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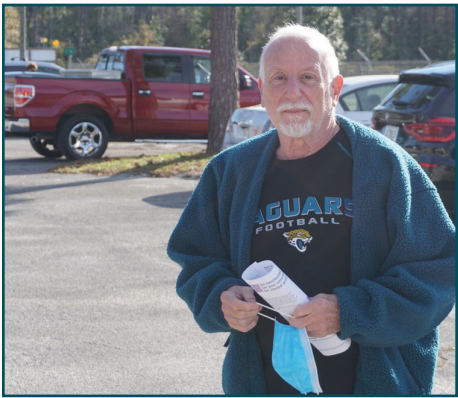
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Paul Safer was one of the first Clay County residents to get the first dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, and he said the process was painlessly easy.

## Shot in the arm

Clay residents now receiving Moderna vaccine for COVID-19

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Vaccines against the COVID-19 virus are now being distributed in the county and the excitement from the first residents to receive was palpable on Day 1. The county opened up its appointment website last week and in a matter of hours, the first 3,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccines were accounted for by ready residents. The first

eight doses were given to patients during their 9 a.m. appointment time and every 15 minutes at the UF/IFAS Extension Clay County T. Jesse Godbold Building at 2463 State Road 16 right next to the agricultural fairgrounds. The excitement among patients was tangible.

"This was so smooth," one patient leaving the facility randomly said to the media box set up just outside the building.

SEE VACCINE, 18

## COVID-19 cases continue to surge in Clay County



By Don Coble  
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CLAY COUNTY – Even as county health officials start inoculations for the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of people testing positive – and dying – with the virus continues to rise in Clay County.

Testing sites were overwhelmed by residents following the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. And as feared, many family get-togethers resulted in additional cases.

As of Wednesday, there have been 12,090 cases of the deadly coronavirus confirmed in the county. The death toll was 189.

Since Christmas, there have been an average of 133.1 positive cases reported daily, including a spike of 264 cases on New Year's Eve and 202 on Monday, Jan. 4. In comparison to numbers reported six months ago, the increases are alarming.

On July 1, there were 903 confirmed cases and 42 deaths in the county. Clay's first death was a 70-year-old man on March 14.

The median age of those infected is 43.

Included in the statistics, there have been 551 cases reported by the Clay County School District, as well as 149 residents and 51 employees of long-term care facilities. The state reported 76 deaths in Clay County at 17 different long-term care facilities.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE HOPE

Raw horsepower and straight shooters were on display at the Clay County Fairgrounds during the Warmer Winter Pastures Shootout. The event is part of the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association season. Please see the story on page 8.



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# Orange Park Council challenged to prioritize its financial needs

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – The town is preparing for a tough year with state legislature as Florida revenue has dropped by \$2 billion.

The Orange Park Town Council now must decide on its legislative priorities – the asks and wants for things like new parks and water-related projects, among other things. The money comes from the state to accompany the other funds raised from local taxes and other sources. The council discussed keeping its expectations in check after COVID-19 ravaged the country's funding last year during its Jan. 5 meeting.

"In 2018-29, the general revenue portion, which is about a third of what we take in (as a state)...was \$33.4 billion," the town's attorney and newly-elected state representative Sam Garrison said.

"In 2019-20, as of August, it's anticipated that our revenue will go down from \$33.4 billion to \$31.4 billion. That's a \$2 billion reduction and general revenue is typically what pays for the things we talk about."

"That's the reality of what we're dealing with," he said. "Unfortunately, simultaneously to that, what we're seeing is a dramatic increase in the number of Medicaid-dependent Floridians this year with unemployment up and things like that."

Garrison said there's a distinction because Florida pays 38% of every dollar spent on Medicaid, which he said puts an additional strain on the finances of the state government, which trickles down to local municipalities like Orange Park. He said the state hasn't seen anything like this since the recession of 2008 and that Orange Park and everywhere else in the state needs to prepare for what that means in terms of the state's financial help.



"For local governments or members with individual projects, if it doesn't have a match, you'll have a hard time getting in the door, let alone making it through the evaluation process and the veto process," Garrison said. "I'm not trying to be a Debbie-downer but as a realist, we have not seen a budget like this since 2008."

This doesn't mean the town's budget is in trouble because Florida's economies are recovering from COVID-19 quite well, including in Orange Park. It doesn't hurt that property values continue to rise despite the virus, which means more revenue is brought in from those properties for the

town.

"The job [town manager Sarah Campbell] has done the last year, with COVID-19...she's done a magnificent job at keeping the business of this town open and operating," Mayor Alan Watt said later in the meeting during Campbell's evaluation discussion.

Despite the town's ability to stay afloat during COVID-19, it still must present its priorities to the state legislature and newly-appointed council member, Virginia Hall, said the town should consider prioritizing something like the Rob Bradley Conservation Park at Nelson Point in Orange Park as it's something the town is matching in funding.

"I would love for us to put forth a project on something we already have some skin in the game for...like the Bradley park...to show we're invested in it," Hall said.

Tuesday was the first discussion of what will likely be many for the town's legislative priorities. The next Orange Park Council Meeting will be held on Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. in the usual council chambers at Orange Park's Town Hall.

## Congresswoman Kat Cammack sworn into 117th Congress

For Clay Today

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Kat Cammack was sworn in to the 117th Congress last Sunday by the House Speaker as the U.S. Representative from Florida's Third Congressional District.

Cammack now is the youngest Republican woman serving in the 117th Congress, representing the northern Florida district that includes Alachua, Bradford, Clay, Putnam and Union Counties, as well as part of Marion County and the cities of Gainesville and Palatka.

She replaced Ted Yoho, who decided not to seek reelection.

"It is an honor to serve the constituents of Florida's Third District as their voice in our Nation's Capitol. The voters of the district have entrusted me with the serious responsibility of representing their values and beliefs in the 'People's House,'" said Cammack. "The American people have great expectations for the 117th Congress and I am excited to pursue an aggressive and meaningful legislative agenda with my team. Our first promise was to hit the ground running and I am proud that on our first day, we have kept that promise by having our offices op-



Kat Cammack

erational on day one."

Cammack's Washington, D.C. office is located at 1626 Longworth House Office Building, and her staff looks forward to hosting constituent visitors as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted later this year. Cammack enters Congress with her D.C. and District offices fully operational and ready to work.

To stay up to date with all of Congresswoman Cammack's activities, she said to like the official Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages.

Cammack is a third-generation sandblaster who grew up on a cattle ranch. She understands the hard work and determination it takes to run a small business, navigating labor challenges and interpreting regulation. A proud alumnus of the Naval War College, Kat knows the issues and constituents of Florida's 3rd intimately, having served as the longtime former deputy chief of staff to Yoho for the district prior to her election in 2020.

Kat is a proud wife to her husband Matt, a Gainesville native, who serves with the Gainesville Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic and SWAT medic. Together, they started the "Grit Foundation," a non-profit organization whose mission is to support local first responders, law enforcement and veterans. One of her donations included K-9 Grit to the Green Cove Springs Police Department.

## Green Cove Springs approves plan for Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony

By Bruce Hope  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Green Cove Springs City Council's first meeting of the year started with two proclamations.

The first was for the upcoming Martin Luther Jr. holiday, which is celebrated on Jan. 18. The council decided to move forward with a ceremony at Vera Francis Hall Park. To be compliant with CDC guidelines, however, the event will be by invitation only. Those invited will wear face coverings and remain socially distanced for the duration of the ceremony.

The second proclamation was for Arbor Day, to be observed on Jan. 15. Gardening Club of Green Cove Springs President Connie Gladding and Carol Val-leau were at the meeting for the proclamation.

There was one item on the public

hearings portion – the second and final reading of an amendment regarding condominium and townhouse requirements to require the approval of a special exception for multi-family homes exceeding 35 feet in height, which are located in the high-density residential zoning district. The motion to accept the amendment passed, 5-0.

Finally, the entire consent agenda was accepted, with only two of the 11 items pulled for discussion. There was an explanation of a plan for the Water and Wastewater departments to piggyback the city of Atlantic Beach's annual contract for wastewater and laboratory services for the fiscal year 2021. The second item discussed was the approval of a bid proposal from Jax Utilities Management, Inc. to build the parking area and drive-through lane for the newly remodeled food pantry of Green Cove Springs located at the Augusta Savage complex.



**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
January 18

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### Five constitutional officers sworn into office

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Five Clay County officials were sworn into office Tuesday, including (from left), Supervisor of Elections Chris Chambless, Sheriff Michelle Cook, Property Appraiser Tracy Scott Drake, Clerk of the Circuit Court Tara Green and Tax Collector Diane Hutchings. All were elected to a four-year term in last November’s General Election. Chambless and Green were re-elected, while Cook was appointed to her post by Gov. Ron DeSantis last September. Drake will take over for retired Roger Suggs, who worked 30 years in the property appraiser’s office for 30 years, including as the Appraiser since 2008, while Hutchings replaced Jimmy Weeks, who also retired. Weeks spent the last 24 years running the collector’s office.



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## Thank You Clay County Residents

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I truly want to express my sincere gratitude for the support offered me over the years. I have shared wonderful relationships as well as friendships. All of this support has made working with the Tax Collectors office an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

My Sincere Blessings and Wishes to you,  
Jimmy Weeks



**Letter to the editor****Orange Park councilman explains his position on lawsuit***Mastandrea cites state's defense of civil actions against public officers, employees or agents*

Editor,

I appreciate an opportunity to set the record straight with regard to your Dec. 9, 2020 article about my request to have the Town of Orange Park pay for legal fees for a claim made against me. This claim was made by the former Planning and Zoning Chairman because of my comments at a council meeting regarding his performance and then what I believe



Ronald Mastandrea

to be improper comments made by him. Elected officials are given immunity when performing their jobs on a Town Council. For some reason, the insurance coverage that the town now carries put exclusion in their policy for this type of coverage. There is a statute that states a member of the council should have his/her legal fees paid and defense afforded when sued under their capacity of a member of the Council. The town attorney has raised an issue with regard to the statutes scope because the lawsuit instituted by Peter and Shirley Johnston was filed as one seeking declaratory relief and not mentioning a specific legal injury and therefore there should be no coverage. Mr. [Sam] Garrison [general counsel of the town council] is of the position so far that a declaratory petition that does not allege an injury, therefore there should be no coverage.

I am of the position that a "legal injury" is what is covered within the statute and therefore the town should afford the defense since I was sued for legislative functions. Further, in the state of Florida there is immunity to members of a city council when they are sued for "legislative functions." The lawsuit filed by the Johnston's is only based on actions that I have done within legislative function and therefore the town should afford my defense given the statute.

In this lawsuit, a motion to strike the complaint was filed by me because of the enormous amount of scandalous allegations that have nothing to do with the request for a declaration judgement from the court as relates to a cease-and-desist letter sent to the plaintiffs dated May 11, 2020. There was also a motion to dismiss that I filed because the complaint does not conform to the requirements for a declaratory complaint to have been properly met.

**SEE LETTERS, 5****OPINION****Where did all the dumbbells go?****By Don Coble**  
Managing Editor

ORANGE PARK – It was tough finding toilet paper during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's been even tougher finding dumbbells and weights.

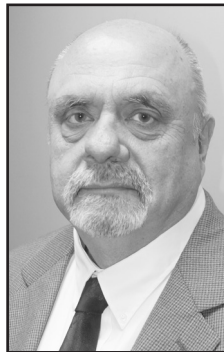
For months, health officials have urged residents to stay home to reduce the spread of the deadly coronavirus. For millions, that meant moving – or starting – their workout routine to home.

And just like the run on two-ply tissue, shelves have been stripped of a lot of home workout equipment, especially heavier dumbbells.

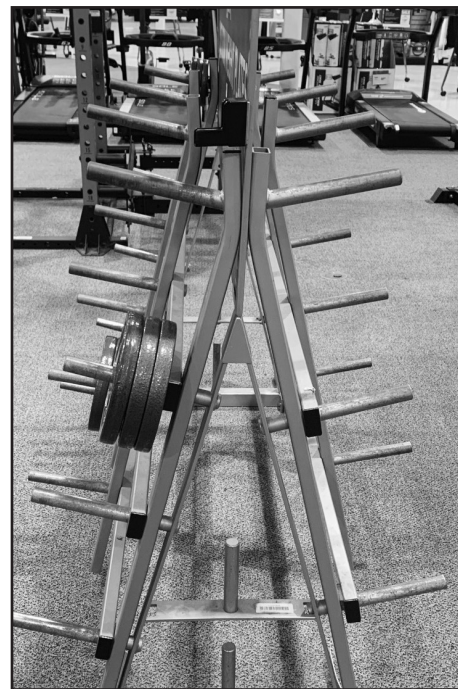
"It's been crazy," said Jon Begue at Premium Fitness Equipment. "It doesn't matter where they're coming from, we're not 100% sure when we'll get any of them in."

Smaller three, five and 10-pound dumbbells are still available, but the more-popular 15-, 20-, 25-, 35- and 50-pound weights are scarce. Many weights for barbells also have become as hard to find as kale at a monster truck show.

"When the gyms closed, people started working out at home," Begue said. "Dumbbells are the No. 1 thing for a home gym. It didn't take long for them to disappear. There was a big run on them. Now there's a big demand for them, but not much supply."



Don Coble



The more people were forced to stay home, the more they wanted to get back in shape. That created a demand for fitness equipment that overwhelmed the industry.

Premium Fitness Equipment sells exercise and workout equipment to many of the local gymnasiums and fitness centers, as well as the general public. The demand put the business in the difficult position of being selective on who received the last few pieces of equipment.

"Between the gyms [that] we have a great relationship with and all of the new customers we got, we had to play favorites, which isn't fair," Begue said. "Business is good. We sold a lot of our equipment on Black Friday. As far as New

**SEE DUMBBELLS, 5****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.

**Buttload:** (but-load) a noun that means the amount of liquid equivalent to two hogsheads – or 126 gallons.

*"The vintners delivered a buttload of Cabernet Sauvignon for the reception."*

**This Week In History****Five years ago, 2006**

- Clay County Commissioners approve 12 park leases for \$1 a year for youth sports organizations.
- The Rodeway Inn on Park Avenue in Orange Park files a countersuit against the Town Council claiming the council has jurisdiction over criminal matters, not the health concerns that resulted in the hotel's forced closure.
- Students participate in a program at W.E. Cherry Elementary learn how to write codes – information that provides step-by-step instructions for computer commands.

**10 years ago, 2011**

- ABC's "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" announces it plans to build a new home in Middleburg for one of its episodes.
- The Florida Air National Guard promotes Clay County's Robert Branyon from colonel to brigadier general.
- The Clay County Commission approves former Florida Transportation Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos as its next county manager.

**20 years ago, 2001**

- Census figures show Florida's population grew by 28.5% in a 10-year span, resulting in the state receiving two new seats at the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Green Cove Springs police issue an alert for missing Yvonne Belcher, two vanished two weeks earlier after a fight with her husband.
- JEA and Clay Electric will argue in court which company has the rights to provide electrical service to the Argyle Forest area.

**30 years ago, 1991**

- The Clay County Commission orders a special election after county voters ap-

**SEE HISTORY, 5****Send us a letter ...**

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

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**Opinions ...**

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# Letters

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It is my belief that this claim was filed so as to get negative publicity about me in the public forum. Following the motions, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were served with a Safe Harbor letter under Florida Statute 57.105 (Sanctions) giving them 21 days to voluntarily dismiss the complaint without consequences. They have not done so as of this date.

Because of this I now have filed a Motion for Sanctions against Mr. and Mrs.

Johnston for filing a frivolous lawsuit. Following the motion for sanctions, a Motion for Summary Judgment was also filed that demonstrates that as a matter of law the lawsuit filed by the Johnston's and their attorney is without legal merit and therefore frivolous.

Finally, in an unrelated case to the one filed by the Johnston's against me, a case that I filed against Sherri Snow, the Judge ordered a Final Summary Judgment against me. That Order was appealed because I am of the position that the Judge ignored what was cited in the Motion I filed and much of the testimony that is rel-

evant to the issues of defamation was not considered. That appeal was accepted by the court and will be heard in 2021.

I am of the belief this claim and others that have been filed against me was done so by a few individuals in Orange Park that are upset with the town approving new development and tax revenue streams for Orange Park. I have been named in particular because of my pro-growth position.

I can only assume that this small group of individuals are so angry and upset over new development, that they are pursuing any opportunities they feel are available to punish myself and other town officials for performing our duties.

Thank you,  
Councilman Roland Mastandrea

# Dumbbells

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Year's resolutions, not as much. People were already set in their workout plans."

Begue said the three most-popular items requested – and backordered – are bumpers (barbell weights), bars, benches and dumbbells.

Premium Fitness isn't the only store with empty shelves. The weight racks at Walmart and Dick's Sporting Goods have been picked clean. Academy Sports + Outdoors is out of all but five-pound dumbbells on its online site. Most dumbbells and kettlebells listed on Amazon include a "Currently Unavailable" label.

So what is a health-minded homebody supposed to do? An empty gallon jug of sand weighs less than 13 pounds. A concrete cinder block weighs between 30-35 pounds. Others have tried lifting backpacks filled with cans or books, large bags of pet food or cans of paint. Plus, a towel can be used as a resistance band to stretch your shoulders and arms.

