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Addressing overcrowding at Oakleaf High School board hosting town hall to discuss plans

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CLAY COUNTY – The school district soon will hold a town hall with Oakleaf parents about redrawing boundary lines that may mean their children will attend a different school.

The town hall will be on Friday, Jan. 22,

at 7 p.m. at Oakleaf High, and the parents with school children in the Oakleaf area are invited. Seniors and juniors will have the option to go to a different school after the boundary lines are redrawn but their spots at the original school is guaranteed. Rising eighth, ninth and 10th graders are

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The Clay County School District wants to hear from parents and students in the Oakleaf area before deciding whether it needs to draw new attendance lines to relieve overcrowding at Oakleaf High. A Town Hall will be held on Friday night at 7 at the school.



Relief worth the wait

The lines were long, but orderly, Monday as Ascension St. Vincent's provided 2,500 Moderna vaccines for COVID-19 at the Clay County Fairgrounds. See story and photos pages 6.

Violinist Tropepe gives command performance

Special performance follows a month after arriving to ER with no heartbeat

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK – Michael Tropepe has played in some of the grandest concert halls around the world. For years, thousands have donned coats and tails for an evening of classical violin pieces.

But of all the stages, Tropepe said his best performance came in the echoey hallways of an Intensive Care Unit

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Orange Park Medical Center Neurologist Dr. Ronnie Bond shows his appreciation following Michael Tropepe's performance.

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Residents at Signature HealthCARE, CCSO celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – Despite strict regulations in place to protect staff and residents from the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, Signature HealthCARE of Orange Park and officers from the Clay County Sheriff's Office took time on Monday, Jan. 18, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"I just feel like they know what happened, and they were there," said Barbara Nicholls, Director of Activities for Signature. "A lot of them were there, and they understand it all. My goal is to make them happy and content, and if this is one of their feelings, this is what I want to do. I just do the best I can for my residents."

Nicholls reached out to the sheriff's office to ask if it could come by and support the event. With regulations in place for the residents' health and safety, entry into the facility is tightly controlled. That didn't stop the officers, who walked around the building, smiled and waved at residents through windows, while carrying a poster that celebrated the life and work of Dr. King. The poster featured some of his famous quotes along with a collage of pictures.

Meanwhile, some residents held a march in the hallways, reenacting one of Dr. King's most famous and duplicated strategies for bringing attention to injustice and trying to affect change.



From left, Clay County Sheriff's Office Dep. Abbeigail Harris, Lt. Vincent Hall, Sgt. Melissa Dangerfield, Lt. Kami Maertz and Dep. Jason Tollins wave at residents at Signature HealthCARE of Orange Park through their windows in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day last Monday.

"We're just showing our support for all of the citizens here that have been kind of cooped up with all the COVID and everything like that on the Martin Luther King anniversary day," said CCSO Lt. Vincent Hall. "Just wanted to come by and show them that we're still thinking about them even though we are kind of out of sight out of mind right now. Martin Luther King did do a lot of good for the civil rights movement. A lot of it's come to light recently, obviously, with the goings-on throughout the United States."

"Here in Florida, especially in Clay County, we're very fortunate. We are supported very well by the vast majority of our citizens. The elderly, especially, are very supportive of local law enforcement, and it means a lot to us. In regard to Martin Luther King, I'm sure it would mean a

lot to him too. He stood for a lot of great things, and he certainly didn't advocate for any of the violence that we've seen in recent times. And we really appreciate the fact that we're supported here and a lot of that we owe to the elderly like these people here."

The opportunity to celebrate the life of a titan of the civil rights movement was not lost on Signature Healthcare's residents. Not only did some march the hallways, they also enjoyed the presence of the officers brandishing the poster at their windows.

Robert Garrett is the president of the resident council of Signature and has lived there for more than two years.

"It's Martin Luther King's birthday, and we're gonna celebrate it the best way that we can," said Garrett. "I think it means a lot to everybody because he was a great man in his own way. That doesn't go for color – nothing. Martin Luther King didn't see color. He saw the individual. And that's my opinion. That's why he was so widely respected. There are some people, and all they see is color. But he didn't. He lived his life for everybody."

Property appraiser Drake appointed to IAAO Professional Development Committee

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County Property Appraiser Tracy S. Drake has been appointed to serve on the International Association of Assessing Officers' Professional Development Committee.

The IAAO is headquartered in Kansas City and is a nonprofit, educational association with approximately 9,000 members whose mission is to provide innovation and excellence in property appraisal, property tax policy and administration through professional development, education, research and technical assistance.



Tracy S. Drake

IAAO members subscribe to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct and the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice.

