (2-2)

Dec. 3 at First Coast, lost 62-56 (Serina Alderson 12Pts, 7Reb; Isabelle Flores 11Pts, 10Reb; Avery Cannon 10Pts, Emma Richard 10Pts, 2 3Ptr; Mykayla Maddox 7Reb)  
Dec. 8 at Creekside, won 64-36 (Avery Cannon 18Pts, 4 3Ptr, 5Assists, 3Steals; Emma Richard 18Pts, 3Assists, 2Steals; Kennedy Williams 14Pts, 4 3Ptr; Isabelle Flores 7Reb; Serina Alderson 4Assists)  
Fri., Dec. 11-12 Bishop Moore Tournament  
Beat University Christian 56-46 (Emma Richard 19Pts, 11Reb, 3Assists, 2Steals; Isabelle Flores 17Pts, 11Reb; Kennedy Williams 4Assists); Lost to Bishop Moore 69-65 (Avery Cannon 24Pts, 6 3Ptrs; Isabelle Flores 24Pts, 12Reb; Emma Richard 10Pts, 5Assists, 12Reb; Kennedy Williams 8Assists)  
Tues., Dec. 15 NFEL  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Bishop Snyder  
Fri., Dec. 18 Providence  
Mon., Dec. 21-30 FIHS Tournament

### Clay (2-5)

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  
Dec. 3 at Orange Park, lost 75-14  
Dec. 8 at Bishop Snyder, lost 65-25  
Dec. 10 at Palatka, won 53-45  
Tues., Dec. 15 Oakleaf 6pm  
Mon. Dec. 21 Menendez 7pm  
Mon., Dec. 28 Lee (Tournament 12pm)

### Keystone Heights (1-7)

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 Willison, 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)  
Dec. 3 at Bradford lost 44-36  
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 (2-1)

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,

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## Boys Soccer

### Fleming Island (4-4)

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, lost 3-2  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast, won 9-0  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Oakleaf, won 3-1  
 Mon. Dec. 14 vs. Nease  
 Wed., Dec. 16 vs. Fletcher

### Ridgeview (5-4-1)

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, lost 1-0  
 Tues., Dec. 8 vs. St. Augustine, won 2-1  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Orange Park, won 2-1  
 Tues., Dec. 15 vs. Menendez  
 Fri., Dec. 18 vs. Clay

### Clay (2-1-1)

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 (5-3-2)

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)



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Oakleaf High forward Braden Hill blasts free kick in Knights tough 2-1 loss to Bartram Trail on Mon., Dec. 14.

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, lost 3-1  
 Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston, lost 1-0  
 Fri., Dec. 11 P.K. Yonge, tied 3-3  
 Mon., Dec. 14 Fernandina Beach, won 3-1  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 Clay  
 Fri., Dec. 18 Palatka

### Middleburg (2-4-1)

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, won 1-0  
 Wed., Dec. 9 at Palatka, lost 3-0  
 Wed., Dec. 16 Duval Charter 530  
 Fri., Dec. 18 Orange Park

### Orange Park (3-4)

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  
 Dec. 8 at Baldwin, won 4-0  
 Dec. 11 Ridgeview, lost 2-1  
 Tues., Dec. 15 at Oakleaf  
 Fri., Dec. 18 at Middleburg

### St. Johns Country Day School (3-2-1)

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 720

### Oakleaf (5-2-1)

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, lost 4-1  
 Wed., Dec. 9 Bishop Snyder, won 5-0  
 Fri., Dec. 11 Fleming Island, lost 3-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 at Bartram Trail  
 Tues., Dec. 15 Orange Park



Oakleaf High top scorer Hannah Johnson, No. 19 in both photos, did not score in Lady Knights' 3-1 win over Buchholz last week, but did give out hugs to teammates Kira Goodwin, left, and Carolyn Sweat for their goals in win. Lady Knights are undefeated and will meet up with also unbeaten Fleming Island on January 5. Johnson, a recent signee to Mississippi State University has nearly 90 goals in her four years at Oakleaf.