Desperate times still require desperate responses.



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Jon Begue of Premium Fitness Equipment said the rush to buy dumbbells was "crazy."

The important thing is to still find ways to work out. Whether you were lucky enough to be ahead of the surge for dumbbells or you're forced to lug around a bag of rocks, don't give up. The only investment guaranteed to pay off is when you invest in yourself.

Many are still committed to getting back in shape and getting rid of those pandemic pounds. COVID-19 required adjustments by everyone. Elastic straps are perfect for stretching. Climbing stairs is a good way to work on cardio and leg muscles. You can jump rope, take walks holding small weights in each hand and dance. The old standards like pushups, sit-ups and jumping jacks never go out of style.

Dumbbells certainly made it easier and more convenient. Getting healthy, however, isn't always about ease and convenience. It's about hard work. And it requires adaptation.

"Most of the customers have been amazing," Begue said. "They understand the situation. They take what they can get. They've learned to make due."

Which proves there's more than one way to break a sweat.



# History

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prove a new Clay Charter.

- Clay County Sheriff Dalton Bray asks a grand jury to investigate county commissioner James Jett after the sheriff claims Jett interfered with a murder investigation.

- Gail Russell takes office as the new police chief for Green Cove Springs.

## 40 years ago, 1981

- JEA files a lawsuit against Green Cove Springs claiming the city owes it \$644,978.52 in back payments.

- The Clay County Commission votes to fire James Catlett as the Planning, Zoning and Building director.

- The committee will review a plan for Clay County to buy the Rosemary Hill Landfill site from the City of Green Cove Springs.

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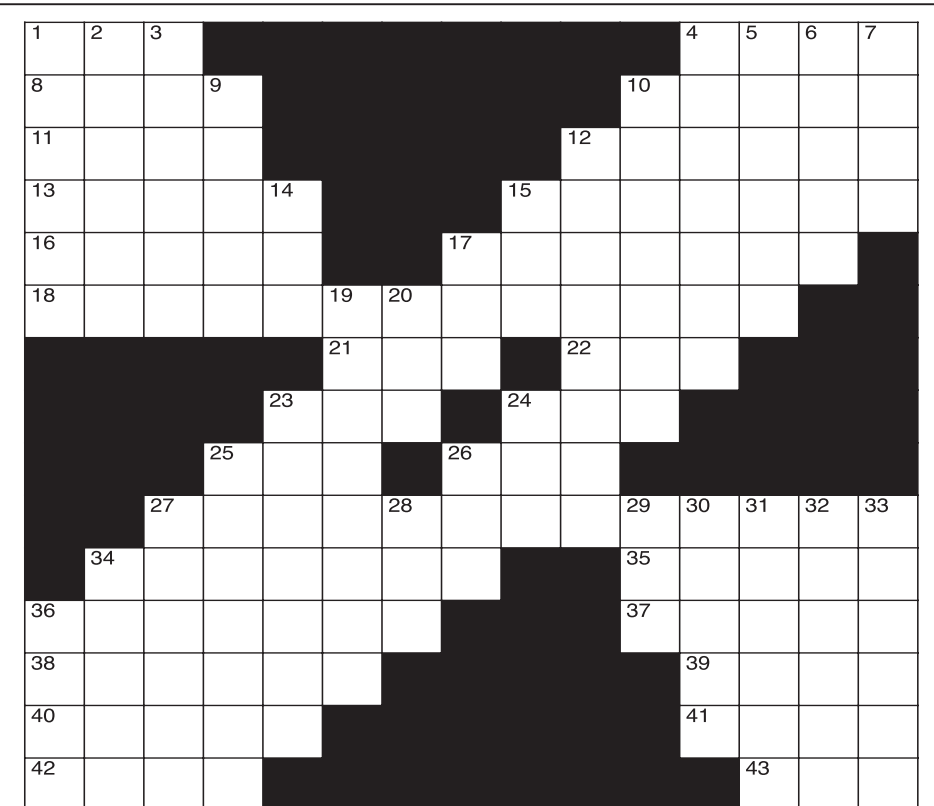
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### CLUES ACROSS

- Adequate yearly progress (abbr.)
- Silicon Valley's specialty
- Gather a harvest
- Famed mathematician
- No (slang)
- Students use one
- Type of molecule
- Play make-believe
- Large barrel-like containers
- Treats allergies
- Calendar month
- Single
- Cease to live
- Brew
- What ghosts say
- Geological time
- Focus
- Discomfort
- A citizen of Iran
- Trip
- Imitate
- Makes happy

### CLUES DOWN

- Used in treating bruises
- One who cultivates a small estate
- One who supports the Pope
- Annuity
- Geological period
- Grab onto tightly
- Kept
- Chinese city
- The most direct route
- Type of tooth
- \_\_\_ kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Popular veggie
- Supervises interstate commerce

- Foolish behaviors
- Witness
- Gives
- Expression of creative skill
- A way to prop up
- Midway between northeast and east
- Winter melon
- Supernatural power
- Target
- Threes
- A type of poetic verse
- They make some people cry
- Kindest
- Forman and Ventimiglia are two
- A way to liquefy



# New Tools 4 Clay store opens for teachers at Orange Park Junior High

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ORANGE PARK – The wallets of teachers in the school district will remain a little fatter this year thanks to a new shop at Orange Park Junior High.

The Clay Education Foundation cut the ribbon for its new Tools 4 Clay Schools shop at the school on Jan. 4, and it will be a new supply depot for any and all teachers in the district. Teachers were very excited to see what was in store for them.

“This is so fantastic,” Clay High teacher Victoria Gallagher.

A portable on the OPJH campus is referred to as the Tools 4 Clay Schools store, but it’s really not much of a store. That’s because all of the supplies inside are free to teachers. Clay Education Foundation executive director Makayla Buchanan said thanks to the help of the foundation’s many partnerships with businesses like Office Depot, The Bailey Group and many other local businesses and organizations that donate school supplies to the foundation and offer discounted bulk pricing to it as well.

The State of Florida’s matching dollar program allows the foundation to double all of the donations that come in by 100%.

Buchanan said the store is a long time coming for the district. She was hired two years ago and the foundation held a pop-up shop once a year right before teachers and students went back to school. Two were held the following year and now 2021 brings a permanent location for the teachers of Clay County.

“The school district donated the portable to us last Spring and our goal was to have this open for back-to-school but obviously with COVID-19, things happened differently and we did a big drive-thru store instead,” Buchanan said. “But since then, we’ve been outfitting it with all the shelving and getting it ready to go for today when teachers arrive for the first time ever.”

Teachers are able to sign-in to the store’s website online and it’s there that they schedule a time they want to shop. The store won’t be open every day, but teachers will be notified of the days it is open through internal communication.

Buchanan said the store already is



Teachers around the district will be able to schedule free shopping trips in the new Tools 4 Clay Schools supplies store at Orange Park Junior High.

bursting at the seams with supplies and that the foundation is looking for an even bigger location in the future be it an additional portable in the district or a larger, more central building. The portable at OPJH is filled from floor to ceiling with scissors, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils and so much more and the first two educators to enter it, Gallagher and teacher assistant Sherry Hamilton, were excited for their first shopping trip in the store.

“We pay for a lot of things out of pocket,” Gallagher said, touching on the reality that is teaching. “I’m so happy, just so very happy, about this new store. It’s a really fantastic thing.”

Hamilton said her teaching background lies in Virginia and that she’s never heard of anything like this.

“It makes me feel really good about my

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Clay County Property Appraiser

**2021 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION SCHEDULE**

## Attention Clay County Residents

The Clay County Property Appraiser’s Office (CCPAO) will be accepting applications for property tax exemptions, assessment reductions and agricultural classifications at the following locations:

<b>County Admin. Bldg. (Green Cove Springs)</b> Accepted Year-Round	<b>477 Houston Street, 2nd Floor</b> 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
<b>Tax Collector's Office (Orange Park)</b> Accepted Year-Round	<b>1518 Park Avenue (Park Central Plaza)</b> 8:30 AM — 5:00 PM
<b>Tax Collector's Office (Keystone Heights)</b> January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & February 2th, 9th, 16th , 23rd	<b>7380 State Road 100, Suite 10</b> 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Florida law provides for a number of ad valorem property tax exemptions, classifications and assessment reductions which will reduce the taxable value of real and tangible personal property. The property owner must qualify as of January 1 of the current assessment year. **The statutory deadline for filing a timely application is Monday, March 1, 2021.** For more information contact the property appraiser’s office at (904) 284-6305 or [www.ccpao.com](http://www.ccpao.com).



# Obituaries

## Janie Marie Newton Altizer

Janie Marie Newton Altizer, 82, passed away on December 14, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Nash County, NC and was a Supervisor at the Navy Exchange. She was devoted to her family and loved to have them around her.

Janie was survived by her loving husband, Charles "Chuck" R. Altizer; 4 children: Terri (James) Sanchez, Daniel (Jodie) Altizer, Sheila (Ronald) Kirstatter and Judy (Jim) Campbell; grandchildren: Tara (Ryan) Ramsey, Jay Sanchez, Vanessa Fernandez, Sabrina (Anthony) Ayers, Nicole Altizer (Randall Barry), Lisa Altizer, Shane Altizer, Shauna (Bryan) Wright, John "Trey" (Courtney) Gates, Jenny Gates, Mike Campbell and Billy Campbell; great-grandchildren: Robby Ramsey, Rachel Ramsey, Marlee Sanchez, Maelyn Sanchez, Tanner Fernandez, Judah Ayers, Juliette Ayers, Elijah Barry, Emily Barry, Taylor Barry, Caiden Barry, Weston Wright, Avery Wright, Georgia Wright, Olivia Gates, Jae Gates, Amelia Gates, Dallas Pryor, Stephen Campbell, Matthew Campbell, Ashley Campbell, Noel Campbell, and Mikey Campbell; and a host of extended family and friends. A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Holly Hill Funeral Home, 3601 Old Jennings Rd, Middleburg, FL. Please post words of comfort at [www.hollyhillfunerals.com](http://www.hollyhillfunerals.com). In lieu of flowers, please donate to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257 in Janie's Memory.

## Scott Hunter Pierson

Scott Hunter Pierson, 53, of Fleming Island, FL, passed away January 3, 2021

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

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Janie Marie Newton Altizer

## Ann Marie (Patsie) Waggett

Ann Marie (Patsie) Waggett died in the hospital on Sunday, December 27th, 2020.

She is survived by many who loved her deeply including her four daughters Barbara Jacques, Kathleen Nunnally, Hope Waggett and Jerri Lynne Smith as well as twelve grandchildren Freya, Lance, John Richard, Sydney, Ann Marie, Dale, Duncan, Warrin, Lydia, Raleigh May and Patton who brought her great joy. She is also survived by her three sisters and brother Geraldine Weilacher, Therese Cofer, Christine Tyler and Joe Weilacher. Her first great grandchild will arrive in 2021.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years John Henry Waggett in 2013, her sister Dorothy Jean Shaffer, her brother Paul Weilacher and her parents Barbara (Liedl) and Herman Weilacher.

She lived most recently at Lockwood of Fenton in Michigan and previously at the Mount Nittany Residences in State College, PA.

She and John enjoyed living in Orange Park, Florida from 1987 through his death in 2013. Patsie and John grew up and met in the DuBois, Pennsylvania area and raised their four girls in Edinboro just south of Erie, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in their memory to Lions Club International - Empowering Service Fund at [lionsclub.org/en/donate](http://lionsclub.org/en/donate).

A private family service was held on Thursday, Dec 31st at Sharp Funeral Home in Linden, Michigan.

A Funeral Mass and internment of ashes service will be held on Friday, February 19th at St. Catherine of Sienna in DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Condolences may be addressed to Barb Jacques at 16429 East Horseshoe Trail, Linden MI 48451 or [bwjacques@gmail.com](mailto:bwjacques@gmail.com). Arrangements provided by Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden, Chapel, 209 E. Broad Street, Linden.

Tributes may be shared at [www.sharp-funeralhomes.com](http://www.sharp-funeralhomes.com).



Ann Marie (Patsie) Waggett

## Jerry Clyde Kemp

Jerry Clyde Kemp of Fleming Island, Florida, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to many passed away on December 25, 2020 at Haven Hospice in Orange Park.

He was born June 1, 1945 in Phillips, Texas to Julian Clyde Kemp and Ellen Lillian Huston Kemp. He graduated from Coshatta High School in Louisiana in 1963, where he played football and ran track.

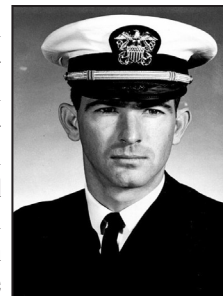
Jerry received his Bachelor of Science degree in agri-business from Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, Louisiana in 1968, where he was selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was active in student government.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1967 and reported to Pensacola, Florida for Officers Candidate School and Flight Training in 1968. He was a flight instructor, a maintenance officer and test pilot, serving in the Navy until 1973.

Jerry was employed in veterinary pharmaceutical sales for 28 years, with Upjohn Company, Hoechst Roussel and retired from Novartis in 2001. He became a volunteer with Clay County Habitat for Humanity upon his retirement and had in excess of 6,000 recorded hours of work on home sites over the next 19 years, serving in various positions on the Board and as President of the Board.

He was selected as Clay County Volunteer of the Year in 2012 for his work with Habitat. Jerry volunteered until his illness forced him to stop, because he believed that everyone deserved a safe place to call home. Jerry was honored as Public Citizen of the Year in 2018 by National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter. He was a member of the Duval Golf Association for many years. Jerry was predeceased by his parents Julian Clyde Kemp and Ellen Huston Kemp, and his brother Jay Duane Kemp.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years Wanda Willis Kemp. They enjoyed life and traveled to many fun places with Jerry do-



Jerry Clyde Kemp

ing all the planning. He is also survived by his son Richard Kemp and his wife Angela. Three wonderful grandchildren: Thya, Max and Amari were a huge part of his life and Gramps was the one who made all the plans for summer fun when they visited. He will be missed by other family members and his many friends and neighbors. He was always willing to stop and make time for others.

Due to COVID concerns, no service or visitation is planned. Memorialization will be by cremation. A celebration of Jerry's life will be planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to Clay County Habitat for Humanity in his honor or to the charity of your choice. Hardage-Giddens Rivermead, 127 Blanding Boulevard, Orange Park, Florida 32073 is serving the family. Please express online condolences at [hardage-giddensrivermead.com](http://hardage-giddensrivermead.com)

## Albert Lewis Snedaker, III

Albert Lewis Snedaker, III, passed peacefully in Jacksonville, Florida on December 29, 2020, at the age of 62.

Albert is survived by his wife, Christine Snedaker; daughter, Adriana Snedaker; son, Albert Lewis Snedaker IV; brother, Jeffery Snedaker; and sisters, Diane Snedaker Spyker and Linda Snedaker.

Albert was born on May 26, 1958, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Albert Lewis Snedaker, Jr. and Emily Dorothy Gibson. He attended Ursinus College, where he graduated with a degree in Economics in 1980. Albert went on to have a 33 year career with the Federal Aviation Administration, retiring to Fleming Island, Florida in 2013.

In his free time, Albert enjoyed listening to music and talk radio, riding his bicycle, writing, and rooting on the Philadelphia Eagles. Albert was also a passionate wrestling dad who could be found sitting on



Albert Lewis Snedaker, III

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# Peacemakers bring their own special fireworks to fairgrounds on New Year's

**Riding, shooting competition draws 230 entries from around the country**

By Bruce Hope  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The new year literally started off with a bang as competitors from all over the country converged on the Clay County Fairgrounds in Green Cove Springs for the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association's New Year's Warmer Winter Pastures Shootout.

The competition was open to everyone, including children. They who ride their horses around a prescribed area and attempt to shoot balloons off poles placed within the arena for time.

"Cowboy mounted shooting is one of the newest, but fastest growing equine sports there is," said Cindy Stavelly, the secretary for the board's association. "It's probably the most exciting equine sport there is, if you think about it, because we get on our horses. We use two single action revolvers to shoot targets which are balloons, 10 balloons."

The first five targets are shot with one revolver, before it was holstered. The rider had to draw a second holstered pistol and

fire at the other five targets. The best time with the fewest misses wins. The patterns, target placement and direction in which the rider must go, change constantly.

This was the second annual competition. Competitors arrived from several states, including Michigan and Ohio. Many from the north were happy to escape the bone-chilling winter temperatures for the milder Florida climate.

More than 230 riders were registered for the event.

"Some of the top riders, like the reigning world champion [were] here to compete," Stavelly said. "Some other world champions, and former world champions will be here as well."

Fourteen-year-old Ethan Moody of St. Augustine competed on his horse Kat. He has been competing for three years and is ranked No. 1 in the men's level two nationally.

The competition also featured rifle and shotgun shooting from horseback. The first five shots were fired with the pistol. After holstering the handgun, the rider drew either a rifle or shotgun to engage the second five targets.

Competitors paid to stall their horses and park their RVs along with an entrance fee.

The riders competed in four different patterns on Saturday and Sunday to decide the winners. There were six different levels of expertise.