Drake has been a member of IAAO since 1998 and was elected to serve on the Board of Directors in 2019. He has also served on various IAAO committees since 2013, including chair of the Education Committee and the Profession Designation Subcommittee. He holds three designations through the IAAO: the Certified Assessment Evaluator, Residential Evaluation Specialist and the Assessment Administration Specialist.

For his efforts, Drake was honored with the Professional Designee of the Year Award in 2018 and the Member of the Year Award in 2016. He also is a Past President of the Florida Chapter of IAAO and current chair of the Professional Designation Committee.

Free business marketing workshop offered to provide new ways to reach customers

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – The county's tourism department is offering a one-of-a-kind marketing workshop next week free of charge to all business owners.

Marketing is an important aspect of owning a business, but it's a facet that's become increasingly important in light of COVID-19. Traditional marketing doesn't work the same way it used to, and businesses have had to shift to a more pandemic-in-mind approach. This workshop was created to fill those gaps.

"One of our tourism development council members, Pat Sickles from the River Park Inn, requested that we provide a program showing businesses not only what we're doing but how best businesses can tap into the county's tourism efforts," said Clay County Director of Tourism Kimberly Morgan.

That's exactly how the upcoming marketing workshop scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 27 at the Thrasher-Horne conference center came to be. It's free for everyone and registration begins at 1:30 p.m. before the workshop begins at 2 p.m.

Morgan said the goal is to educate of the possible platforms available to owners.

"Marketing is kind of like alphabet soup these days...there are so many different things to think about and each of them are just as important as the next," Morgan said. "With small businesses owners being more time-starved than ever before, digital marketing is a way to stretch their budget. The agency we contacted for this event, Evok Advertising, is going to come in and walk people through digital marketing, what it is and how to make it work for them and their specific needs."

She said the workshop will be recorded for those who miss the workshop or aren't yet comfortable with in-person events, although Morgan said the event will be socially-distanced and follow CDC guidelines. She said different Evok team members will be dialing in their specific specializations, be it search engine optimization, Google, social media or something else. The county's Evok account executive, Allison Braunstein, will be at the event to present what she knows.

"They're the people watching the trends, making sure there is a return-of-investment, and noticing when to change media focus," Morgan said. "The goal is to pass along that knowledge to our business owners here in Clay County."

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Will Trump still play a big role in Florida politics for Republicans?

By Jacob Ogles
For Florida Politics

As the Republican Party of Florida holds its annual meeting, political leaders in Florida look to a future without Donald Trump as President. But with Trump and some of his adult children moving to Florida, it's not necessarily a future without Trumpism.

Even after the Capitol riots led to a second impeachment for the outgoing President, prominent Republican leaders say he remains popular with the base.

"The support in Florida is still strong," said JoAnn DeBartolo, Collier County state committeewoman. "We're still having rallies on corners." That included "Stop the Steal" rallies outside Senators homes ahead of certification of electoral results, which prompted upheaval in Washington last week. But in conservative areas like Naples, it has continued even in the period afterward.

Christian Ziegler, vice chair of the Republican Party of Florida and Sarasota state committeeman, decried the violence in the Capitol last week. But he also said critics who hold Trump responsible only served to be more divisive and inspire defense of the President among his supporters.

"Look, the energy and enthusiasm in the Republican Party has never been greater than it is under Donald Trump," he said. "With Donald Trump being a Florida resident with his home in Mar-A-Lago, and Southeast Florida really being a hub of activity for Donald Trump and Trump supporters, I think he is going to have a long-lasting impact on the party going forward."

Ziegler went so far as to predict Republicans running for office will continue to brand themselves as Trump-style politicians for years.

"After Ronald Reagan was President, for 20 years the first mailer out of the gate for any candidate was to say 'I am a Ronald Reagan Republican.' I believe the first one out of the gate for a long time, at least for the immediate future, will now be

SEE TRUMP, 5

Correction

Clay Today incorrectly identified Orange Park resident Sherri Snow as a person who posted derogatory comments on a social media site about Town Councilman Roland Mastandrea's plan to support the Orange Park Plaza project. The Clay Today sincerely regrets the error.

OPINION



Meyer's hiring comes with big risks; chances for bigger rewards

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

The Jacksonville Jaguars hoped they finally found their man to lead the hapless, often laughable, franchise from the bottom on the National Football League.

It's clear the Jaguars needed a major overhaul. They needed a bold new direction. They needed a restart like no other.

Hiring Urban Meyer was the thunderclap that got everyone's attention. Added with presumptive pick of Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence with the first pick of the NFL Draft, 10 other draft picks and \$80 million in salary cap, there's plenty of reason to feel good about the prospects of finally fielding a competitive team.