## Girls Soccer

### Oakleaf (5-0)

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, won 3-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 Clay, won 8-0  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 Ridgeview  
 Tues., Jan. 5 at Fleming Island

### Ridgeview (3-3-1)

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, lost 1-0  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at Orange Park, won 4-0  
 Tues., Dec. 15 at Gainesville  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 at Oakleaf

### Orange Park (2-3-1)

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, tie 1-1  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 Ridgeview, lost 4-0  
 Mon., Dec. 14 Ed White  
 Thurs., Dec. 17 Parker

### Fleming Island (7-0-1)

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, won 8-0  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at First Coast, won 8-0  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Buchholz, won 4-0  
 Tues., Dec. 15 at Bartram Trail  
 Thurs. Dec. 17 at Sandalwood 6pm

### Middleburg (6-2-1)

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, won 1-0  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at Clay, tie 1-1  
 Fri., Dec. 11 at Keystone Hts, won 3-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 Paxon, won 2-0  
 Mon., Dec. 21 at Columbia

### Clay (2-2-3)

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, won 9-1  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 Middleburg, tie 1-1  
 Mon., Dec. 14 at Oakleaf, lost 8-0  
 Tues., Dec. 22 at Ed White

### St. Johns Country Day School (4-0)

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)  
 Wed., Dec. 16 Fletcher

### Keystone Heights (6-3)

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, lost 2-1  
 Wed., Dec. 9 at Williston, won 8-0  
 Thurs., Dec. 10 at Crescent City, won 5-0  
 Fri., Dec. 11 Middleburg, lost 3-1  
 Tues., Dec. 15 Suwannee 6  
 Wed., Dec. 16 at P.K. Yonge 6



# No Hogg; Indians go to new faces

**By Randy Lefko**  
Sports Editor

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS - With all time scorer Dean Hogg on the sidelines with a season non-starting knee injury, Keystone Heights High soccer coach Trevor Waters is trying to fast track one of his players to replace the 3-4 goals per game that Hogg put on the scoreboard in establishing his record-setting pace last year.

"He made one cut last year and his knee popped and that was that," said Waters, who won a 3-1 win over a strong Fernandina Beach team on Monday to push to 5-3-2 overall with a 3-3 tie with P.K. Yonge on Friday a highlight game for the new season. "We have a lot of new faces that we are now ramping up to learn quickly the pace of our kind of soccer and our kind of opponents."

In 2019, with Hogg blasting away for 47 goals for the year, Keystone Heights finished strong with a district tournament final loss to Crescent City and a double overtime 3-3 loss in Tallahassee to Florida State University High School in the region playoffs, Waters depended on a slew of seniors to take on the lofty schedule of games, 27 total, with Hogg the ringleader behind seniors Colby Townsend, 31 goals, and Landon Rickets, 25 assists as well as defender Jay Payne.

"I was excited to see who was going to combine with Dean this year to make the goals for us, but his season was shot last year," said Waters. "It's all new people up front and junior Chris Anderson seems to be taking on the role as scorer."

Anderson, who as a sophomore scored

just nine goals in 27 games, already has 10 for this season. Waters' second scorer is senior Chris Truman, who has five after putting just four last year.

"We used to tell Dean that if he got the ball in the middle of the field in front of the goal not to pass it," said Waters. "He was so fast with the ball that he just ran through the defense and took his shot. I think Chris is trying to take on that role. We got him in kind of a hybrid position from the midfield in as a forward."

For the rest of the team, Waters is seeing youthful vigor and a lot of learning.

"I got a bunch of sophomores and a few juniors with little varsity game experience," said Waters. "Senior Luke Van Zant has been scoring some goals. He's playing his first season as a varsity starter."

Waters liked returning starter Tyler Shaw as his lead guy on the team. Sophomore Skylar Kedgley is also making plays.

"Tyler doesn't play a lot of club, so his decision making process is a little behind what the club guys do, but he will go get the ball and move into down the field," said Waters. "He'll win balls on scrums in the middle of the field. Skylar is a big kid for a sophomore and could be very good the next few years."

One name on the schedule that seems to be the bugaboo for Waters is rival Crescent City with two wins; 5-1 and 3-1, over the Indians already.

"They just always have the kind of talent that plays very well against our style," said Waters. "We played them the first game, I underestimated them. They have a couple good shooters."