"When you first start out, you're [level] one, and you have to get so many wins at each level to move up to the next level. It's also split by men and women," Stavelly said. The grand prize for the event is monetary, and the 2020 event featured almost \$40,000 in prize money.

COVID-19 wasn't much of a factor during the event since it was held in open-air arenas. There also was plenty of room for the spectators to socially distance from each other.

Tay Reed of Keystone Heights has been a member of the Florida Peacemakers for almost a year. He began learning to ride and shoot during that time.

"I just heard about it and gave it a shot," Reed said. He has not competed in one of these events, but he hopes to one day. The training is different, and not nearly as easy as it looks, according to Reed. "Learning how to work your, body, legs," he said.

"It's a cool area to be around. Good company; everybody's friendly," said Reed.

Sandy Nickerson is the treasurer of the Florida Peacemakers. She has been riding for 15 years and she is a senior level five



More than 230 cowboys and cowgirls competed at the shootout during New Year's.

competitor.

"My husband [who is also the president of the Florida Peacemakers] actually started mounted shooting in Florida back in 2000," she said. "So he's been doing it for 20 years and he's also a senior men's five [ranked rider]."

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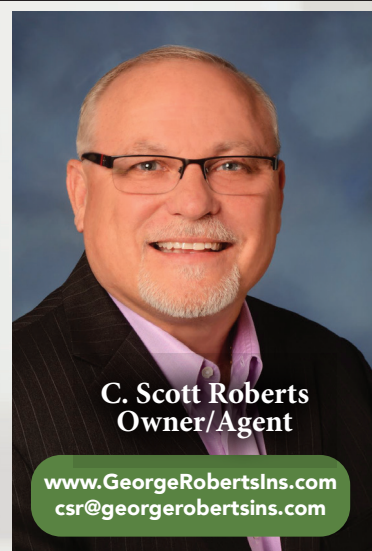
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## Peacemakers

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Last year's event had 187 riders, and with this year's entries at 230, the just-completed match was the Florida Peacemakers' biggest.

Margaret Smith of St. John's County is a nurse who has been riding for four years, and she rides, trains and boards in Clay County.

"It was a local practice hear in Clay County that they did. Everybody helped me, gave me guns, and got me started," said Smith. "I love riding. I love shooting. The people are great. Friends have become family and it's a good sport to be in."

The event was action packed. Everyone was reminiscent of old cowboy movies, driving their horses to top speeds, before executing hairpin turns, all the while filling the air with the sounds of their pistols being discharged and balloons popping in concert.

Zane Chunn, the 2019 America Quarter Horse Association World Champion from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, was the overall winner, with Jared Penley of New Hampshire finishing second, Ethan Stanley of North Carolina in third, Byron Walters in fourth and Colorado's Elizabeth Clavette in fifth.

"It's the most humbling sport that I've ever had to compete in," said Randy King, a men's senior level three rider. "When you have all your targets, you can be on top, and it only takes one. It's like a well-oiled

engine. All the parts gotta work together. If something's out of whack, you don't make it."

The Florida Peacemakers will return to the Clay County Fairgrounds from Feb. 19-21 for the State Match and Shootout.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE HOPE

The Warmer Winter Pastures Shootout included competitions where riders were required to shoot two different pistols while riding their horses at full speed.

## County celebrates 162<sup>nd</sup> birthday by unveiling a new website

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County celebrated its 162<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Dec. 31.

Clay, Florida's 37<sup>th</sup> County, was established in 1858, by carving out a section of Duval County in Northeast Florida. Clay County was named after American Statesman, and U.S. Senator from Kentucky, Henry Clay, who served as Secretary of State under John Quincy Adams.

According to the Florida Historical Society, Clay County was a popular tourist destination for northern tourists during the latter half of the 19th century. Visitors loved the exquisite natural beauty along the many waterways and enjoyed the therapeutic warm springs found throughout the county. Much of Clay County's historic architecture still remains, including several churches that dot the landscape dating back to the mid-1800s.

Clay County Commissioners are celebrating the county's birthday and the new year with a major announcement. It launched a new Clay County website that's easy to navigate, pleasing to the eye and full of information right at your fingertips. There are many new functions the county is excited for residents to try out. To see the new site, visit <https://www.claycountygov.com/>.

From the county's home page, [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com), you can navigate the website by using the top navigation sections, to

find links to government departments and services by choosing topics under the Community, Government or Business sections.

Scrolling through the home page, provides you with an up to date and modern look with new interactive "News" and "Calendar of Events" sections. The "Connect" section allows you to easily connect with your Clay County government services, connect with social media, sign up for newsletters and watch video archives.

Some of the new website features include the "Address Look Up" where you can enter an address and easily identify the County Commissioner, voting precinct, closest school location, utility providers, and garbage and recycling days.

The new "I Want To" service widget in the menu bar at the top right of the home page provides quick access to multiple service options where you can get information on Clay County jobs, reserve a pavilion or campsite, report an issue, subscribe to newsletters and much more.

There is also a new "Search" bar on the main screen of the home page where you can type in keywords and quickly find links to pages and articles that contain those words.

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# Darren's Custom & Restorations: Where old is new again

By Bruce Hope  
bruce@opcfla.com

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Darren Stutts, owner, and operator of Darren's Custom & Restorations, has a passion for all kinds of cars.

His shop, at 3 Palmetto Ave., does a lot of body and repair work on vehicles that have been in accidents. Many auto repair and body shops do this, but what separates Darren's is what else he does.

Starting in the 1980s doing custom paint jobs, Stutts has grown his business into what it is today. Besides the body shop, Stutts also enjoys restoring classic cars' exteriors and interiors while putting modern components under the hood.

"I always had hot rods," said Stutts. He

was working for a dealership in the mid-80s and was talked into quitting his job and going into business for himself. Stutts did paintwork on the side while working for the dealership. He was offered some space in the back of a friend's shop where he could begin doing paintwork for himself full time. "I was actually making more doing that on the side than I was at my regular job, so I finally bit the bullet and decided, 'hey I'm gonna make a go at this while I can.'"

Darren's is in its third – and final, according to Stutts – location since its founding in 1988. After a few years of struggle, Stutts began to make a better living.

But Stutts doesn't do custom jobs for his customers, though.

"The only restoration and custom stuff I do now are stuff I'm building to sell," said



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRUCE HOPE

Hot rods are a passion for Darren Stutts at Darren's Custom & Restorations in Green Cove Springs. The shop specializes in body repairs.

## Obituaries

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### Albert Lewis Snedaker, III (cont'd)

the side of the mat at every meet.

His favorite place in the world is Wildwood, New Jersey, where he spent his teenage summers working as a roller coaster operator. When Albert had children, it became a family tradition to travel back to Wildwood every summer to create new memories with his children.

Albert lost his battle to Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinoma, a rare and aggressive bile duct cancer. In celebration of his life and to honor his memory, Albert's family is asking for donations to the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation in lieu of flowers.

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



### John Joseph Hall

John Joseph Hall, 63, a resident of Palatka, FL, died peacefully in his sleep Jan. 2nd, 2021.

He was a beloved father and grandfather, and friend to many others that knew him as a kind and generous soul. Originally born in Mobile, AL and grew up in Daphne, AL. He spent the second half of his life in North Florida where he served as the Chief Operating



John Joseph Hall

Officer and Vice President of Mobro Marine, where he was employed since 1987.

He was a man of great faith and lived to serve those dearest to him. He was an avid traveler, always knowing someone everywhere he went. John was known most for his love of the air and the sea. He was a pilot since the age of sixteen and had the good fortune to visit several continents and sail almost every ocean. Aviation and boating were his passions, only second to his family which he loved wholeheartedly.

John was preceded in death by his father, Robert Hall and mother, Evanelle Hall, both of Daphne, AL.

His survivors include 3 children, Amanda Jill Szwajkos (Michael), John Derek Hall (Kari), Jason Matthew Hall (Amanda), and stepdaughter Meredith Todd-Weed (Aaron).

Grandchildren Abbie Grace Todd – 13 of Dothan AL, Ryleigh Noel Hall – 6, John Ryan Hall – 4 of St. Augustine, FL and Jack Wyatt Szwajkos -3, Eli Miles Szwajkos -1 of Bluffton, SC

2 brothers – Jay Hall (Nancy) and Jim Hall, both of Fairhope, AL

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, January 9, 2021. The details of the location of the service are TBD.

For information, please contact Broadus-Raines Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Lowcountry Autism Foundation would be appreciated.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com).

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Stutts. "It's my personal stuff. I'll play with it awhile, and then I'll sell it, then move on and do something different."

Stutts' son Jason works with him at the shop as a heavy collision technician.

"It's awesome with me," he said. "Working with my dad here, and my kids get to come up here after school with me, so it's pretty much a family affair. I don't think there's anything else I would rather do."

The shop isn't the only thing that is a family affair for the Stutts.

Darren, his father, his son Jason and his daughters all drag race. His father doesn't do much of it anymore, being older and having been involved in a severe trucking accident a few years ago. Stutts and his children do more of it, though.

"We started out racing at Jax Raceways when it was still open," Stutts said. "I always was into hot rods. Typical kid in high school, that's what you do. I kinda got

hooked. I went one time to try a car out that I bought, and the next thing I know, I'm there every weekend. I've been doing it since '97."

He got his father into drag racing. He no longer races. He is 79 years old and still suffers from injuries sustained in the trucking accident. One of Stutts' daughters now drives her grandfather's car in the races. His other daughter also races, as did his son, Jason.

The Stutts love what being at the shop.

"I like old cars. That's the big thing. The wrecks pay the bills. It's not my favorite thing. You know it's gratifying to fix somebody's car that they love that they've wrecked up and give it back to 'em in one piece," Stutts said, "but the old cars is really the thing I really like. I like to take something old and make it like a new car where I can drive it."



Darren Stutts only restores old cars for himself, not for customers. After he completes a project, he generally sells it and starts working on another car.





The Town of Orange Park is asking residents to complete a survey to let the town know which of three different playground proposals for the Clarke House Park they prefer.

# Residents to pick which plan they prefer for Clarke House Park

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – The town is surveying residents about a new playground at the Clarke House Park.

The Clarke House Park is an Orange Park staple and it could receive a major facelift in the form of slides, swings and more next year. The town is asking residents to help it decide which of the proposals it likes on the Town of Orange Park's Facebook page. The town wants as much input as possible since the price tag could be as high as \$700,000.

"We received five proposals for a new playground at Clarke House Park," the town's Facebook post reads. "The Selection Committee has determined a shortlist of firms they wish to invite to a future meeting [TBD]. The Committee would like to gather

residents' feedback on the concept drawings submitted by the top three firms."

Orange Park town manager Sarah Campbell said the three proposals range from \$669,000 to \$699,000, which works perfectly because the town council budgeted \$700,000 for the playground. The town is surveying residents from three different firms: Leathers, Kompan and Playmore. Each firm turned in a playground proposal quite unique from the rest with Leathers opting for the classic wooden-looking playground, Kompan going for a more modern look and Playmore somewhere in between with more abstract standalone features.

The survey asks residents to share feedback on the proposal drawings, what ages their children are, what their gender and age is, and where they live. Campbell said

these surveys will help the Culture and Recreation Committee make a recommendation to the town council and then the town council will make the decision on either Jan. 19 or Feb. 2.

The committee will invite the three firms to pitch their playground to the committee on Jan. 11 before a recommendation is sent to the council. The proposals estimate that the playground concepts would take three to six months to create, according to Campbell.

The surveys are anonymous, but the Facebook post about the surveys has more than 80 comments from residents speaking what they hope to see. The biggest question is whether the playground retains the shade currently at the park. "Can we please leave some trees?" Rhonda Jett asked. "That's

what made this park so great: shade for the parents and [it] kept the equipment cooled."

Others brought up the same point, and it's clear residents want the trees currently at the park to remain. Some residents, like Steven Kuhn, suggested a sandbox area be included alongside a mini splash park for the hot summer days.

Another popular suggestion was the inclusion of rubber pieces on the floor like what's be installed at the Ronnie Van Zant park. Robert Morris said this prevents cats from using the floor as a litter area like strays might do with a sand box.

The survey is still live on the Town of Orange Park Facebook page, and the town encourages anyone who believes they might use the park to respond, even if they don't live in Orange Park.

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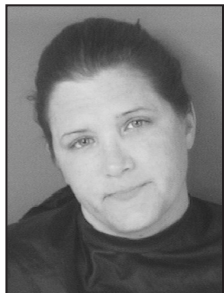


# Police Briefs

## Domestic fights lead to final arrest of 2020, first arrest of 2021

MIDDLEBURG – A pair of domestic disputes in Middleburg led the final arrest in 2020 and the first arrest of 2021 in Clay County.

The final arrest came when Nichole Lynn McKellip, 39, was charged with simple domestic battery, two counts battery on law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence and vandalism after she became enraged when CCSO arrived to break up the dispute.



Nichole McKellip

The new year started with Angel Nicole Aylesbury, 48, being charged with simple domestic battery after the Clay County Sheriff's Office determined she pulled her husband's hair after he called her several

derogatory names. David William Aylesbury, 51, also was charged with aggravated domestic battery after CCSO determined he punched her in the face, threw items at her and smacked her in the face with a board during the altercation.

According to the arrest report, McKellip got into an argument about her rocking too close to a book cabinet with a television on it. He tried to get her to leave his bedroom, but McKellip reportedly head-butted him in the face several times, according to the arrest report.

When deputies arrived, McKellip slammed the garage door while deputies were standing at the edge of the garage. Once inside, she fought with deputies before she was restrained. Once inside the patrol car, she started kicking the door and windows, CCSO said. When they opened the door to tell her to stop, she kicked one deputy in the midsection and spit in the face of another deputy.

Deputies found several items either damaged or destroyed in the victim's bed-

room. McKellip was arrested at 7:32 p.m. McKellip's bond was set at \$25,013.

Seven hours later, the new year started when a couple were arrested following a fight at their home.

David Aylesbury remained at the Clay County Jail without bond on an unrelated DUI charge from Dec. 20.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:22 a.m. on Jan. 1, according to the arrest report.

## Car crash leads to woman's arrest for animal cruelty

OAKLEAF – A woman involved in a traffic accident on Oakleaf Village Parkway was arrested Dec. 28 on an outstanding warrant for aggravated cruelty to animals.

Sara Christine Prewett, 43, of Orange Park, was arrested by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and sent to Duval County to face charges of abandoning four animals in filthy conditions and without food and water last September in Jacksonville.

Investigators found two cats and two dogs in her home. One dog reportedly was dead, and the other three were emaciated.

## Man arrested for 2019 burglaries of homes under construction

MIDDLEBURG – An arrest was made 21 months after a Jacksonville man was caught cutting and taking wire from homes under construction in the Azalea Ridge subdivision.

Beau Robert Schipfer, 37, was charged with five counts each of burglary and grand theft after a security officer on patrol found Schipfer upstairs in a home at the building site with wires cut and removed in 2019 in the Azalea Ridge subdivision in Middleburg.

According to the arrest warrant, the

guard flagged down an off-duty Florida Highway Patrol officer on March 26, 2019, after he found bundles of wire stacked in the dining room area.

The FHP officer questioned Schipfer, who said he was working for a subcontractor to check newly installed windows. The FHP officer wasn't able to verify Schipfer's story at the scene. By the time he learned Schipfer's former employer had fired him for theft, he was gone from the scene.

Schipfer eventually was found and arrested in Baker County. He was returned to Clay County and remained in the county jail with a \$125,105 bond.

## Missing boater found in St. Johns at Black Creek

MIDDLEBURG – A man reported missing from his boat at Governors Creek Boat Ramp on Dec. 26 was recovered three miles down river near the Knight's Boat Ramp on Dec. 31.

James Edward Myers, 55, hadn't been seen since he was on his boat on the St. Johns River before Christmas. The Clay County Sheriff's Office issued a missing person's alert for Myers on Dec. 26. The agency reported a person in the water at Black Creek on New Year's Eve.

Cause of death wasn't reported.



Beau Schipfer



James Myers



## FDLE: Clay reports more arrests; fewer violent, property crimes

### Report covers first six months of 2019

#### For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The total crime rate dropped by 9.6% and there were more arrests made in Clay County in the first half of last year compared to the same time frame in 2019, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The total crime index is the rate of violent and property crimes reported.

The FDLE released its 2020 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report, which includes crime volume in the state from January through June of 2020.

The report shows that crime is down across Florida, with crime volume dropping 11.7%, or 31,348 fewer reported index crimes, compared to the first six months of 2019.

The Semi-Annual UCR calculates crime volume, the number of index crimes known to law enforcement. The report, including county-by-county breakdowns, can be found on FDLE's website at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FSAC/Uniform->

Crime-Report/Semi-Annual-Reports.

The report includes arrests by the Clay County Sheriff's Office and the Green Cove Springs and Orange Park police departments.

Clay had a significant increase – 17% – in larceny arrests. There also were more arrests for burglaries (102-82), juvenile arrests (153-138), robberies (25-20), dealing in stolen property (26-11), vandalism (36-28) and simple assaults (396-311).

There also was a drop in rape arrests – 35 in 2019; 14 in 2020 – along with a drop in counterfeiting (15-21), weapons violations (40-60) and DUIs (140-149).