Meyer certainly has an attractive record. He won two national championships at Florida and another one at Ohio State. As a college coach, he was 187-32 and 12-3 in bowl games.

As a professional coach, however, his record is 0-0.



Don Coble

It's clear Shad Khan was laser-focused on resuscitating Meyer's career – literally – for the third time. He left Florida after six years for health reasons. He left Ohio State after seven years for health reasons. See a pattern?

The Gators won 65 of 80 games – including five of six against Georgia in Jacksonville – during his tenure, 31 of his players were arrested, including tight end Aaron Hernandez, who was convicted of murder.

He left after the 2010 season because of chest pains, which eventually was diagnosed as Gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Shortly after he left, there were reports the Gators' locker room had a "toxic atmosphere" with Meyer creating a circle of trust that only included star players who were allowed to skip workouts and whose positive drug tests results were kept from the public.

Florida went 7-6 the year after Meyer left.

Less than two years later Meyer made a miraculous recovery to become the head coach at Ohio State. He stayed with the Buckeyes for seven seasons, compiling an 83-9 record and the 2014 national championship.

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Word OF THE WEEK

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

Baksheesh: (BAK-sheesh) a noun that means a payment, bribe or a tip to expedite service.

"Mr. Munford offered a \$10 baksheesh to move to the top of the reservation list at the busy restaurant."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2016

- The Clay County School Board delays its plan to draw new attendance boundaries for area schools after hearing complaints from 15 Oakleaf area parents.
- Developers who want to build a retail center with a Starbucks franchise in Orange Park are told they can appeal after the town denied two previous requests.
- Families travel from 100s of miles to participate in the horse and burro adoption at the Clay County Agriculture Fairgrounds.

10 years ago, 2011

- The county commissioners vote to offer Stephanie Kopelousos \$177,000 to become the new county manager.
- Lillian Kiernan Brown, a stripper who became an accomplished author, addresses the Clay County Writers Club.
- James Howell, an Orange Park High AP English instructor, and Sarah Crites, an exceptional student education assistant at Lake Asbury Elementary, were selected by the Clay County School District at its Teacher and Support Worker, respectively, of the Year.

20 years ago, 2001

- A Sear's employee, Adam Christopher Morse, was arrested and charged with embezzling money from the store by providing himself refunds under fake names for items that were pulled off the shelf.
- An 18-year-old from Orange Park, David Sanchez, is arrested after stealing six guns and trading them for marijuana.
- The Orange Park Junior High girls soccer team wins the Crown Conference Championship and remains unbeaten.

30 years ago, 1991

- The BCC sends letters to county con-

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Opinions ...

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Letter to the editor

A Clay County COVID vaccine success story

Dear Editor:

My 110-pound German Shepherd dog, JEB, who thinks he is RIN-TIN-TIN incarnate, woke me at 5:40 a.m. Sometimes he lets me sleep late. For some reason this particular morning he was adamant that I rise a little bit earlier.

While JEB was outside, I fired up my Ipad in earnest to see if I might snag an appointment for a COVID vaccine shot that was published to be happening in my county (Clay county, FL) on Jan. 18.

I had tried to navigate the Clay County government website to secure two coveted spots for my wife and me for several days prior and thought that I might be just barking up a tree at a squirrel like JEB does so often. This morning, at 5:46 a.m., I clicked on an 1:25 p.m. slot. BINGO, I got one for my wife! I tried several other times to get a second slot for me to no avail. At this time, JEB came back in after his business and feed and "barked" that these slots would go fast. He "suggested" that I not give up just yet and try the last slot at 3:40 p.m. BINGO, I snagged that as well for me. I received a confirmation email for my wife, but, alas, not for me.

I called the number given for the Ascension hospital vaccine clinic who were providing these shots at the Clay County Fairgrounds to ask if I might be able to get a shot as well. A very friendly phone receptionist named Wanda said that I should show up and someone would probably "stick my arm."

With paper work in hand and military ID for TRICARE insurance, MEDICARE card and Florida driver's license, we drove the 30 minutes from Orange Park to the fairgrounds to see what would happen. I fully expected to be turned away. We arrived 10 minutes early for her 1:25 p.m.

appointment to see a crowd of old folks just like us standing patiently by outside the tent. I told my wife that this was going to be a wait that I would not want to experience again at my later appointment time. Very soon we were told that they were about 15 minutes behind schedule. We also learned that I could accompany her at her time slot and receive my shot as well. I'm now happy.