Two key players in the Keystone Heights High 2020 season have been Chris Truman, left, and Chris Anderson with Anderson emerging as the top scorer for coach Trevor Waters. Below, defender Jordan Holmes is bolstering the Indians' defense with midfielder Tyler Shaw, two key defenders on the defense side of midfield.



Clay High took a short ride to Ponte Vedra High School for a Saturday Duals tournament and came home with a team trophy as well as a dual win over Middleburg, the tournament runnerup. Taking a selfie with the team trophy for Clay are, from left, Luke Boree, Dominic Martin, Aidan Mayo, Gunnar Ivey and Chandler Thomas.

# Smith takes Danny Byron title

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE - Fleming Island High senior wrestler Gavin Smith put his name in the hat of upcoming grapplers to keep an eye with an impressive major decision championship match in the prestigious Danny Byron Invitational at Osceola High School on Saturday.

The Danny Bryon event is traditionally the first gathering of the area's superpowers; South Dade, Camden County, Lake Gibson, Fleming Island, Miami Southwest and the likes and individual titles are hard to come by.

Smith, with three pins to the final, took out South Dade's Creig Silimon in a possible preview of an upcoming high-level rematch for state rankings.

Smith, sixth in Class 3A last year and third at 170 at last year's Danny Byron, is one of a few returners from Fleming Island's second in state team to South Dade.

In 2019, Fleming Island had three Danny Bryon gold champions; Gannon Janssen, Tanner Hill and Chad Nix, all graduated.

Coach P.J.Cobbert has been chasing South Dade now for three consecutive years with second place finishes in the duals state championship and also the individual state championship meet.

Smith, as well as teammates Joe Forte, Xavier Logan and Raul Gonzales; at 106, 132 and 220 respectively, in fourth, fourth and third in the gold bracket at Bryon, leads a contingent of fairly new faces into 2020.

Also at the Danny Bryon, Riley Holton won his Blue Division title at 126, another key state qualifier returner for Cobbert. Holton was fifth in the Gold Division last year.

Fleming Island will host the St. Johns River Athletic Conference Tournament on Saturday.

At Ponte Vedra, Clay High got five individual champions to win the team title with a victory over Middleburg, the runner-up, on Saturday. Clay secured the team trophy with a dramatic overtime win from Dalton Huckleberry over Middleburg's Riley Girgis.

At Fernandina Beach, Ridgeview finished 3-2 in duals action with senior Matt Rodriguez punching in with five pins to lead with Ian Finnorn and Derrick Mosley wrestling unbeaten.

At Oakleaf's Friday Knight Lights, Oakleaf finished 4-1 with a 72-0 win in action against Gainesville High. Oakleaf also got a duals match win over Middleburg during the week.

In girls wrestling, at Ponte Vedra, Clay High's Madisyn Blackburn won with a pin at 134 and Orange Park's Andrea Smith won via pin at 222/287. Girls wrestling is now a medal sport in the FHSAA. Orange Park finished fifth with Clay sixth, Middleburg 13th and Oakleaf 15th.



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Two winners for the wrestling weekend were Fleming Island 106 wrestler Joe Forte, fourth at the Danny Byron Invitational, and Oakleaf High's James McClintic with a headlock pin over Middleburg's Mike Higginbotham in dual meet win for Knights.

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# CLAY HIGH SOFTBALL SIGNEES



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Clay High pitcher Morgan Kendrick, seated, will be headed to Florida State University after her signing recently at Clay High. Kendrick will join former St. Johns Country Day School ace pitcher Brianna Enter on the FSU roster. With Kendrick are parents Julie and Craig, grandma Shirley, and sister Madison.



Clay High infielder Kylee Stacy is among her Lady Blue Devil softball teammates after signing to play next at Union College, the Bulldogs, an NAIA program in Kentucky. With Stacy, below, are mom and dad, David and Heather Stacy.



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The Jacksonville Jaguars, who started with Mike Glennon, left, as quarterback, finished with Gardner Minshew in the fourth quarter as former Yulee High and Alabama Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry, the NFL's leading rusher ran roughshod to lead Tennessee Titans to 31-10 win Sunday in TIAA Bank Field on Sunday.





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## Ridgeview weightlifting



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Ridgeview High weightlifting action last week against Orange Park featured upper weight lifters Kenyatta Hogan, left, with Matcha Calixte readying for their bench press lifts.