According to the report, CCSO made 3,095 arrests in the first six months of 2020, compared to 2,683 in 2019. Green Cove Springs made 157 arrests; Orange Park made 101; Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission made 25; the Florida Highway Patrol made 12; the Clay County Schools made four and the Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco made one.



## 'Hot' fireworks spark fire that destroys Oakleaf home

OAKLEAF – Hot fireworks thrown in a garbage can ignited an early New Year's Day fire that destroyed a home on Club Lake Drive.

Clay County Fire and Rescue were called to the house at 1:25 a.m. on Jan. 1. They found the home fully engulfed in flames.

Firefighters said the fire started with spent fireworks that were put in a garbage can in the garage. Although fireworks may have been used, they can remain hot for hours.

Four residents inside the home escaped without injury.



# 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, Jan. 5

Lucas C. Jewett, 31, Middleburg, delivering methamphetamine  
Tatiana C.J. Williams, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-driving without license  
Richard E. O'Donoghue, 21, Keystone Heights, retail petit theft  
Philip D. Richardson, 35, Middleburg, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Dylan D. Nolan, 24, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, DWLSR  
Kristy A. Sauls, 37, Melrose, FTA-possession-controlled substance (Alachua), FTA-possession-marijuana (Alachua), FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia (Alachua)  
Emma D. Gold, 43, Orange Park, depositing worthless check with intent to defraud (Duval)  
Sean D. House, 38, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

## Monday, Jan. 4

Khadijah D. Horne, 25, Orange Park, aggravated battery with deadly weapon  
Victoria G. Greenway, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-marijuana, VOP-possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Alexis M. Evans, 21, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant  
Jamaul R. Kennedy, 33, Green Cove Springs, fugitive from justice  
She'Ron R. Gibson, 21, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation, battery on law enforcement officer, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
Antwaun L. Roberts, 33, Middleburg, trespassing  
Jeremy A. Warner, 43, Fleming Island, DUI

## Sunday, Jan. 3

Brian R. Pouliot, 39, Fleming Island, DUI, DWLSR  
Damon L. Bell, 43, Orange Park, possession-marijuana with intent to sell/distribute/manufacture  
Ashley M. West, 36, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR  
William W. Fountain, 26, Orange Park, aggravated battery on pregnant woman, resist/obstruct/oppose police officer  
Patricia L. Bennett, 55, Middleburg, burglary, petit theft, criminal mischief  
Deborah F. Hulse, 54, Middleburg, burglary, petit theft, criminal mischief  
Robyn M. Rivenbark, 33, Middleburg, two counts vandalism, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Sadiqa R. Mokbel, 24, Orange Park, DUI, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Russell G. Jones, 60, Green Cove Springs, domestic battery on person 65 or older

Alexis M. Evans, 21, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession-controlled substance

Sydney G. Colvin, 26, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance

## Saturday, Jan. 2

Kimell N. Lewis, 41, Orange Park, DUI  
Curtis B. Ray, 18, Orange Park, possession-marijuana

Michael S. Edwards, 33, Orange Park, VOP-community control

Horacio J. Allen, 42, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR, DWLSR

Jeremy D. Hammond, 45, Orange Park, felony battery

Amanda J. Beccue, 45, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

Michael T. Stephens, 44, Middleburg, trespassing

Ashley M. West, 36, two counts FTA-cause to become delinquent/dependent/need

Vance I. Evans, 38, Green Cove Springs, contempt of court

## Friday, Jan. 1

Angel N. Aylesbury, 48, Middleburg, simple battery

David W. Aylesbury, 51, Middleburg, aggravated domestic battery

Glenn M. McClinton, 24, Orange Park, DUI

Daniel J. Tarleton, 20, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-firearm by juvenile, FTA-carrying concealed weapon, FTA-domestic battery

David W. Robinson, 48, Middleburg, simple battery

Zharod D. Sykes, 20, Green Cove Springs, failure to report-imposition of sentence for weapon possession, failure to report-imposition of sentence for hit

and run, failure to report-imposition of sentence for no valid driver's license, failure to report-imposition of sentence for attempting to flee/elude law enforcement

Marcus D. Woods, 34, Orange Park, trespassing

Ronald E. Poynor, 38, Orange Park, criminal mischief

John A. Baron, 18, Fleming Island, two counts uttering forged/counterfeit bill

Joshua E. Powell, 26, Orange Park, simple battery

Geoffrey J. Sangle, 36, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Jacob D. Howard, 28, Fleming Island, DUI

## Thursday, Dec. 31

Theresa M. Hice, 42, Green Cove Springs, DUI

Kelvin M. Huggins, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery

Thomas D. McCray, 42, Green Cove Springs, burglary

David C. Gregory, 51, Keystone Heights, out of county warrant

Timothy J. Kelley, 36, Middleburg, DWLSR

Nichole L. McKellip, 39, Middleburg, simple domestic battery, vandalism, two counts battery on law enforcement officer, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

## Wednesday, Dec. 30

Bobby E. Pruitt, 38, Middleburg, possession-unlicensed firearm, possession-concealed firearm by convicted felon, possession-controlled substance,

possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
Blaike C. Shine, 29, Green Cove Springs, obstructing justice

Matthew S. Hill, 39, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release condition for domestic violence

Kacy L. Thompson, 35, Keystone Heights, out of county warrant

Amy L. Henry, 39, Middleburg, failure to obtain Florida work compliance policy

Jennifer L. Garner, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Kevin L. Rehberg, 38, Green Cove Springs, violation of pretrial release condition for domestic violence

Eugene D. Shealy, 41, Green Cove Springs, burglary

Tabitha A. Richetti, 31, Orange Park, simple battery

Dustin C. Padgett, 40, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Lorie M. Clarke, 44, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Tracy A. Daly, 47, Middleburg, FTA

## Tuesday, Dec. 29

Lindsey R. Myers, 27, Middleburg, FTA

Sorie A.C. Brown, 34, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DUI

Beau R. Schipfer, 37, Middleburg, five counts each burglary, grand theft

Adam Svitek, 36, Keystone Heights, FTA

Shaun D. Rhodes, 35, Keystone Heights, FTA

John M. Burns, 63, Fleming Island, simple battery

Trashawn L. Thornton, 19, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Michael Z. Wright, 34, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery

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# Pace Center for Girls Board of Trustees elect new officers

ORANGE PARK – Pace Center for Girls announced this week it has selected four officers for its Board of Trustees.

While adapting to the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic this year, Pace has continued to provide education, counseling, training and advocacy to more than 3,000 girls and young women at increased risk of juvenile justice and child welfare system involvement in 22 communities across Florida and Georgia.

Locally, the Pace Center for Girls-Clay has helped more than 250 girls.

Gordon Bailey will serve as the 2021 chair of the Board of Trustees. He is the Vice President of Public Affairs and Community Engagement at Florida Blue and is responsible for leading and managing federal and state government relations, the Florida Blue Foundation, Corporate Social Responsibility and the Florida Blue Center for Health Policy. Bailey previously served as the chair of the Pace Center for Girls, Jacksonville Board of Directors.

Brittany Perkins Castillo will serve as 2021 vice-chair of the board. Perkins Castillo is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

for AshBritt, a U.S. disaster response and logistics services company. Castillo holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin and maintains an active pro bono legal practice to serve refugees and survivors of domestic violence.

Mark Barnes will serve as the 2021 Treasurer. He is the Independent Review Partner at DiBartolomeo, McBee, Hartley & Barnes, PA. In addition to serving on the Pace Board of Trustees, he also serves on the board of Pace Center for Girls, Treasure Coast in Port Saint Lucie.

Greg Haile will serve as the 2021 Secretary. Haile is the seventh president of Broward College, where he serves approximately 60,000 students.

He received his B.S. from Arizona State University, his J.D. from the Columbia University School of Law, his Honorary Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University, and teaches a self-designed four credit course at Harvard (Summer School).

For more information about Pace Center for Girls, please visit [www.pacecenter.org](http://www.pacecenter.org).



Gordon Bailey



Brittany Perkins Castillo



Mark Barnes



Greg Haile

## Latter-day Saint volunteers help restock Food Pantry

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Youth and adult volunteers from the Fleming Island Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gathered together with volunteers of the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs to assemble new shelving and restock and organize food transferred from temporary storage after recent renovations. The help received reduced the work time from approximately a week into one to two days.

Bishop John O'Rourke said, "I am grateful for the opportunity the Fleming Island Ward had to provide service for the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry. This organization does so much good work for our community and we are glad to be able to support this great organization in their efforts to empower others in the sur-

rounding communities."

The renovations were made possible when city officials applied for and received a CARES Act grant to aid in desperately needed renovations to the pantry's 30-year-old location. City officials also encouraged food pantry leaders to apply for all available grants.

"Construction took the existing building down to the walls... replaced and repaired everything from electrical to shelving," Wynema Lovell, managing director of the Food Pantry, said.

The pantry currently serves residents of Green Cove Springs, Middleburg, Clay Hill, Maxville and Fleming Island.



Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints spent a week helping build new shelves at the Food Bank of Green Cove Springs, then stocking them with food.

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### Tentative Five - Year Work Program Florida Department of Transportation District Two & Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Fiscal Years 2021/2022 - 2025/2026

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will conduct a public hearing pursuant to Section 339.135(4)(c), Florida Statutes, to consider the Department's (District Two and Florida's Turnpike Enterprise) Tentative Five-Year Work Program for Fiscal Years 2021/2022 - 2025/2026, and to consider the necessity of making any changes to the Work Program. All persons are invited to attend and be heard.

**Public Hearing - Thursday January 14, 2021**  
**Open House: 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.**

**Presentation: 6:00 P.M.**  
**FDOT District Two Urban Office - Training Facility**  
**2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204**

This meeting will serve as the official public hearing for the Tentative Five-Year Work Program. There will be a brief overview of the work program development process at 6:00 p.m. followed by a public comment period.

The Department is offering two ways for the community to participate in the hearing. Interested persons may join the virtual public hearing (VPH) at [www.nflroads.com/vph](http://www.nflroads.com/vph) from a computer, tablet or phone. Or, they may participate in person by going to the FDOT Urban Office Training Center, 2198 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32204. A VPH is a free live presentation or webinar over the internet.

All participants, regardless of the platform they choose, will participate in the same live hearing. At this time, Internet Explorer is not supported by GoToWebinar, and the link for the meeting will not work on this platform. Please use an alternate web browser to attend the meeting.

For participants who are unable to attend the webinar, they can listen to the hearing by calling +1 (562) 247-8422 and entering access code 870-570-126 when prompted. Please note while the call-in number is listen-only, callers may submit comments directly to Mr. Greg Evans, FDOT District Two Secretary, at the address listed below.

Attendees will be asked to follow all safety and sanitation guidelines as well as adhere to any local ordinances. Attendees who are not feeling well should not attend the in-person meeting.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact James Driggers, Jr at (800) 749-2967 ext. 3722 at least 7 days before the hearing.

All proposed documents are available for review on-line at [www.nflroads.com/vph](http://www.nflroads.com/vph). If you would like to submit written comments, you may submit them at the hearing or our website at [www.nflroads.com/vph](http://www.nflroads.com/vph) or by mail/email. All written comments need to be received by the Department no later than **January 28, 2021**, to be documented as part of the public hearing transcript.

Written comments should be addressed to:

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# Twisted Oaks created to provide food, veterinary services to Keystone animals

**Keystone Heights nonprofit surpasses five tons of dog, cat food**

By Bruce Hope  
bruce@opcfcla.com

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – U.S. Army veteran Jessie Shekels and her U.S. Navy veteran husband wanted to do something to help animals in their Keystone Heights community. Out of that desire, Twisted Oaks was born.

“The goal originally was to rescue some horses,” said Shekels. “And being a veteran myself, I kind of wanted to give back to veterans, and maybe do some kind of horse therapy program targeted more at PTSD and mental illness.”

Shekels had a riding accident which kept her bedridden for some time, offering a lot of quiet time to think. Moving into 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic arrived and she shifted focus.

“I just wanted to help my community,” she said. “I did some research and thought, food distribution. We do it for people, might be a good way to help families take care of their pets and keep them in their homes instead of surrendering them to shelters and rescues, or abandoning them and these bad things that happen to our pets.”

Shekels and her family began working



Twisted Oaks Rescue founder Jessie Shekels started her nonprofit with hopes of helping local animals. Her project now includes spay and neutering services around the Keystone Heights area.

at their new idea. They received donations. They began couponing to save on purchasing animal food. That was a good start making headway with the mission in the community. Shekels started by delivering the animal food to those in need, but that eventually became more than she could

handle. Shekels then established a central pickup point for the food. The primary animals helped are dogs and cats, and sometimes horses.

Twisted Oaks’ mission is two-fold. First is the pet pantry, which helps to feed animals in need. The second is working with local veterinarians to help provide low-cost pet care, especially spays and neuters.

Recently, the first part of the mission has reached five tons of food donated to the community.

As Twisted Oaks was working to provide food, they made the discovery of the need for spay and neuter services.

“I went and sought after some vets and asked for some mobile services to come out to our community. I was able to partner with a vet [Access Veterinary Services of Gainesville] that had a mobile unit. We’ve been doing monthly spay and neuters clinics. We can take about 15 animals surgery day,” Shekels said.

Twisted Oaks then partnered with another nonprofit that had a large grant, called Fix Them, which provides heavily discounted sterilization services for \$30 for a cat and \$50 for a dog, which was a significant saving for the community.

Shekels works with her husband and children on this mission as well as other small businesses around Keystone Heights. The local flower shop sold arrangements and donated the proceeds. The sign shop made and donated a free sign. The engine shop held a rummage sale and donated the proceeds which were used to purchase food.

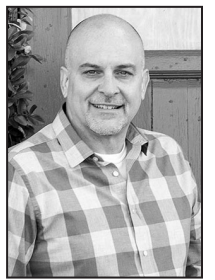
“You would really be surprised to see what people would do to band together and save an animal,” Shekels said.



Jessie Shekels’ Twisted Oaks Rescue recently surpassed collecting and distributing more than five tons of dog and cat food.

## Faith Walk

Pastor Billy Register  
Associate Pastor  
First Assembly  
Fleming Island



Many of us thought 2020 was a year where we would see clearly. Things seemed to be going well. A robust economy, low unemployment, more disposable income. We were free to move from place to place as we saw fit. Then, in what seemed like a moment, everything changed.

From a world-wide pandemic, civil unrest, calls for social and racial justice to an election season that was tumultuous. What happened to our 20/20 vision in 2020?

We should challenge ourselves to look forward, not behind. God operates in the present and future. He is a God of the new.

God says: Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

This is consistent with the life mission and ministry of Jesus. When we accept Him as Savior and make Him Lord of our life, things look completely different. Look at what the Apostle Paul wrote: <sup>17</sup>This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

There are many stories in the scriptures where things that looked bleak or even hopeless, God did something new.

One is the story of Noah, despite ridicule and insurmountable odds, a new earth was brought to life. Remember Job, who lost everything including his children. But God “blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning”. (Job 42:12)

Or when the Jewish people returned from exile and rebuilt the temple. God specializes in new.

King David, who had some new beginnings in his life story, wrote so eloquently in one of the Psalms;

<sup>3</sup> He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. (Psalm 40:3)

So regardless of the challenges and difficulties of 2020, and for many of us they have been significant, remember God wants to do something new in your life in 2021.

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# SJR Water Management District's cost-share application deadline is Jan. 29

**For Clay Today**

CLAY COUNTY – The St. Johns River Water Management District is accepting cost-share applications through Jan. 29 from farmers, growers and ranchers interested in partnering on agricultural projects that promote water conservation and reduce nutrient runoff across the District.

“This cost-share opportunity encourages the agricultural community to use water more efficiently and engage in practices that reduce nutrient runoff,” said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. “The projects we fund will minimize impacts to the environment, while also providing operational cost savings to farmers, growers and ranchers.”

Since the Districtwide Agricultural Cost-Share Program began in 2015, more than \$12.5 million has been made available to ag producers. More than 9.77 million gallons of water a day has been conserved, while annual reductions in total nitrogen are estimated at 414,265 pounds and in total phosphorus at 74,377 pounds.

The cost-share program provides up to 75% of cooperative funding, not to exceed \$250,000 per applicant annually, toward the design, construction and implementation of technologies and strategies to improve water efficiencies and protect natural systems.

Eligible projects include irrigation system retrofits, soil moisture and climate sensor technology, rainwater harvesting,

sub-irrigation drain tile, tailwater recovery and reuse, expanded waste storage, and soil mapping with variable rate fertilizer application.

The application and program overview for the fiscal year 2021-2022 cost-share program can be found online at [www.sjr-wmd.com/localgovernments/funding/agricultural-cost-share/#2021-districtwide](http://www.sjr-wmd.com/localgovernments/funding/agricultural-cost-share/#2021-districtwide).

District staff will evaluate each project based on criteria approved by the District's Governing Board and prepare a recommended list for board approval in April 2021.

For more information, visit the District's website or contact Technical Program Manager Suzanne Archer at [sarcher@sjrwmd.com](mailto:sarcher@sjrwmd.com).