Ridgeview High weightlift coach Trentin Davis, who lost a host of senior state meet lifters to graduation, confers with Bailey Currier in dual match with Orange Park.



Hailey Beardin finishes up her clean and jerk.



Tyra Sulph steadies her lift to get her feet together to finish in dual match with Orange

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-000626 Division A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD EARL SHEPHERD, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of DONALD EARL SHEPHERD, deceased, whose date of death was October 17, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 2020.

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Florida Bar Number 887950  
Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.  
Attorneys at Law, P.A.  
1543 Kingsley Avenue Suite 5  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Telephone: (904) 264-8800  
Fax: (904) 264-0155  
Primary email address:  
grady@floridaelder.com  
Secondary email address:  
donna@floridaelder.com

Personal Representative:  
LOUIS A. SHEPHERD  
3070 John Boy Creek Road  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
**Legal 47137 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:  
4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003  
January 8, 2021 at 10:00am  
Diamond Tolbert  
Household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

**Legal 47121 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020 CP 000604 DIVISION: A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES LARKIN, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of JAMES LARKIN, deceased, whose date of death was October 31, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is: Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is December 17, 2020.  
WILLIAM H. DAVIE, II  
Fla. Bar No.: 634387  
733 N. Palmetto Ave.  
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043  
(904) 276-5344 - Phone  
(904) 284-8725 - Fax  
BDavie@DavieLawFirm.com - Primary  
Service@DavieLawFirm.com - Secondary  
Attorney for the Personal Representative

DANIEL J. LARKIN  
1963 Swallow Run W  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Personal Representative  
**Legal 47112 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION TAKEN BY THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is given that the following permit was issued on November 05, 2020

Allen F Skinner Bradley Creek Holdings, LLC 2245 St. Johns Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204 permit # 160968-1. The project is located in Clay County, Section(s) 15, 22, 10, 14, 16 Township 5S, Range 25E. The permit authorizes construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 66.26-acre project known as Creekview Trail Stormwater Ponds Only, as per plans received by the District on June 4, 2020. The receiving water body is Bradley Creek.

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka FL 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail at the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-one (21) days of

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newspaper publication of the notice of District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., may be available and choosing mediation does not affect your right to an administrative hearing.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the District's next regular business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floraswater.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit [http://floraswater.com/nor\\_dec/](http://floraswater.com/nor_dec/) to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's decision(s) on the permit application(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386) 329-4570.

**Legal 47136 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020-CP-473 DIVISION: B

**IN RE: ESTATE OF LILLIAN M. BROWN, Deceased.**

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of LILLIAN M. BROWN, deceased, File Number 2020-CP-473; by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043; that the Decedent's date of death was December 4, 2019; that the total value of the estate is less than \$7,000, and the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are: KATHERINE

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KIERNAN FRIES, 4992 Blackhawk Drive, St. Johns, FL 32259. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the Decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the Decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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 17, 2020.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
JAMES A. NOLAN, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No. 0124389  
GrayRobinson, P.A.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
50 North Laura Street Suite 1100  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
904-598-9929  
james.nolan@gray-robinson.com  
debra.palmrose@gray-robinson.com

Person giving Notice:  
KATHERINE KIERNAN FRIES  
4992 Blackhawk Drive  
St. Johns, FL 32259  
**Legal 47114 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 5th day of January, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County LaManna, Kaylee 304 couch, stand, games. Castle, Amanda 654 TV, FURNITURE, BAGS, Maselli, Joshua 137 tv, baby items, tables. Boney, William 436 bike, chairs, lamp. Frommer, Glenn 653 chair, motor, duster. Holman, Shannon 513 couch. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

**Legal 47120 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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

**AUCTION JAN 5, 2021 @ 10:00 AM**  
2008 Pontiac 1G2MC35B78Y130654  
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**Legal 47130 publish Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO: 2020-CP-596

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LEEANNE M. MOUNCE, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of LEEANNE M. MOUNCE, deceased, whose date of death was May 25, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 N Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set

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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 SO FILED 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 17, 2020.  
Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Michael A. Siefert, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 042315  
Michael A. Siefert, P.A.  
351 NE Eighth Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34470  
Telephone (352) 732-0141  
Email: msiefert@aol.com

Personal Representative  
Kasee Glover  
3226 NE 30th Court  
Ocala, FL 34479  
**Legal 47113 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 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 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

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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	

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO:2020-CP-000633

**IN RE: ESTATE OF WESLEY A. VAN LUVENDER, JR. Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Wesley A. Van Luvender, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was November 11, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue PO Box 698 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME 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 Dec 17, 2020.

Attorney for Personal Representative  
L. J. Arnold III Attorney  
Florida Bar No. 154474  
Arnold Law  
P.O. Box 1570  
718 North Orange Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Telephone: (904) 284-5618  
Fax: (904) 284-5937  
E-Mail:  
ljarnold3@gmail.com  
Secondary E-Mail:  
marie.arnoldlaw@gmail.com

Personal Representative:  
Douglas Fir Van Luvender  
606 Blazing Star Court  
Garner, North Carolina 27529-7708  
**Legal 47115 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 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-637

**IN RE: ESTATE OF JACQUELINE ALBURY DEWEY, Deceased**

The administration of the estate of JACQUELINE ALBURY DEWEY, deceased, whose date of death was July 13, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clay County Circuit Court, Probate Division, P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The name and address 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



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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 2020.

Attorney for Personal Representative: GERALDINE C. HARTIN HAMILTON & HARTIN, P.A. Florida Bar Number: 15201 3168 Highway 17, Suite A Fleming Island, FL 32003 904-278-3888 geraldine.hartin@gmail.com

Personal Representative: ZACHARY J. DEWEY 1936 Summit Ridge Road Fleming Island, FL 32003  
**Legal 47131 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 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.: 2018-CA-000799  
**LOANCARE, LLC**  
Plaintiff(s),

vs. **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF CHARLES L MCGLOTHLIN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT; KAREN DIANE RIGGS, INDIVIDUALLY; KAREN DIANE RIGGS, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L MCGLOTHLIN, DECEASED; KEVIN DAVID MCGLOTHLIN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF KEVIN DAVID MCGLOTHLIN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JANET H. MCGLOTHLIN; JOHN A. RUDESILL A/K/A JOHN ALLEN RUDESILL THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN A. RUDESILL A/K/A JOHN ALLEN RUDESILL; ZAN LYNN KOLDEWEY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ZAN LYNN KOLDEWEY**  
Defendant(s).

TO: **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF KEVIN DAVID MCGLOTHLIN, DECEASED, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT**  
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court, County of Clay, State of Florida, to foreclose certain real property described as follows: **Lot 4, Block 150, Black Creek Park, Unit 1, According to plat thereof as recorded in plat book 11, pages 21 through 33, of the public records of Clay County, Florida. A.P.N 320524 - 006698- 625- 00 and 320524- 006698- 625- 00.**  
Property address: 5411 Chicory Street, Middleburg, FL 32068

You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Padgett Law Group, whose address is 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Suite 203, Tallahassee, Florida 32312, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will

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be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated this the 11th day of December, 2020.

(SEAL)  
TARA S. GREEN  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Kayla Beard  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal 47118 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 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.

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 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**

**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 must file their claims with this court

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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 the clerk of this court at Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on Father's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. **WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED this 17th day of November, 2020.

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

**Legal 47048 published Nov 26, Dec 3, Dec 10 and Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Self-storage unit contents of the following customers containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart #5500, 1939 East West Pkwy, Fleming Island, FL 32003 to satisfy a lien on 1/16/2021 at approx. 12:00pm at [storagetreasures.com](http://storagetreasures.com).  
Lindsay Michelle Tarr  
**Legal 47089 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE/NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 4.46C SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Approval to Advertise: The School Board of Clay County, Florida ("the Board") approved on December 10, 2020 the advertisement of the proposed revisions to Clay County School Board Policy 4.46C. **Purpose & Effect:** The proposed amendments are intended to simplify, update, and ensure alignment of School Board Policies with state law, federal law, State Board of Education Rules, and other applicable rules and regulations. **Access to Text of Proposed Amendments:** The full text of the School Board Policy 4.46C is

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available for inspection and copying by the public in the Office of the Superintendent for Clay County District Schools, located at 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The full text is also available via the School District's website at [www.oneclay.net](http://www.oneclay.net) under the School Board Meeting Links, School Board Agendas - December 10, 2020. The Superintendent is authorized to correct technical errors in grammar, numbering, section designations, and cross-references as may be necessary to reflect the intention of such Policy amendments.