## OPJH

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first year doing this in Florida,” she said.

Superintendent David Broskie helped Buchanan and the others with the store's ribbon cutting and he said it was an honor.

“Many thanks to the Foundation and their leadership on this project, and The Bailey Group and our other various part-

ners,” Broskie said. “There's no doubt that teachers spend money all the time on their students and so the idea that we could provide this for our teachers, who you know then are just simply giving that to the students of our district, is a very proud moment for our district.”

“This is a great school and this is a great opportunity for our teachers and ultimately, the students of Clay County,” he said.



Teachers cut the ribbon on the new Tools 4 Clay store that provides school supplies for no charge to local educators.

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Facebook question of the week

## Do you have any New Year's resolutions?

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – It's a new year and with every new year comes a new batch of resolutions.

Whether or not those resolutions stick, nobody knows but fortunately everyone has 365 days in 2021 to make it happen. Clay Today asked its readers what their resolutions are for 2021 as this week's Facebook Question of the Week and many of them seem to be influenced by how 2020 went for everyone. From the cure to COVID-19 to a disinterest in making one, our readers' 2021 resolutions run the gambit.

"It is the same each year and I have never failed to meet it," Marsha Willoughby said. "That is to not make one to begin with."

Jane Woods is on the same wavelength as Willoughby because he said he never makes them and doesn't plan to change that in 2021. Wendy Ridgill said she learned to never make resolutions because by Jan. 3, they were already history.

There are those on the exact other side though keeping their resolutions broader and more focused on positivity. Karen Fey said her only resolution is to enjoy life as much as I can, which, after a year like 2020, seems like a resolution everyone could use in their life. She also said life's too short to not have fun.

"[My resolution is] to go out and be around people more," Annette Large said.

With Clay County now distributing COVID-19 vaccines, Large's resolution will only get easier with time. Patty Kobiata had COVID-19 on her mind when responding to this week's Facebook Question of the Week. Her resolution is the hope for peace on Earth and a cure for COVID-19.

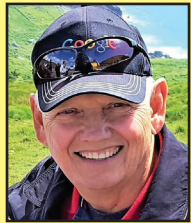
There isn't yet a cure other than quarantining and keeping yourself safe while the virus does what it does to your body, but there is at least a vaccine and more and more vaccines are coming into Clay County.

Christine Luther said their 2021 goal is to build a stronger relationship with God, as they believe everything else will fall into place after that.

"Deal with the world's shenanigans and come out on top," Scott Harrington said.

What are your 2021 resolutions? Let us know in the comments of last week's Facebook Question of the Week and keep an eye out on the official Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page for next week's question.

# Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities



Dave Faraldo

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dave Faraldo  
2020/2021

### January is Vocational Services Month

This concept is rooted in the Object of Rotary. The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The concept of vocational service is found in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions;
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND PROGRAMS

January 12  
Rotary Club of Orange Park  
Club Assembly  
12:00 Lunch Meeting

January 19  
Lisa Valentine  
Chief Executive Officer  
Orange Park Medical Center

12:00 Lunch Meeting

Holiday Inn  
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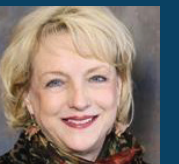
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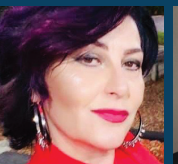
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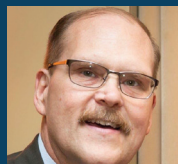
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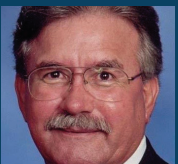
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# Vaccine

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That was a sentiment echoed by many patients leaving the facility after receiving their inoculations. Many said they were excited to have the first dose of the vaccine – and how smoothly Clay County handled the process.

Paul Safer received his vaccine around 9:45 a.m. and he was surprised by the painlessly easy process.

“It was extremely well-organized,” Safer said. “It was painless and very easy.”

Safer said he didn't really have any concerns about the Moderna vaccine going into his appointment, and he didn't have any adverse side effects afterward. Florida Department of Health administrator and county lead on the vaccine process, Heather Huffman, said patients are instructed to wait around for 15 minutes after the shot to ensure they don't have any worrisome side effects.

One question many had after the initial appointments went up last week was about how the second dose rollout would work. Huffman said those that get their first dose will have their second dose appointment set up during their first visit. Safer said his second dose was automatically set for for the same exact time 28 days later on Feb.

## What you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – COVID-19 vaccines are finally rolling out to health care workers and those 65 and older, and as the rest of the county's population prepares for their own appointments, there are still a lot of questions about these vaccines.

There's a lot of information out there about these vaccines, some fake and some not, so Clay Today combed through all of the official sources like the CDC and state health officials to get you the information that matters.

### How it works

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are what are known as mRNA vaccines. These types of vaccines contain material from the COVID-19 virus that gives our cells instructions for how to make a protein that is unique to the virus, but harmless to life. Once our cells create their own copies of that protein from that virus, those same cells destroy the genetic material from the COVID-19 vaccine.

Your body will recognize that COVID-19 specific protein from the vaccine and create T-lymphocytes — a defensive type of white blood cell that attacks infected cells — and B-lymphocytes — a defensive type of white blood cell that produces antibodies that attack leftover pieces of the virus — that your body will remember for future fights against the virus.

Despite what you may have heard elsewhere, the COVID-19 vaccine will not give you COVID-19 nor will it cause you to test positive on a viral COVID-19 test.

The Moderna vaccine is delivered in two doses.



The effectiveness of the vaccine sits at slightly above 50% after the first dose. You will need to get a second dose 28 days later of the vaccine, at which point, the effectiveness will rise to 95%. There is only one vaccine – Pfizer – at the moment that requires a single dose. The rollout of that vaccine, however, has been hampered by slow deliveries and shipments that included fewer doses than expected.

The Food and Drug Administration made the Moderna vaccine available under Emergency Use Authorization. This means that the vaccine is being distributed without a full and usual FDA review approval due to the extraordinary circumstances, those circumstances being that the country is experiencing a pandemic emergency crisis. The FDA made this decision based on scientific evidence presented to it during initial review that indicates the product, in this case the vaccine, may be effective at preventing COVID-19 and that the potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

### How long it lasts

If you have had COVID-19, the CDC has found that it is uncommon to be re-diagnosed with it within the first 90 of your post-COVID-19 recovery. In

regards to the vaccine's immunity, it is not known how long the immunity given to you by the virus will last. Some scientists are saying 90 days is a safe bet, but studies are still happening and an exact period of immunity has not been determined.

Ingredients, side effects and allergic reactions Because the vaccine currently being distributed in Clay County is the Moderna vaccine, we will list those ingredients: messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), lipids, (SM-102, polyethylene glycol [PEG] 200 dimyristoyl glycerol [DMG], cholesterol, and 1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine [DSPC], tromethamine, tromethamine hydrochloride, acetic acid, sodium acetate and sucrose.

The CDC does not recommend the Moderna vaccine to anyone younger than 18, and it does not recommend the vaccine to anyone that has had an allergic reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine. You should tell your vaccination provider about any of the following you might have prior to getting the vaccine: allergies, fever, bleeding disorder, blood thinner, immunocompromising or medicine that affects your immune system, pregnant or planning to get pregnant soon, breastfeeding, or if you have received a different COVID-19 vaccine.

The side effects of this vaccine include pain, tenderness, swelling of lymph nodes and redness at the injection site, which is your arm. The general side effects include fatigue, headaches, muscle pain, joint pain, chills, nausea and vomiting, and fever. These side effects might sound scary, but they are nearly identical to the side effects found in the flu vaccine and others.

A severe allergic reaction would occur within a few minutes to an hour after the injection, according to the CDC, and will be easily spotted by breathing difficulty, face and throat swelling, a fast heartbeat, a full-body rash, and dizziness and weakness.



The first appointments for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in Clay County began at 9 a.m. on Jan. 4 and the excitement around the vaccine could be felt in the air.

The first 3,000 doses span from Jan. 4 to Jan. 20 are already accounted for and went exclusively to frontline healthcare workers and those 65 or older.

The vaccines are open to anyone that falls within those two categories regardless of whether they live in Clay County or not, according to emergency management director John Ward, and that's because it's a federal operation.

Ward asks that those with appointments show up no earlier than 15 minutes to their appointments and that they bring identification. He said that once more doses come in, additional appointments will open up and that those looking to schedule an appointment should keep an eye on official county social media and alert. claycountygov.com. There will be no lottery system or callback system for those appointments – it's first come, first serve.

Ward said the county is administering an average of 200 a day, or 1,000 a week, for the next three weeks, which accounts for the initial doses. He and Huffman expect additional appointments to go live this week and the two hope to see private

pharmacies like Walmart, Walgreens, Publix and CVS to receive vaccines soon, which will help alleviate the stress of finding an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine dose somewhere in Clay County.

“In the coming weeks, our capacity will move from 200 a day to 400 a day,” Huffman said. “Half of those doses will be second doses for those that already received their first and the other half will be for first doses. We just ask for patience from everyone as we work to get these doses out while following [the governor's orders].”

County Manager Howard Wanamaker said Monday the vaccine process' smoothness comes from the hard work of the many involved partners like the Board of County Commissioners, the health department, emergency services and the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

“There is light at the end of the tunnel,” Wanamaker said. “The future is once again looking bright for our county, communities, family and businesses. We must all continue to work to do our part to protect and take care of each other.”

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## Scott red hot as Oakleaf stays perfect

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Oakleaf High girls basketball guard Taliah Scott knew that Ponte Vedra was going to be a strong outside shooting team as the unbeaten Lady Knights put their record on the line in the championship game at the Clay High Christmas Basketball Tournament in one of the first true tests of resilience for the Knights' coach Fred Cole.

"I emphasized that our objective is not to outshoot them, but to make their shots contested," said Cole, now 11-0 as the spring half of basketball opens the next phase of playoff hopes. "Our game is fast and lots of pressure and we were going to try and upset their rhythm with our pressure and man on man defense."

Whatever Scott heard in the pre-game locker room translated to seven

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Oakleaf High point guard Kaylah Turner drives hard on baseline in Knights championship win over Ponte Vedra at Clay High Christmas Tournament. Oakleaf is 11-0.

## Florida State Cyclocross Championships



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Velobrew Racing Team board member Jackie Morrison, front, gets ready for some training with a group of her young athletes as the 2021 Florida State Cyclocross Championships are set to be staged at Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury on Sun., Jan. 10

## Cyclocross

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

LAKE ASBURY - After a notably successful first run of bike races in Clay County, the Great American Road Race series in October which featured three disciplines of bicycle racing in three days, Velobrew Racing Team board member Jackie Morrison was almost giddy in her reaction to being asked about Sunday, Jan. 10.

"We are totally excited about bring the Florida State Cyclocross Championships to Ronnie Van Zant Park in Lake Asbury because it's a beautiful venue in the middle of a community of biking that is growing everyday," said Morrison, herself a competing bike racer along with daughter Sam

### Cross country with bikes comes to Ronnie Van Zant Park Sunday

Morrison, a senior at Bishop Kenny and a commit to the Lee's McRae College cycling team.

"Our board at Velobrew and Open Road Bicycles has combined with the Airstream Ventures people to get this event to be an annual event in Clay County."

What exactly is cyclocross, one may ask?

"It is mountain bike racing and cross country running combined," said Morrison. "We have set up a mile and half loop in the Van Zant park with log jumps, some water traps and even a fly over that is a big hump in the road. The athletes can get around the course anyway they can; on the bike, running with the bike and even carrying the bike on their shoulders."

Morrison noted that Velobrew as an

organization noted for state wide road cycling prowess has been progressing to expanding the youth part of the team which includes the cyclocross.

"We've been talking about not being just a big road racing club," said Morrison. "The kids are all doing the cyclocross which can very easily transition to road racing."

With the loop providing excellent spectator involvement in the racing, Morrison hopes the races; based on a time 30 minutes, 45 minutes 60 minutes on the loop to determine the final winner, racers will battle in multiple age groups and cycling Categories to provide top notch racing action. There is also a 25-minute race for Kids Mountain bikes.

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# Raiders get rough ride in Clay tourney

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The Clay High Christmas Basketball Tournament showcased a handful of strong boys teams this year with Concord Academy of North Carolina, Nease and Ponte Vedra and Orange Park's Raiders bringing an air of tournament play to Green Cove Springs.

"We try each year to bring better teams in hopes of expanding the reputation of the tournament and I get phone calls from around the state and into the southeast about teams wanting to play in Florida," said Clay High coach and tournament director Jared Moses, also head boys basketball coach and athletic director plus concession stand supervisor and head floor sweeper. "We put our tournament out on social media and it speaks volumes about the tournament's growth for the nine years we have hosted it. We had teams from Illinois and Alabama call wanting to get out of their states, but the COVID restrictions have made that tough. I'm proud of where the tournament is at."

For Orange Park, who faced off with Concord and Ponte Vedra in their draw did not fare well on the scoreboard, but coach Derek Kurnitsky saw some things from the level of play that he will be able to address in the upcoming return to regular season play.

"We have to improve from 25 turnovers and staying discipline," said Orange Park coach Derek Kurnitsky. "We have to play a

little more under control. Ponte Vedra and Concord made us play out of control. We have to not get rattled." Orange Park lost to Concord in their second round game to play Ponte Vedra for third place, but lost 65-49 to finish fourth.

Nease (8-3) eventually beat previously unbeaten (11-1) Ponte Vedra in their semi-final 43-41 in a tough match of local powers before Concord (10-4) won the tournament title in a romp 74-39.

In the Battle of the Island hosted by Fleming Island and played at three venues; FIHS, Ridgeview High School and the Barco Newton YMCA, Fleming Island (5-6) opened with wins over Santa Fe and Lake Howell before losing three to Potter's House Christian, Olympia of Orlando, Edgewater and Boone.

Ridgeview opened with a 65-47 win over Hope Christian Academy before losing 54-49 to Hawthorne and 55-47 to Bartram Trail in close games.

Oakleaf traveled to Palatka's Jarvis Williams Tournament and came home with a rugged just-miss 65-62 overtime loss to host Palatka (8-2) as the Knights have steadily improved after a win over Fleming Island earlier in the season. David Compere was top scorer against Palatka with 20 points with Markel Allums adding 11.

Orange Park's Eris Lester flies to hoop in Clay High Christmas Tournament.



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Orange Park's Josiah Sabino goes one handed in drive to basket in Clay High Christmas Tournament. Orange Park finished fourth.



## Boys Basketball as of Sat., Jan. 2, 2021

### Orange Park (6-3)

Dec. 1 Westside, won 58-42 (Josiah Sabino 23Pts, 7Reb; D'Marre Craddock 16Pts, 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)  
Tues., Dec. 22 at Clay 7pm  
Mon., Dec. 28-30 Tournament (Mon., Dec. 28 vs. Interlachen, 430pm)  
Day one: Beat Interlachen 54-26; Day two, lost to Concord (NC) 64-54; Day three, lost to Ponte Vedra 65-49  
Tues., Jan. 5 at Yulee (2-8)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 Raines (1-8)  
Fri., Jan. 8 at Oakleaf (3-5)  
Mon., Jan. 11 Bolles (6-1)  
Tues., Jan. 12 at Wolfson (1-8)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Ribault (4-6)  
Tues., Jan. 19 vs. Terry Parker (4-0)  
Fri., Jan. 22 vs. Oakleaf (3-5)  
Tues., Jan. 26 District Tournament

### Fleming Island (5-6)

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 Sandy 13Pts, 9Reb, 3Assists; 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, won 79-51  
Mon., Dec. 21-22-23 Battle on the Island FIHS Tournament (Mon., Jan. 21 v Countryside 530pm)  
Dec. 21 beat Santa Fe 69-62  
Dec. 22 beat Lake Howell 55-48  
Dec. 23 lost Potter House 59-40  
Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Orlando Tournament  
Mon., Dec. 28 Olympia (Orlando) 3pm, Tues., Jan. 29 Edgewater; Wed., Jan. 30 Boone (7-3) 3pm  
Dec. 28 lost Olympia 66-53  
Dec. 29 lost Edgewater 64-47  
Dec. 30 lost Boone 50-44  
Tues., Jan. 5 at Fletcher (5-4)  
Wed., Jan. 6 The Villages (6-5)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 Atlantic Coast (4-4)  
Tues., Jan. 12 at First Coast (3-1)  
Wed., Jan. 13 West Nassau (6-10)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Oakleaf (3-5)  
Tues., Jan. 19 at Bolles (6-1)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 at Lee (6-3)  
Fri., Jan. 22 at Clay (3-5)

### Oakleaf (3-5)

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, won 59-46  
Mon., Dec. 28-29-30 Tournament  
Dec. 30 lost to Palatka (8-1) 65-62  
Tues., Jan. 5 at Matanzas (2-9)  
Fri., Jan. 8 Orange Park (6-3)  
Tues., Jan. 12 at Clay (3-5)  
Fri., Jan. 15 Fleming Island (5-6)  
Wed., Jan. 20 Sandalwood (1-1)  
Fri., Jan. 22 at Orange Park (6-3)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 at Bradford (5-4)  
Tues., Feb. 2 Ridgeview (4-7)  
Thurs., Feb. 4 Baker County (5-4)