**Rule Making Authority:** The Board is authorized to adopt revisions to School Board Policy 4.46C under sections 120.54, 1001.31, and 1001.32 of the Florida Statutes.

**Laws Implemented:** The laws implemented by the above-referenced policy revisions are noted under each section of the Policy.

**Person(s) Originating Policy Changes:** The proposed policy revisions were originated by a Superintendent and his designee(s) in collaboration with the School Board Attorney.

**Public Hearing:** The Board intends to formally adopt proposed revisions to Clay County School Board Policy 4.46C following a public hearing. The public hearing shall be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021, during the course of the Board's regular meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m. and takes place in the Boardroom at the Teacher In-service Training Center at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Orange Park, Florida. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to [bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net](mailto:bonnie.onora@myoneclay.net) or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD).

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 47110 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **TRINITY AUDIO AND VIDEO, LLC, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**COSTELLO'S MUSIC**

located at 179 COLLEGE DR, STE 7, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32065 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 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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

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

**Your Computer Manager**

With mailing address of 411 Walnut St. #9495, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida, this 10th day of December, 2020.  
Owner's name/corporation: A G Schaaf & Associates LLC  
**Legal 47126 published December 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2020-CP-612  
Division A

**IN RE: ESTATE OF PAULINE COX, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of Pauline Cox, deceased, whose date of death was September 21, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is December 17, 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: Paula Jean Francis 5580 CR 210W, Lot C St. Johns, FL 32259  
**Legal 47111 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **OLIVE LEAF ALLIANCE INC., OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**JAX ECO WASH SERVICES**

located at 2490 CLUB LAKE DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32065 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 47123 published Dec 17, 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.  
**2002 Chevrolet 1GND13S022392765**  
The auction will be held on 01/04/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
**Legal 47127 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **COURTNEY BIRDELL DAWSON, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**BIPHASIC CBD**

located at 2105 CLUB LAKE DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32065 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 47124 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **KEAONIA SHACORIA PETTY, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**KP CLEANING CREW**

located at 5945 NW 15TH CT, SUNRISE, FLORIDA 33313 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 47125 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 5th day of January, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County. Cahoon, John F286 WasherDryer, Ladder, Dressers, Brooks, Melvin C024 Grill, Bike, Household Goods. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

**Legal 47119 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME**

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

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

**Knowing Whispers Astrology**

With mailing address of 411 Walnut St. #14209, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Ocala, Florida, this 14th day of December, 2020.  
Owner's name/corporation: Robert S Cosmar - Astrologer [knowingwhispersastrologer1@gmail.com](mailto:knowingwhispersastrologer1@gmail.com)

**Legal 47133 published December 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**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**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

A Public Notice is hereby given by the Town of Orange Park regarding an Environmental Review Record (ERR) and an intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF). The ERR and RROF will be available for review for a 14-day period.

Date of Publication: December 17, 2020

Date of Closed Public Notice: January 8, 2021

On or after January 8, 2021, the Town of Orange Park, Clay County, will submit a request to the State of Florida, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of CDBG-DR funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Program Title:** Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Rebuild Florida Voluntary Home Buyout Program, for the awarded project Town of Orange Park -Voluntary Home Buyout (TOP-VHB)

**Purpose:** The Town was hit by the Category 4 Hurricane Irma on September 11, 2017 that impacted homes and properties especially those in floodplain areas of the town. The TOP-VHB program includes 16 properties within the Town limits, located in floodplain areas that impact many low to moderate-income areas. The town will acquire these properties from owners who have signed Voluntary Forms. The TOP-VHB plan will include demolition of structures on the acquired properties and ensure that these properties will be held by the Town for conservation, recreation, or storm water management purposes in perpetuity. Project Cost: The Town was awarded a \$3,176,309 grant with a project period June 4, 2020 through July 3, 2022.

**Review:** The proposed ERR and RROF are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per 24 CFR 58.5(a)(3)(i). The ERR that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Town Hall and may be examined weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Town of Orange Park  
Attention: Courtney Russo  
2042 Park Avenue,  
Orange Park, FL 32073

**Public Comment:** Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Orange Park. All comments received by January 8, 2021 will be considered by the Town prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

**Environmental Certification:** The Town of Orange Park certifies to the State of Florida that Sarah Campbell, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Town Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Florida's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Orange Park to use HUD program funds.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 47108 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing on an ordinance of the Town of Orange Park, Clay County, Florida, amending Chapter 2, Article V, Division 5, Police Officers' Retirement Plan and Trust Fund, Appendix C, Police Officers' Pension Plan, Ordinance No. 28-82; amending Section 9, Miscellaneous Provisions; providing for codification, providing for severability; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date.

This public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the Orange Park Town Hall Council Chambers, the corner of Park and Kingsley Avenue at 7:00 P.M. The Council of the Town of Orange Park will consider said ordinance for final action. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Council of the Town of Orange Park with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal

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is to be based. Copies of this ordinance may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties may attend the meeting and be heard.

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Legal 47109 published Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**SECTION 00111  
ADVERTISEMENT  
FOR BIDS**

**DEP SRF HARBOR ROAD  
WRF EXPANSION, PH. 2  
SRF AGREEMENT NO. WW10042  
CITY OF GREEN COVE  
SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

Sealed Bids for the construction of the DEP SRF Harbor Road WRF Expansion, Ph. 2, RFP LC 2020-19 project will be received by the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, Attn: Laurie Griffin, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, until 2:00 p.m. local time on **January 26, 2021**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of constructing: A) one (1) influent structure with 7.5 MGD (PHF) mechanical screen that includes an integral washing compactor and manual bar rack; B) influent flow splitter structure; C) 1.25 MGD (AADF) oxidation ditch ("Carrousel"); D) two (2) 80-ft circular clarifiers; E) two (2) 1.5 MGD (MDF) disk filters; F) concrete chlorine contact chamber with 2 vertical turbine effluent transfer pumps; G) hypochlorite, alum, and bisulfite chemical feed systems; H) operations building; I) electrical and controls with back-up generator; J) SCADA system with integration into City's existing SCADA system; K) yard piping and site improvements; and L) demolition and rehabilitation of existing treatment system components.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form with noted alternates.

Bids shall comply with the conditions, instructions, specifications and terms as described in the bid package. Bids shall be mailed or delivered in person to City Hall, Attn: Laurie Griffin, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Faxed, electronic, telephonic, or oral transmittals will not be accepted. Any bid received after the designated closing time will be immediately rejected. Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and plainly marked: **LC 2020-19 DEP SRF Harbor Road WRF Expansion, Ph. 2. Bidders shall submit one original copy.**

Bidders are expected to fully inform themselves of the requirements of the specifications. Failure to do so is at the Bidder's risk. Bidders will not secure relief on the plea of error or misunderstanding.

Bidders agree by signing and delivering a bid proposal to the acceptance of all terms, conditions and specifications of the bid package. Bids are valid for a period of 90 calendar days after date of opening.

Bidders declare that the only persons or parties interested in their bid are those named on the Bid Proposal Form. They state that their bid is in all respects fair and without fraud and without collusion with any official, agent, or employee of the City or anyone submitting another bid.

The City reserves the right to require the successful bidder to execute an agreement incorporating all bid documentation, and which contains standard provisions for default, bid security, attorney fees, termination, remedies, jurisdiction, and other conditions deemed legally appropriate by the City. It is the desire of the City to enter into an agreement to complete this singular project.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or any part thereof, waive any or all irregularities, and award the bid to the responsible bidder determined to represent the City's best interests.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Mittauer & Associates, Inc., 580-1 Wells Road, Orange Park, Florida 32073, (904) 278-0030. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office, Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays), and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents may also be examined at City of Green Cove Springs website, www.greencovesprings.com.