### Clay (3-5)

Dec. 1 Bartram Trail, lost 53-46  
Dec. 3 Oakleaf, lost 52-49  
Dec. 8 Middleburg, won 63-45  
Dec. 10 Bradford, won 64-50  
Dec. 11 Ridgeview, lost 62-55  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Palatka, lost 71-68  
Tues., Dec. 22 Orange Park (5-1)  
Dec. 29 lost to Ponte Vedra 55-39  
Dec. 29 beat Fernandina Beach 48-41  
Tues., Jan. 5 at Wolfson (5-4)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Oakleaf (3-5)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Trenton (3-8)  
Wed., Jan. 20 vs. Menendez (3-6)  
Fri., Jan. 22 Fleming Island (6-3)  
Mon., Jan. 25 Bolles (6-1)  
Tues., Jan. 26 Creekside (7-2)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 Bishop Kenny (5-3)  
Tues., Feb. 2 St. Augustine (2-7)  
Thurs., Feb. 4 at Orange Park (6-3)

### Ridgeview (3-5)

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-Ptrs)  
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)  
Thurs., Dec. 17 Fleming Island, lost 79-51  
Mon., Dec. 21 Ribault (Battle on Island Tourney at RHS) 7pm  
Jan. 23 lost Bartram Trail 55-47  
Tues., Jan. 5 at Interlachen (6-3)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at (5-5)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 Middleburg (0-8)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Ponte Vedra (11-1)  
Mon., Jan. 18 at Bradford (5-5)  
Wed., Jan. 20 at Mandarin (4-2)  
Fri., Jan. 22 Bartram (6-6)  
Mon., Jan. 25 Yulee (2-8)  
Fri., Jan. 29 Baldwin (1-2)  
Tues., Feb. 2 at Oakleaf (3-5)  
Thurs., Feb. 4 at Buchholz (1-3)  
Fri., Feb. 5 Bradford (5-5)

### Keystone Heights (3-4)

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, won 46-40  
Tues., Jan. 12 Union County (4-3)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Baldwin (1-2)  
Sat., Jan. 16 at St. Joseph Academy (5-6)  
Fri., Jan. 8 Fernandina Beach (5-5)  
Sat., Jan. 9 St. Joseph Academy (5-6)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Union County (4-3)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Baldwin (1-2)  
Sat., Jan. 16 at St. Joseph Academy (5-6)  
Tues., Jan. 19 at Interlachen (6-3)  
Fri., Jan. 22 at Middleburg (0-8)  
Mon., Jan. 25 St. Joseph Academy (5-6)  
Tues., Jan. 26 at Oak Hall (2-2)  
Fri., Jan. 29 at Yulee (2-8)  
Tues., Feb. 2 at Union County (4-3)  
Fri., Feb. 5 South Lake (6-2)

### St Johns Country Day School (4-1)

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, lost 64-37  
Wed., Jan. 6 Christs Church (1-7)  
Mon., Jan. 11 at First Baptist Academy (3-3)

Thurs., Jan. 14 Harvest Community (3-3)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 First Baptist Academy (3-3)  
Tues., Jan. 26 Christs Church (6-2)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 Parsons Christian (5-4)  
Mon., Feb. 1 Trinity Christian (2-3)  
Wed., Feb. 3 at San Jose Prep (0-2)  
Fri., Feb. 5 at Christs Church (1-7)

### Middleburg (0-8)

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, 7Assists)  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Keystone Heights, lost 46-40  
Thurs., Dec. 17 at Menendez, lost 73-55  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Parker (4-0)  
Fri., Jan. 8 at Baker County (5-4)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Stanton (2-6)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Ridgeview (3-5)  
Tues., Jan. 19 West Nassau (6-10)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 Fernandina Beach (5-5)  
Fri., Jan. 22 Keystone Heights (3-4)  
Tues., Feb. 2 Creekside (7-2)  
Thurs., Feb. 4 at St. Augustine (2-7)  
Fri., Feb. 5 at Baldwin (1-2)





Middleburg High's Desiree Hall, No. 20, battles for ball in Broncos game at Clay High Christmas Tournament.

## Hoops

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three point shots swishing with near silence as the Lady Knights, by way of an 80-52 championship win, showed off their potential playoff prowess.

"She got hot, but didn't play much or score in the second half," said Cole. "We also inadvertently played with a boys basketball for most of the third quarter. It's a little bigger, little heavier."

Cole liked seeing the girls respond against the strong Ponte Vedra attack.

"Other teams, I don't think, can be as athletic as us, but we are susceptible to a

team that is disciplined and can slow the game down," said Cole. "We sped them up and Kaylah (Turner) was excellent on defense harassing their ball handlers on the entire court."

Cole noted his upcoming schedule is a gauntlet of challenges for his team.

"We have an entirely new schedule coming at us from here out with some great teams in front of us," said Cole. "My job is to get them prepared because now coaches have seen us and the good teams will be able to run with us. It's up to the girls to run a little bit more than the other guys."

Oakleaf returns to the spring side of their schedule with an 8-1 Andrew Jackson team on Tues., Jan. 5, an unbeaten (5-0)



Oakleaf High's Trinity Ferebee and Adrianna Coleman fight for rebound against Lee High in Clay Christmas Tournament.

NFEI team on January 11, a once-beaten (10-1) Nease team on January 14 and an unbeaten (3-0) Hawthorne team on January 18.

Oakleaf dominated the Clay Christmas tournament with a 56-33 win over Lee in the semifinals after a forfeit win in the opening rounds. Clay lost to Lee 54-24 in their tournament opener.

At the Battle of the Island Christmas Tournament held at Fleming Island High School and two other venues; Barco Newton YMCA and Ridgeview High, Orange Park, led by freshman Eris Lester and senior Nia Brown, beat Bishop Snyder in their opener before losing to Ponte Vedra.

Fleming Island, led by triple threat

Emma Richard, Avery Cannon and Isabelle Flores, got the championships game against unbeaten Hawthorne with wins over Baker County, 68-10, and Bolles, 57-37, before falling 55-31 to Hawthorne, still unbeaten. Richard is averaging 15.7 points per game with 50 rebounds and team leading assists, 24, and steals, 17. Cannon has hit 18 three pointers for coach Joey Williams.

At Keystone Heights, Lindsay Quails has been the Jack of All Trades for the Lady Indians, now 1-9, with team leads in points, three points and assists. Dezeray Bright is dominating the boards with 52 rebounds along with 13 steals.

### Girls Basketball

as of Sun. Jan. 2

#### Middleburg (1-7)

Nov. 17 Creekside, won 48-44 (Kamiya Jones 25Pts, 6-3Pts; Autumn Vineyard 10Reb)  
Nov. 19 NFEI, lost 50-42 (Sam Hardison 17Pts)  
Nov. 25 Bolles, lost 49-39 (Sam Hardison 22Pts, 7Steals)  
Dec. 1, Andrew Jackson, lost 65-27 (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, lost  
Fri., Dec. 18 Sandalwood, lost 62-26  
Mon., Dec. 28 Ponte Vedra, lost 75-15  
Tues., Dec. 29 Tournament  
Wed., Dec. 30 Tournament

#### Stats Leaders

Points: Sam Hardison 15PPG, Kamiya Jones 12.8PPG  
3-Ptrs: Kamiya Jones 16  
Rebounds: Autumn Vineyard 35Reb, Sam Hardison 26Reb, Cheyenne Jenkins 15Reb  
Assists: Kamiya Jones 8, Sam Hardison 6, Justice Ewig 4  
Steals: Sam Hardison 21

Tues., Jan. 5 at Raines (10-4) 6pm  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Mandarin (6-5) 6pm  
Fri., Jan. 8 Lee (4-10) 6pm  
Tues., Jan. 12 at Oakleaf (11-0) 6pm  
Fri., Jan. 15 Orange Park (5-4) 6pm

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#### Oakleaf (11-0)

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)  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Clay, won 72-9  
Dec. 29 beat Lee 56-33  
Dec. 30 beat Ponte Vedra 80-52

#### Stat Leaders

Points: Talia Scott 23.0PPG, Fantasia James 14.8PPG, Kaylah Turner 14.3PPG  
3-Ptrs: Taliah Scott 21, Geniyah Durante 10, Kaylah Turner 9  
Rebounds: Fantasia James 69, Kaylah Turner 42, Taliah Scott 29  
Assists: Kaylah Turner 33, Taliah Scott 22, Geniyah Durante 10, Fantasia James 10  
Steals: Kaylah Turner 45, Geniyah Durante 30, Fantasia James 24

Tues., Jan. 5 at Andrew Jackson (8-1)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Clay (2-7) 6pm  
Fri., Jan. 8 at Parker (5-5) 7pm  
Mon., Jan. 11 NFEI (5-0)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Middleburg (1-7) 6pm  
Thurs., Jan. 14 Nease (10-1)  
Mon., Jan. 18 at Hawthorne (3-0)  
Tues., Jan. 19 at Flagler Palm (7-2)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 Bradford (4-6)  
Tues., Jan. 26 Bishop Kenny (8-3)  
Wed., Jan. 27 Andrew Jackson (8-1)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 University Christian (4-7)  
Fri., Jan. 29 at Columbia (6-2)

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#### Fleming Island (6-3)

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)

Thurs., Dec. 17 at Bishop Snyder, won 70-36  
Fri., Dec. 18 Providence, won 61-50  
Mon., Dec. 21 beat Baker County 68-10  
Tues., Dec. 22 beat Bolles 57-37  
Wed., Dec. 23 lost to Hawthorne 55-31

#### Stat Leaders

Points: Emma Richard 15.7PPG, Avery Cannon 14.4PPG, Isabelle Flores 14.0PPG  
3-Ptrs: Avery Cannon 18, Emma Richard 11  
Rebounds: Isabelle Flores 67, Emma Richard 50, Serina Anderson 37  
Assists: Emma Richard 24, Serina Anderson 18, Kennedy Williams 17  
Steals: Emma Richard 17, Avery Cannon 13

#### Tues., Jan. 5 Fletcher (11-0)

Fri.-Sat., Jan. 8-9 Tournament  
Sat., Jan. 9 Bartram Trail (7-6)  
Tues., Jan. 12 First Coast (3-5)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 Episcopal (6-4)  
Tues., Jan. 26 Ponte Vedra (8-4)  
Fri., Jan. 29 Potters House (1-3)

District Tournament: Tue, Wed, Fri. Feb. 2-3-5

#### Clay (2-7)

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, lost 72-9  
Mon. Dec. 21 Menendez 7pm  
Mon., Dec. 28 lost Lee 54-24

Tues., Jan. 5 Palatka (3-8)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 Oakleaf (11-0) 6pm  
Fri., Jan. 8 Westside (2-7)  
Tues., Jan. 12 at Stanton (6-5)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Wolfson (0-9)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Trenton (10-1)  
Tues., Jan. 19 Ridgeview (7-4)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 Bishop Snyder (9-3)  
Mon., Jan. 25 Stanton (6-5)  
Wed., Jan. 27 at Matanzas (4-4)

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#### Keystone Heights (1-9)

Nov. 16 Williston, lost 42-21 (Dezeray Bright 6Pts, 16Reb)  
Nov. 17 Lake Weir, won 25-20 (Dezeray Bright 8Pts, 14Reb, 3Steals; Emma Rogel 4Steals, Madi Mitzel 4Steals)  
Nov. 21 Williston, lost 34-28 (Dezeray Bright 8Pts, 9Reb)  
Nov. 21 HEART, lost 37-23 (Lindsay Quails 7Pts)  
Nov. 23 HEART, lost 39-17 (Dezeray 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, lost 42-33  
Tues., Dec. 15 at Ridgeview, lost 50-25  
Fri., Dec. 18 Matanzas 9pm Tournament  
Sat., Dec. 19 North Marion 930am Tournament,  
Sat., Dec. 19 Tournament 12:30  
Mon., Dec. 21 Eastside

#### Stat Leaders

Points: Lindsay Quails 6.5PPG, Dezeray Bright 5.7PPG, Nyasia Mcgruder 4.5PPG  
3-Ptrs: Lindsay Quails 2  
Rebounds: Dezeray Bright 52, Lindsay Quails 21, Madi Mitzel 17  
Assists: Lindsay Quails 7, Dezeray Bright 5, Jakayleia Bauer 5, Emma Rogel 5  
Steals: Dezeray Bright 13, Madi Mitzel 10, Emma Rogel 7

Thurs., Jan. 7 Buchholz (6-0)  
Fri., Jan. 8 at Eastside (2-4)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Union County (0-8)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 Ridgeview (7-4)  
Fri., Jan. 15 Santa Fe (1-2)  
Mon., Jan. 18 at Union County (0-8)  
Tues., Jan. 19 at Interlachen (3-1)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 at North Marion (4-3)  
Fri., Jan. 22 Suwannee (8-4)  
Tues., Jan. 26 HEART (11-5)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 at Orange Park (5-4)

District Tournament: Tue, Wed, Fri. Feb. 2-3-5

#### 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,

Semaj Williams 17Pts, Maggie Kent 11Pts)  
Tues., Dec. 15 at CCHS 530  
Fri., Dec. 18 Trinity Catholic (Ocala) 615pm  
Sat., Dec. 19 at Belleview 11 Tournament  
Mon., Jan. 4 at NFEI (5-0)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Trinity Christian (0-5)  
Mon., Jan. 11 at Ridgeview (7-4)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at St. Joseph Academy (9-0)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 at Atlantic Coast (4-5)  
Mon., Jan. 25 St. Francis (1-7) 530pm  
Wed., Jan. 27 at Westside (2-7)

District Tournament: Tue, Wed, Fri. Feb. 2-3-5

#### Ridgeview (7-4)

Nov. 10 Bishop Snyder, lost 62-36 (Paetyn Miller 18Pts, 3 3-Pts; Alyssa Sherman 11Pts, 9Reb)  
Nov. 19 Palatka, won 53-35 (Paetyn Miller 20Pts, Alyssa Sherman 17Pts, Nia Blocton 13Pts, 7Steals; Aniyah Lewis 9Reb)  
Nov. 20 RCHS (Davenport), lost 42-37 (Paetyn Miller 11Pts, Alyssa Sherman 11Pts, 7Steals; Nia Blocton 16Reb)  
Nov. 30 Clay, won 61-35 (Nia Blocton 20Pts, 20Reb; Alyssa Sherman 16Pts)  
Dec. 1, SJCDs, lost 66-58 (Alyssa Sherman 23Pts, Paetyn Miller 14Pts, Nia Blocton 14Pts, 26Reb)  
Fri., Dec. 4 at Bradford, won 48-40 (Nia Blocton 20Pts, 23Reb, Alyssa Sherman 17Pts, 3-3Ptrs)  
Dec. 8 Palatka, won 43-37 (Paetyn Miller 17Pts, 6Steals; Nia Blocton 13Pts, 19Reb, 8steals; Alyssa Sherman 7Pts)  
Dec. 10 at West Nassau, won 51-49 (Nia Blocton 19Pts, 17Reb, 1Steal; Alyssa Sherman 16Pts, Paetyn Miller 12Pts, 3 3Ptr, 2Assists, 3Steals)  
Mon., Dec. 14 Westside, won 55-29  
Tues., Dec. 15 Keystone Heights, won 55-25  
Fri., Dec. 18 at Ponte Vedra, lost 67-29

Stats Leaders  
Points: Paetyn Miller 13.6PPG, Alyssa Sherman 13.1PPG, Nia Blocton 13.4PPG  
3-Ptrs: Paetyn Miller 18, Alyssa Sherman 15  
Rebounds: Nia Blocton 171, Alyssa Sherman 63, Mia-Bella Gutierrez 42  
Assists: Paetyn Miller 21, Aniyah Lewis 15, Nia Blocton 8  
Steals: Nia Blocton 47, Paetyn Miller 37, Aniyah Lewis 27

Tues., Jan. 5 West Nassau (7-3)  
Thurs., Jan. 7 at Interlachen (3-1)

Mon., Jan. 11 SJCDs (2-1)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 at Keystone Heights (1-9)  
Fri., Jan. 15 Fletcher (11-0)  
Tues., Jan. 19 at Clay (2-7)  
Thurs., Jan. 21 Interlachen (3-1)  
Mon., Jan. 25 at Baker County (0-11)  
Tues., Jan. 26 at Westside (2-7)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 Trinity Christian (0-5)

District Tournament: Tue, Wed, Fri. Feb. 2-3-5

#### Orange Park (5-4)

Nov. 17 Baker County, won 68-11 (Eris Lester 24Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 18Pts, 9Reb, 18S)  
Dec. 1 Keystone Heights, won 67-26 (Eris Lester 30Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 15Pts, 11Reb, 10Steals; Mychaela Parker 9Reb)  
Thurs., Dec. 3 Clay, won 75-14 (Eris Lester 32Pts, 7Steals; Nia Brown 19Pts; Kymaria Bozeman 7Reb)  
Dec. 8 Oakleaf, lost 67-25 (Eris Lester 11Pts, Mychaela Parker 7Pts, 6Reb; Nia Brown 6Reb,)  
Dec. 10 Baker County, won 58-11 (Eris Lester 19Pts, Sydney Rowland 9Pts, Nia Brown 5Assists, 3Steals)  
Dec. 11 Mandarin, lost 61-42 (Eris Lester 20Pts, 3Steals; Nia Brown 5Assists, 3Steals)

Stat Leaders  
Points: Eris Lester 21.1 PPG, Nia Brown 11.9PPG  
Rebounds: Nia Brown 54Reb, Mychaela Parker 37Reb, Amara Delgado 25Reb  
Assists: Nia Brown 23, Sydney Rowland 10, Eris Lester 9  
Steals: Nia Brown 31, Eris Lester 31, Sydney Rowland 14, Amara Delgado 12

Dec. 12 at Trenton, lost 57-36  
Dec. 28 beat Bishop Snyder 47-42  
Dec. 29 lost to Ponte Vedra 7-46  
Tues., Jan. 5 Providence (5-6)  
Wed., Jan. 6 at Episcopal (6-4)  
Fri., Jan. 8 at Bradford (4-6)  
Tues., Jan. 12 Bartram Trail (7-6)  
Thurs., Jan. 14 Ponte Vedra (8-4)  
Fri., Jan. 15 at Middleburg (1-7)  
Mon., Jan. 25 at Raines (10-4)  
Tues., Jan. 26 at Bolles (2-8)  
Thurs., Jan. 28 Keystone Heights (1-9)  
Fri., Jan. 29 at Creekside (11-0)

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



**Graham Myers**  
Oakleaf High, Cross Country,  
Freshman

Graham Myers, a regional qualifier in cross country for the Oakleaf High boys team, outkicked his dad, Dr. Gary Myers, a noted masters runner in the area, to win the Last Gasp Cross Country 5K at Cecil Field's New World Golf cross country course. Myers, 14, outkicked dad to win in 17:30.