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Bidding Documents will be provided as portable document format (PDF) files and as printed Bidding Documents (one of each), for a non-refundable charge of \$250.00 per set, payable to "Mittauer & Associates, Inc." Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, the printed Bidding Documents will be sent via UPS Ground and digital through a file transfer system. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid conference will be held at **10:00 a.m.**, at local time, on **January 12, 2021** at Harbor Road Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

To be considered qualified, Bidder shall be licensed to engage in the business of contracting in the State of Florida by the Construction Industry Licensing Board and shall have successfully completed, as prime contractor, a minimum of three (3) wastewater treatment plant projects involving facilities of 1.0 MGD or greater within the most recent ten (10) years, each having a construction value of \$3,000,000 or greater. Bidder's proposed project manager and project superintendent shall have been employed for a minimum of one (1) year. The City of Green Cove Springs, Florida is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Legal 47105 published Dec 17, 2020, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:crusso@townop.com) for instructions. The 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.

Legal 47090 published Dec 10 and Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**Notice of Sale**

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION  
DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2018-CA-001249  
**LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC,**  
Plaintiff,

**Notice of Sale**

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

Legal 47091 published Dec 10 and Dec 17, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000413-  
**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,**  
vs.

**AUDREY EDWARDS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AUDREY EDWARDS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of December, 2020, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000413-, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff, and AUDREY EDWARDS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF AUDREY EDWARDS; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of March, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 17, T 8 S, R 23 E, SOUTH 494 FEET; THENCE S 51 1/2° E 680 FEET TO THE BEGINNING CORNER. THENCE CONTINUE S 51 1/2° E 200 FEET TO A POINT 100 FEET DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF SR #68; THENCE N 38° E 400 FEET WITH THE CORNER OF THE ROAD TO THE LAKE; THENCE NWLY WITH THE COURSE OF THE LAKE 200 FEET; THENCE S 38° W TO THE BEGINNING CORNER. ALL IN SECTION 17 T 8 S, R 23 E, BEING A PARCEL OF LAND 400 FEET DEEP AND 200 FEET WIDE LYING**

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**ADJACENT TO AND 100 FEET NORTH OF THE CENTER OF SR #68 AND FRONTING ON BROOKLYN LAKE, EXCEPT A RIGHT OF WAY 25 WIDE ACROSS THE LAND, WHICH RIGHT OF WAY LIES 126 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE SW LINE AND EXTENDS WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHWEST LINE, BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 65, PAGE 318, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

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

Dated this 10th day of December, 2020.

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

Legal 47116 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 18-02441

**NOTICE OF  
FORECLOSURE SALE**  
IN THE COUNTY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL ACTION  
CASE NO.: 2020-CC-250

**TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,**

vs.  
**SHELLY MCGAHA, et al., Defendant.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY given** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 10, 2020 and entered in Case No. 2020-CC-250, in the County Court, in and for Clay County, Florida wherein TWO CREEKS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, and SHELLY MCGAHA is the highest bidder online at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com) at 10:00 A.M. on the 20th day of January, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **Lot 144 of TWO CREEKS, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 52, Page(s) 62 through 104, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**

**Parcel Identification Number: 24-04-24-005574-001-44**

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 10th day of December, 2020.

(seal)  
TARA S GREEN  
As Clerk of the Court  
By: Melissa Wilder  
as Deputy Clerk

Legal 47117 published Dec 17 and Dec 24, 2020 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

**CLERK'S NOTICE  
OF SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 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

**Notice of Sale**

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**

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Dated: December 7, 2020

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CLAY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Rebecca Crews  
Deputy Clerk

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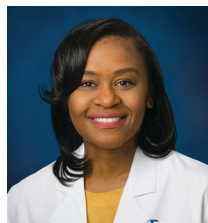
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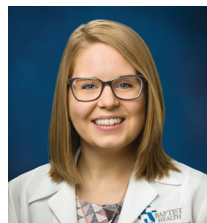
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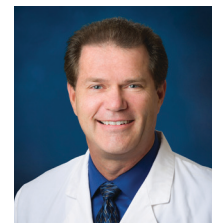
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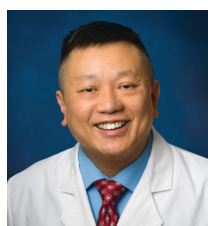
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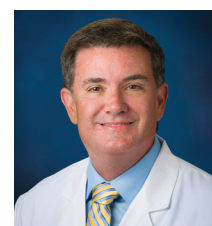
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