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

Taliah Scott lit the basket under the rim on fire in the Clay High Christmas Tournament final against Ponte Vedra High with seven first half three pointers en route to 29 total points (did not play in second half) to lead unbeaten Lady Knights to 80-52 win.

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Three major cyclocross age group athletes expected to retain state championship jerseys at Sunday's Florida State Cyclocross Championship races at Lake Asbury's Ronnie Van Zant Park are, from left, Gavin Davis, Kylie Cannon and Aaron Barber, all members of the Velobrew Racing Team. Below: Aaron Barber takes early surge up backside hill at Ronnie Van Zant Park during training session for upcoming state championship race.

**Cycle**  
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"We had great feedback with the Great American Road Race and are already making plans for a better weekend next year and the community here has been great in making this event happen," said Joel Lamp, director of events and tourism at Airstream Ventures. "We think Clay County is a great area to stage many types of top notch sporting events such as this cyclo-cross state championship."

Ronnie Van Zant Park has become a mecca of sorts of numerous sporting events including high school cross country races; districts and regions, Frisbee Golf Tournaments and even the completion of a America Ninja Warrior type fitness course.

"Jackie, and Velobrew, called me be-



cause we need to have a sponsoring club for our events," said Lamp. "Last year, Velobrew made the initial application; Jackie, after staging the event in Jacksonville, and are trying to make Clay County a cycling destination. We found a spot here and we think we can do something really cool."

Lamp noted that USA Cycling has two more years to stage their National qualifier that was cancelled due to COVID in 2020. That cancellation was the impetus to stage

the Great American Road Race, said Lamp, and that success has impressed the Clay County officials to maintain the momentum.

Morrison also noted that Pros will receive cash prizes with the amateurs and juniors looking to win the coveted state championship bike jersey.

"The money is nice (\$1800 purse) but racers come to get that coveted jersey," said Morrison. "We primes; money per lap, but the jersey is the thing. You get bragging rights with that and they all want to wear for the year."

Racers can register online at BikeReg.com or visit Open Road Bicycles in San Marco, 4460 Hendricks Avenue.

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# Myers outguns Myers for XC win

By Ray DiMonda  
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - In a strange year that 2020 is, what better way to finish it off than the Last Gasp 5K Cross Country Race and a thrilling changing of the guard finish, plus a visit from a iconic running legend who retired a few years but made a return to his first sport. First, the icon, Jay Birmingham, former St. Johns Country Day School cross country and track coach, who at 75, is getting ready for yet another Journey Race, which are extreme distance races.

"I'm doing the Gate River Run 15K in March, and I'm doing a race across Tennessee in July," said Birmingham, referring to a race that will span the entire state, the Last Annual Vol State (LAVS) 500K Run, limited to 100 well qualified people. "A 314 miler, 10 days. You can go whenever you want. Most people walk it. I'd like to do a good job with it. I'm pretty good at that kind of thing, stage racing. Go, rest, and go, and rest. My recovery is very fast."

Birmingham is still the American record holder for a Transcontinental run across America with just a backpack; unaccompanied from Los Angeles to New York City.

"It's now known as the FKT, fastest known time," said Birmingham.

Debuted in December 1977 as an English-style true cross-country race, the 44th Last Gasp race relocated from Jacksonville University, to New World Sports, on the Cecil Commerce Center Site where runners ran the golf course on an all off-road course. The flat course was set with absolutely perfect running weather to have 14 year old Graham Myers blister the field with a 5:37 mile pace to be the top overall finisher at 17:30 with his dad, Dr. Gary Myers, well known in the road running circuits in Jacksonville, just behind him in 17:52. Aldren Biala, a former Bishop Snyder runner, was third at 18:07.

Only 10 positions behind was the overall female winner 18 year old Ellie Fluman who outpaced the next women's runner by almost two minutes with a 6:15 mile pace to come across the line at 19:28. Behind Fluman, Orange Park's newest running mom, Belissa DelValle, 33, finished as second female in 21:23 with Maggie McCloskey, 27, third at 21:39.

Birmingham, who at 75, outpaced his daughter, Molly Brissette. Birmingham completed the course at 37:54, while visiting 31 year old Daughter Molly, a Fleming Island High graduate, came across at 38:45.

"Hey- she hasn't raced in 10 years. She is visiting for the Holidays and decided to come out here and run with Dad," said Birmingham. "I'm proud of her, she did well."

Birmingham said he can go 40-50 miles

a day, get eight hours of rest and do it again, day after day.

"I'm still at it. I'm 75, no health problems. I could get sick tomorrow, but today I'm feeling great," he said.

The field of 133 runners were spaced out at the start observing all COVID recommendations. After the start, runners were allowed to remove their masks.

Doug Alred, owner and founder of 1st Place Sports, was on-site at the Last Gasp. "I do the Last Gasp every year. It's a regular for me."

Alred is the Race Director for the 43rd annual Gate River Run and took a minute to catch up on what changes runners can expect.

"We were lucky to even get last year's event in," said Alred, noting the COVID nationwide shutdown went into effect five days after the River Run. "Going into this year, we had to make it safe for everybody, yet make it large enough to where we can do it right. The budget for the River Run is bigger than all the other races we put on for the rest of the year. With limited entries, and limited money, we had to make adjustments. Other than not as many people, most people will not realize any difference."

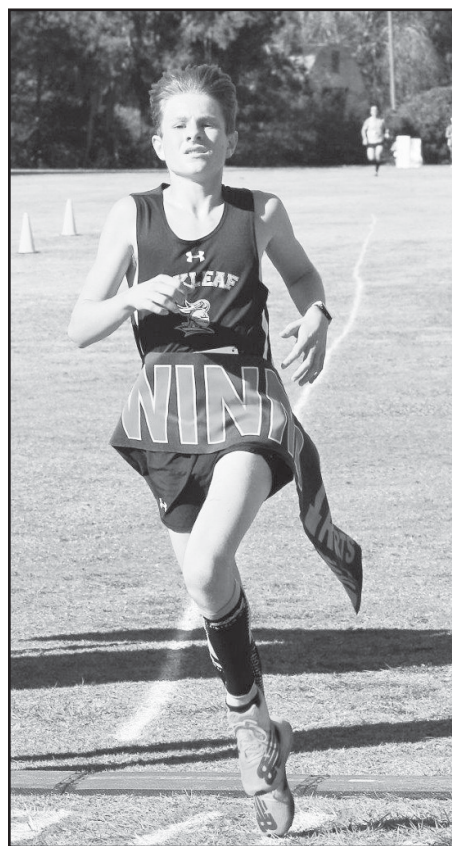
Alred knows how to deal with difficulty in his races.

"In 1993 we had to postpone for a day because of the Storm of the Century, so we've managed to have it every year so we just hope everything stays safe and we'll have River Run again this year," Alred said.

The run is limited to 8,000 runners which right now is 85 percent full. The race will have waves of 1,000 to distance the runners. Also changes to the Expo had to be made. There are assigned times for bib pickup and you will not have to walk through the Expo to get out of the building. "It will be must smaller. You have to pick a time for your 2-hour window to get your packet so we can limit the people inside, 1,000 people every 2 hours. It's all to keep everyone safe. The number of booths will be smaller too. A lot of changes all in the name of safety."

In other race action over the holiday, Fleming Island High senior Kameron Wallizada took second in 4:48 at the Big Chief Tires One Mile road race on December 19 behind former Mandarin High ace Sem Sultanov, winner in 4:33. Fleming Island High freshman teammate John Keester IV was third in 4:55 with three more Golden Eagles in line behind the top three; Alex Bendig, Danny Sakowski, Michael Lyon and Andrew Leverett. Sultanov stayed busy with a win at the New Year's Eve 5K in 15:28 and a 1:09:10 effort for sixth at the Ameris Bank Half Marathon on December 20.

In the girls championship race, Flem-



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Oakleaf High freshman runner Graham Myers outkicked his dad to win the Last Gasp Cross Country 5K at New World Golf.



Womens champion Ellie Fluman ran a quick 19:28 to finish 10th overall while besting Orange Park's Belissa Del Valle who finished second.



Former St. Johns Country Day School cross country and track coach Jay Birmingham, left, got some running company with daughter Molly Brissette, a Fleming Island High graduate now living in North Carolina.

ing Island High senior Grace Adams ran a 5:48 mile to take 10th with Belissa Del Valle eighth at 5:46. Winning time was 5:01 from Jane Bareikis. St. Johns Country Day School soccer ace Kamryn Towers ran 7:03 for 13th.

At the Ameris Bank Half Marathon, two

former Ridgeview High runners; Andrew Smith, now 26 and coaching in Georgia, and also a mile record holder for Flagler College, and Alexandra Midgett, now 26, and FSU cross country coach, finished 17th in 1:14:16, and 66th overall in 1:27:33.





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Left: University of Kentucky quarterback Cedrick Dort, Jr., throws pass in heavy pocket traffic during Wildcats' 23-21 win in the Taxslayer Gator Bowl college football game against North Carolina State. Right: University of Kentucky linebacker Joshua Paschal eyes North Carolina State quarterback Bailey Hockman in Wildcats' 23-21 win Saturday at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville.



## Kentucky beats N.C. State in Taxslayer Bowl

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

JACKSONVILLE - University of Kentucky had to fend off a 21 point second half after scoring a 13-0 halftime lead to preserve a 23-21 win the Taxslayer Gator Bowl Saturday afternoon in TIAA Bank Field in downtown Jacksonville.

Kentucky, 4-6 in the Southeastern Conference East Division, got two first half field goals and a four yard rushing touchdown to get their 13-0 lead at the break, but the North Carolina State offense, led by

quarterback Bailey Hockman, fought back despite three interceptions by Kentucky and three sacks to outscore the Wildcats in the second half, but it wasn't enough.

In the fourth quarter, NC State, 8-3 and fourth in the Atlantic Coast Conference, got two rushing touchdowns; a two yarder from running back Jordan Houston and a 13 yarder from Zonovan Knight to close the gap to three with 1:33 left in the game.

Kentucky's lone score in the second half was a 26 yard rumble from fullback Chris Rodriguez, Jr. Rodriguez also scored in the first quarter from four yards out.

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A dejected Hannah Johnson, the career scoring record holder for Oakleaf High School, takes a long spot on the bench after an outburst after a controversial yellow card created her ejection in the first half of the Lady Knights' 1-0 loss to Fleming Island on Tuesday. The loss was Oakleaf's first of the season.

## Katy Tamares goal wins county soccer showdown

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Oakleaf High's girls soccer team traveled to Fleming Island with an unbeaten record and the top scorer in north Florida, but left with a 1-0 defeat after an outburst on a questionable yellow card and a slammed goal kick from Fleming Island's Katy Tamares with just 14 minutes left in the closely played contest on Tuesday.

"The girls played awesome throughout the night and all we could do was try to spring one long," said Oakleaf High coach Brent Rountree, after seeing his unbeaten season record (now 6-1) get its first blemish. "It was all we could do with a man down like that."

In the tightly contested first half which pitted Fleming Island's front attackers; Gianna Gardner and Kaitlyn Scherer, both missing shots just over the crossbar and Oakleaf's Hannah Johnson, with 94 career goals and 20 for 2020, making strong runs deep into Fleming Island's defense, it was a controversial yellow card on Johnson on

a clash at 5:21 to the half with Fleming Island goalie Mackenzie Kirk that fueled a swing of the game that created a one player advantage for Fleming Island.

After a yellow card was issued on Johnson for the crash on Kirk on the turf with the ball under her, Johnson reacted with an outburst aimed at the Fleming Island fan section that was loud and boisterous with the yellow card call.

Johnson's outburst brought a second yellow card and her ejection from the game.

"That was unfortunate for them, but the rest of their team played their butts off the rest of the game," said Fleming Island coach Joy Rosano, who improved to 9-1-1 with a 1-0 loss to Bartram Trail and a 1-1 tie with Ponte Vedra. "I think the rest of the team played above themselves because of the loss of the player. It sucks to go a man down."

For Rosano and Rountree, the showdown was a bit of after-the-break lack of

SEE SOCCER, 26



Fleming Island High forward Katy Tamares gets a hug from teammate Kennedy Johnson after her game-winning goal against Oakleaf with 14 minutes left in a 0-0 contest ended with the Golden Eagles' winning 1-0.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO.: 2019-CC-1260

DIVISION: D

FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs. ROSS SOLBERG; MARIBEL LOZADA; and UNKNOWN TENANT, and all other unknown parties, including if a named Defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming, by, through, under or against that Defendant, and all claimants, person or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described Defendants.

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Lot 82, The Woodlands Unit Two, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 35, Pages 22 through 28, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

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DATED this 22nd day December, 2020

(seal)

Tara S. Green  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
BY: Melissa Wilder  
As Deputy Clerk

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### NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO. 10-2020-CA-000081

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Plaintiff,

V. SHEILA G BROCK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHEILA G BROCK; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; WATERVIEW RIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant

## Notice of Sale

to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 04, 2020, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WATERVIEW RIDGE, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, AT PAGE(S) 73, 74 AND 75, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Tara S. Green  
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The City of Green Cove Springs proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-01-2021 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE II. ELECTRIC UTILITY, DIVISION 2. SERVICE APPLICATIONS AND CONTRACTS CREATING SECTION 90-24 ENTITLED "UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSIONS;" PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The following public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:  
City Council: First Reading on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
City Council: Second & Final Reading on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter  
Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this scheduled public hearing, he will 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.

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Said Ordinance is available at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.  
City of Green Cove Springs  
Erin West, City Clerk  
321 Walnut Street  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
L. Steve Kennedy, City Manager  
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**Notice To Creditors**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2020-CP-000463 DIVISION B: IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT EMERY SMITH, Deceased. The administration of the Estate of ROBERT EMERY SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 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 the 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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

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**Legal 47197 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Notice of Meeting Armstrong Community Development District**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenities Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Perry  
District Manager  
**Legal 47156 published Jan 7, 2021 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 January 16th, 2021 @ 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:  
K094 Lissa Metzger  
K098 Lisa Hunt  
K124 Cheryl Kelsey  
K140 Frederick Drozenko  
Entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien & other charges according to Fl. Statues 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**

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**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 01/16/2021.  
**Legal 47181 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 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:

**Sixth and Park**

Located 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 31st day of December, 2021.

Owner/corp:  
**Sixth And Park LLC**  
**Legal 47207 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Thrasher-Horne Center, Suites C and D, on the Orange Park Campus, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, Florida. The agenda may include, but is not limited to, business affairs, personnel matters, facilities items, academic and student affairs, and a public hearing and subsequent action on the following:

- Amendment to SJR Rule 3.37 - Child Protection and Reporting of Child Abuse Policy Authority for the rules is found in Florida Statutes, Sections 1001.64 and 1004.65. If any person wishes to appeal any decision made by the Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made.
- Estimated economic impact on all affected persons cannot be determined. Copies of the proposed rules and fee adjustments can be examined at the Administration Building, St. Johns River State College, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the noticed meeting should contact the College at the following address at least five days before the date of the scheduled meeting: Edie Bruce, Director of Human Resources, 386-312-4074 or ediebruce@sjrstate.edu. Persons with speech or hearing impairments should contact the College using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).  
**Legal 47097 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2020-CP-000631 Division B  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF GUSTINE S. MATHIS, Deceased.**  
The administration of the estate of GUSTINE S. MATHIS, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court

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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 January 7, 2021.

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:  
WILLIAM GREGORY MATHIS  
6605 Pine Avenue  
Fleming Island, Florida 32003  
**Legal 47213 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 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:

**MIDDLEBURG SDA MISSION**

Located at 4510 CAMELLIA ST in the County of CLAY, in the City of MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068-5314 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 2ND day of January, 2021.  
Owner/corp:  
**DAMON SUSAN**  
**Legal 47206 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**PUBLIC SALE**

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and / or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at **Life Storage #67** located at: 918 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32065 904-272-3705  
Megan Summers - Hsld gds; TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Applnces  
Robert Norman - Hsld gds/Furn  
Yokasta Hernandez-DeLa Cruz - Hsld gds; TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Applnces  
Dean Little - Hsld gds/Furn  
Michael Owens - Hsld gds/Furn  
Michael Owens - Hsld gds/Furn  
Patricia Edwards - Hsld gds; TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Applnces  
and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all

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parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com), which will end on Monday January 25, 2021 10:00 AM  
**Legal 47184 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **TERA MAPLE, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**ARET RIDES**

located at **1122 SPANISH BAY CT, 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 47208 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **JOHN F MARBURY-BEY, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**JOHN FITZGERALD MARBURY**

located at **1850 COPPERSTONE DRIVE, UNIT C, FLEMING ISLAND, FLORIDA 32003** 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 47216 published Jan 7, 2021 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.

**2004 Chevrolet 2GCEC19V341128292**  
The auction will be held on 01/25/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
**Legal 47212 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today**

**Notice of Meeting Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that

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accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Ernesto Torres  
District Manager  
**Legal 47155 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and /or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at **Life Storage** located at: 600 Blanding Blvd., Store #409, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 773-6331  
Felicia Bowen - Hsld gds/furn, TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Applnces; Off Furn/Mach/Equip; Acctng rcrds/Sales Sampls  
James A James - Hsld gds/Furn  
And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at public auction or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com), which will end on **Monday January 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

Any questions regarding the above information are to be addressed to the manager of this facility at the phone number shown above.  
**Legal 47149 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**


**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 2020-CP-000521 Probate Division  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF LARRY TODE, Deceased.**

The administration of the estate of LARRY TODE, deceased, whose date of death was June 5, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 January 7, 2021.

THE LAW OFFICES OF KENDRA NEW, LLC  
Kendra E. New, Esq.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Florida Bar Number: 125089  
P.O. Box 248  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
Phone: 904-907-4000  
Email: [kendra@kendranewlaw.com](mailto:kendra@kendranewlaw.com)  
CONNIE HENSLEY-TODE  
Personal Representative  
2115 Raymonds Place  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
**Legal 47200 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**



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



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**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 19th day of January, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Amanda Rogers E002 Cash Register, Tools, TV. 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 47160 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Legal Notice**

**PUBLIC SALE**  
 SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Jan 21, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.  
**2005 TOYOTA 3TMJU62N65M007950 Legal 47199 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No. 2020-DR-002111  
 Division: F  
**IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: MICHAEL A. GUNNING, Husband, and CINDY ANN ROTONDI-GUNNING-FURNELL, Wife.**  
 TO: Cindy Ann Rotondi-Gunning-Furnell  
 130 Eastern Ave., Apt 315

**Legal Notice**

Lynn, Massachusetts 01902-1302  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: L.J. Arnold III, whose address is PO Box 1570, 718 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 on or before January 29th, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 before service on Husband or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**  
**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**  
**You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.**  
**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: December 15, 2020  
 (seal)  
 Tara S. Green  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: Kayla R Beard,  
 Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 47142 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **JOHN F MARBURY-BEY, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**JOHN FITZGERALD MARBURY & FAMILY TRUST**

located at **1850 COPPERSTONE DRIVE, UNIT C, FLEMING ISLAND, FLORIDA 32003** 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 47215 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

On 01/18/2021 at 00:00 AM an auction will take place at 1046 Airpark Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
 KMHD35LH4FU238230  
 2015 Hyundai  
**Legal 46205 publish Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**PUBLIC SALE**

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and /or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below.  
**Life Storage Store #408 - 1709 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068, 904-282-6341**

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Gary J. Stroming: Hsld Gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip, Tools/Apllnces, Lndscping/Constrctn equip  
 Gary J. Stroming: Hsld gds/Furn, Tv Stereo Equip, Tools/Apllnces, Lndscping/Constrctn equip  
 Scarlett Lurleen Lay: Hsld gds/Furn Jordan C. Peck: Hsld gds/Furn, Tv/Stereo Equip, Tools/Apllnces  
 Allen M. Smith: Hsld gds/Furn, Tv/Stereo Equip  
 And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com) which will end on Monday - January 25, 2021 @ 10:00 AM  
**Legal 47139 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 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:

**Crenshaw's Pool Care**

Located at 2580 Aquarius Road in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
 Dated at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, this 28th day of December, 2020.  
 Owner's name/corporation:  
 Steja Group, LLC  
**Legal 47201 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA  
 CASE NUMBER: 10-2019-DP-000130  
 DIVISION: JV-F

**IN THE INTEREST OF: C.B. K.O. A CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:**

Father of C.B. Kenneth Bowditch  
 Father K.O. is Julian Overman  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above named children, C.B., who was born on December 5, 2008 and K.O. who was born on February 10, 2015. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Steven B. Whittington, the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on January 26, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **If the courthouse is still closed, you must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app <https://zoom.us/j/2988523044>, Meeting ID: 298 852 3044**  
**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION**

**Legal Notice**

**OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**  
 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 Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtrntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtrntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 16th day of December, 2020.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN  
 as Clerk of Said Court  
 By: Denise Haselwood  
 As Deputy Clerk

**Legal 47144 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020, and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today**

**PUBLIC SALE**

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/21/2021 10:00 am at 2905 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-6349, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FIRST COAST TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**1G1JD6SB5H4142044 2017 Chevr 1N6AA0ECSAN318681 2010 Nissan 4T1C11AK4LU891421 2020 Toyota W1K3G4EB9LJ230442 2020 Mercedes**  
**Legal 47098 publish Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The online bidding and auction for Morgran Mini Stor-it, 369 Blanding Blvd will be at [www.storageetreasures.com](http://www.storageetreasures.com) through Thursday, January 21, 2021 and ends at 5:00 pm. The entire contents of the following units will be sold to satisfy a lien and other charges according to FL Statues 83.806  
**PERSONAL PROPERTY/HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:**  
 Unit #/Tenant or BusinessName  
 A27 MCGRUDER, MICHAEL  
 A61 HAMILTON, ANTONIO  
 A68 HUDSON, PAULETTA  
 B05 HAUS, DEAN  
 D49 JACKSON, BERT  
 D64 STORY, SEAN  
 D74 DUNN, JERRY  
 E50 GOLD, PAULA  
 G20 WILLIAMS, MARJORIE  
 I61 TAYLOR, KATHERINE  
 I109 NOBLES, DWAIN  
 I110 NOBLES, DWAIN  
 M13 BELLAMY, MARY  
 M30 JONES, MARTHA  
 N210 PIERRE, ARLEN  
 Sale being held to satisfy landlords' lien. Seller reserves the right to reject any/all bids and to withdraw any unit from sale. Cash or Credit Cards only. Contents to be removed within 24 hours.  
 Morgan Mini Stor-It  
 369 Blanding Blvd.  
 Orange Park, FL 32073  
 Phone: 904-272-2201  
 Fax: 904-272-0506  
 Email: [morgranop@aol.com](mailto:morgranop@aol.com)  
**Legal 47203 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**Legal Notice**

**PUBLIC SALE**

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder on their premises at 4404 County Road 218, Middleburg, FL 32068, in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:30pm on the following units: The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: Clayton Allen, Brian Blanton, Angelina Deriggi & Daron Zapata, Jacob Griffin, Daniel Groat, Justin Hudnall, Rebekah Ludwig, Frank Morabito, Anastasia Nolan, Wende Peters, Christopher Reeves, Brandie Senters, Rachael Simmons  
**Legal 47170 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA  
 CASE NUMBER: 10-2019-DP-000137  
 DIVISION: JV-E

**IN THE INTEREST OF: R.C., DOB: 07/09/2019 A MINOR CHILD THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:**

**Stephanie Cole Cummings, Mother**  
 3541 Plum Street  
 Jacksonville, Florida 32205  
 Last Known Address  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child, R.C. who was born on July 9, 2019. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Angela M. Cox, at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on February 2, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. **If the courthouse is still closed, you must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app <https://zoom.us/j/6217548891>, Meeting ID: 621 754 8891**  
**FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.**

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 Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or [crtrntrp@coj.net](mailto:crtrntrp@coj.net) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 4th day of January, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN  
 as Clerk of Said Court  
 By: Tammy Rosenbaum  
 As Deputy Clerk

**Legal 47210 published Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2021 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 19th day of January, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Fucci, Dawn 101 trunk, guitar, mirror, Stidham, Britany 503 jack, weed eater, baby items . All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and

**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**2021 SUPER TUESDAY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**  
 City of Keystone Heights  
 Town of Orange Park

Pursuant to Section 100.021 of the Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the 2021 Super Tuesday Municipal Elections will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at each respective Municipality.

**City of Keystone Heights**

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
 Seats Three (3) and Five (5) for a three (3) year term of office on Keystone Heights City Council.

**Town of Orange Park**

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073  
 Seat Three (3), for a three (3) year term of office and Seat Four (4) for a one (1) year term of office on the Orange Park Town Council.

Qualifying for all seats will open Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at NOON at the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office.

Those interested in qualifying for Seats on the aforementioned City or Town Councils must be a qualified elector, a citizen of the United States and meet all other qualifying requirements as outlined in each respective Municipal Charter.

A Run-off Election, if necessary for any Municipality will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of May.

For further information, please contact the Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office at (904) 269-6350.

In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.  
 Note: Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, 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.

**AVISO DE ELECCION**

**ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DEL SÚPER MARTES 2021**  
 Ciudad de Keystone Heights  
 Ciudad de Orange Park

De conformidad con la Sección 100.021 de los Estatutos de Florida, se notifica que las Elecciones Municipales del Súper Martes 2021 se llevarán a cabo el martes 13 de abril de 2021, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. en cada Municipio respectivo.

**Ciudad de Keystone Heights**

555 S. Lawrence Blvd., Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
 Asientos Tres (3) y Cinco (5) por un período de tres (3) años en el Consejo de la Ciudad de Keystone Heights.

**Ciudad de Orange Park**

2042 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073  
 Asiento Tres (3) por un período de tres (3) años y asiento Cuatro (4) por un período de uno (1) año en el Consejo Municipal de Orange Park.

Las cualificaciones para los asientos se abrirán el lunes 1 de febrero a mediodía y permanecerá abierta hasta el viernes 5 de febrero a mediodía en la Oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay.

Aquellos interesados en cualificar para Asientos en los Consejos Municipales o Municipales mencionados anteriormente debe ser un elector cualificado, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos y cumplir con todos los demás requisitos de cualificación como se detalla en cada Carta Municipal respectiva.

Una elección de segunda vuelta, si es necesario para cualquier municipio, se llevará a cabo el segundo martes de mayo.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina del Supervisor de Elecciones del Condado de Clay, (904) 269-6350.

De acuerdo con la Ley Sunshine de Florida, esta reunión está abierta al público.  
 Nota: La Sección 286.0105, Estatutos de la Florida, establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión de la junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos, y que, para tales fines, él o ella puede necesitar asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos, el cual incluye el testimonio y la evidencia sobre los cuales se basará la apelación.

Legal 47180 published Jan 7 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.



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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 47178 published Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

A1 Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 01/29/2021, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A1 Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
**RN27022415 1974 TOYOTA IRM22138A090 1990 IRM 1GNEK18K9RJ438266 1994 Chevrolet 2FTZF1728YCA50961 2000 Ford**  
**Legal 47192 publish Jan 7, 2021 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

**Fleming Island Insurance**

with a mailing address of 1835 East West Parkway, Suite 4, in the County of Clay, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 28th day of December, 2021.  
 Owner's/corporation name:  
 Darr Schackow Insurance Agency, LLC  
**Legal 47211 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Audit/Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet at 12:00 P.M. and the Personnel Committee will meet at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, which may be recessed from time to time, in the Board meeting room at the Administrative Office of the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. The Board of Supervisors will also meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on the above-referenced date, at the above-referenced location.  
 In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).  
 If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.  
 For further information, call (904) 213-2464.  
**Legal 47204 publish Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2020-CP-660  
 Division - A  
**IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY LEE HORTON Deceased.**  
 The administration of the estate of

**Legal Notice**

Betty Lee Horton, deceased, whose date of death was October 14, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 January 7, 2021.  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Candyce M. King  
 Attorney  
 Florida Bar Number: 307210  
 CANDYCE M. KING, P.A.  
 2219 Park St.  
 Jacksonville, FL 32204  
 Telephone: (904) 387-9886  
 Fax: (904) 387-9862  
 E-Mail: kingcandyce@bellsouth.net  
 Secondary E-Mail: mannon.sarah@bellsouth.net  
 Personal Representative  
 Donald E. Horton  
 3212 County Road 218  
 Middleburg, Florida 32068  
**Legal 47194 published Jan 7 and Jan 14, 2021 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 CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 2020-CA-000680

**DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**  
**v. CARY BUTLER, Defendant.**

**TO: CARY BUTLER, address unknown**  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for declaratory relief has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff, DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, through its counsel Robert K. Savage, Esq., whose address is 412 East Madison Street, Suite 815, Tampa, FL 33602 no later than 28 days after the first publication of this Notice, and file with the clerk of this court, Tara S. Green, whose address is 825 N. Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, before service on Plaintiff, or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against for the relief demanded in the declaratory judgment action.  
 Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's

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office.  
 Dated: Dec 18, 2020  
 (seal)  
 TARA S. GREEN  
 Clerk of the Court & Comptroller  
 By: Rebecca Crews  
 As Deputy Clerk  
**Legal 47159 published Dec 24, Dec 31, 2020 and Jan 7, Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that **CORNELIOUS ANDREW MOYE, STACY LAMAR MITCHELL, OWNERS,** desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**S & C RESOLUTE**

located at **2040 WELLS RD, APT 3D, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073** intends to register the said name in **CLAY** county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.  
**Legal 47214 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**Bid Notices**

**REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bids will be received until 4:00pm Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:

**BID NO. 2021-17, TEMPORARY STAFFING SERVICES**

Bids will be opened at 9:00am, or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St. Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the qualification deadline.

The opened Bids will be read aloud and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department for later examination for conformance to all bid requirements.

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

All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Kris Collora, Purchasing Department, (904) 529-3857 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com

Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy. The complete policy can be viewed at: [www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing)  
 During the Request for Bid Period, from publication of the notice of a Request for Bids to the making of a Bid Decision, and during any related Protest Period, Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County Employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney, or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Bids in any respect, with the exception of (i) inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department or other County Employees or agents if specifically provided in the Request for Bids (ii) pre-Bid conferences provided for in the request package; and (iii) formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.  
 FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A

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"NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEBPAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com) BY SELECTING PURCHASING DIVISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT MENU. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.  
 PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS REQUEST, WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID AND SHALL, AS WELL AS THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROTEST AND TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 8, SECTION I OF THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY SHALL, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID REQUEST, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER THE PURCHASING POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.  
 IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY. THE BOARD RESERVES THE

**Bid Notices**

RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT CAUSE AND TO WAIVE TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL OR NON-MATERIAL DEFECTS IN THE REQUEST OR SUBMITTAL OF ANY BIDS.  
**Legal 47209 published Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.**

**Request for Proposals City of Green Cove Springs**

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals will be received at the City Hall Office, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 until 2:00p.m., on February 4, 2021, local time, for: RFP No. 2021-01 Procurement of GIS Design Consultant and Project Coordinator for its Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant  
 Proposals shall be labeled RFP No. 2021-01 GIS Design Consultant and project Coordinator Number of Copies: Submit a total of one (1) original, so labeled, and four (4) complete hardcopies of the entire response and one thumb drive digital copy. An original signature must appear on the original hardcopy response. Executed Public Entity Crimes and Drug-Free Workplace forms, along with Standard Addendum to Contracts must accompany the submittal.  
 Any persons wishing their proposal to be considered is responsible for making certain that their proposal is received at the proper place and time. No oral, telegraphic, electronic, website submittal, facsimile, or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered unless specified. Proposals received after the scheduled submittal deadline will be returned unopened.  
 Request for Proposals packages can be obtained by website, [www.greencovesprings.com](http://www.greencovesprings.com) under the Bid section. Additional information concerning the proposed service can be obtained by:

Laurie Griffin,  
 Assistant Finance Director,  
 Email:

[lgriffin@greencovesprings.com](mailto:lgriffin@greencovesprings.com)  
 From 7:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.,  
 Monday - Thursday  
 at the Green Cove Springs City Hall.  
**Legal 47202 published Jan 7, 2021, in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Planning and Zoning Board of the Town of Orange Park will hold a public hearing to consider Application for Variance V-1-2021 to provide relief from Section 2.06.01.03 of the Town of Orange Park Code of Ordinances to allow a driveway for a right-in entrance only from Campbell Avenue for property located at 950 Park Avenue.

This public hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board 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 made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies 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 47138 published Dec 24, 2020 and Jan 7, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

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