Precisely at 1:40 p.m., we both were called to the check-in tent. After a few minutes at that table, we were given numbers 1595 and 1596 and we were ushered to a covered table to fill out the appropriate medical forms. I was pleased to notice that there was an attendant that wiped down both seats and our table. After filling out that paperwork we were ushered to an adjacent covered area – with stand-up heaters no less – to wait our turn to be called to receive our vaccines. No more than 15 minutes later our numbers were called. Our credentials were checked and we went to another covered area and received the shots. We were then escorted to a final waiting area and sat there for 15 minutes to ensure there was no allergic reactions by either of us. At the expiration of that time, we presented our completed paperwork to a medical professional. He asked if we were feeling fine, gave us a date and time to come back for our second dose in four weeks and directed us to the exit where we received a gift bag from an Ascension hospital representative. We walked back to the car feeling pretty pleased with ourselves and the experience as a whole. We even passed a food truck that was on site for anyone who might be hungry. We thought that was a nice touch!

I wish to thank the people at Ascension [St. Vincent's Clay County] for their outstanding organizational abilities to

pull off giving 2,500 vaccines in one day. They had scores of folks on hand and all were most helpful, friendly and skillful while putting everyone at ease. At the national level, I thank the administration who promised and made possible "Operation Warp Speed" to get the vaccine made and who held big Pharma company's feet to the fire to get the vaccines made in a remarkably short period of time. I thank the Florida state governor for making the decision to move up the 65 and older group more toward the front of the queue, a policy I believe to be accepted nationwide. And to the local Clay county government officials who made possible the location and to those under their purview that actually provided the ancillary support. Lastly, to the small Green Cove Springs community for doing the "small town thing" and providing for its citizens.

It was a pleasure to be surrounded by my fellow 65-year old-plus citizens who were remarkably calm and patient as they waited their turn, all wearing masks and socially distancing with nary a complaint. I trust the younger generations will follow our lead.

Oh yeah, thanks JEB for getting me up that early and making me finish my business that morning. You have saved me from bears and varmints in the past and now possibly COVID! You can expect an extra treat in the morning. Just keep your big paws off of me when I'm sleeping, please!

Scott Ross, retired aviator
Orange Park

Editor's Note: For more information about the Moderna vaccinations, see pages 6.

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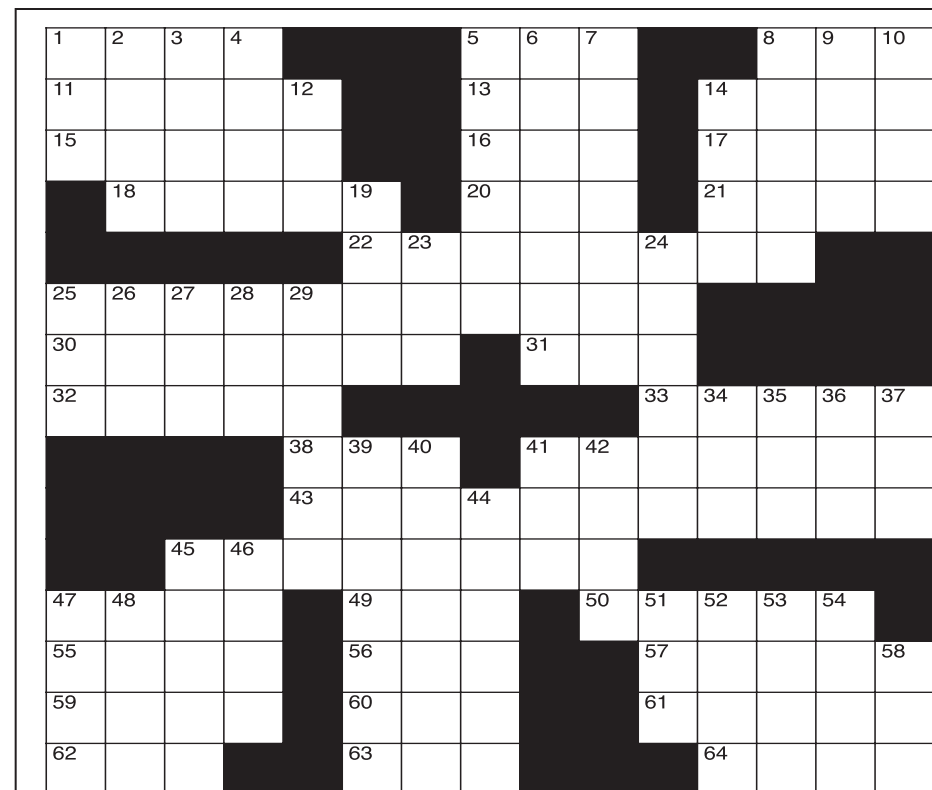
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stitutional officers and departments, stating a shortfall in state revenues means local budgets must be cut.

- Commissioners agree to pave Gasline Road in Keystone Heights.
- Lisa Felton of Green Cove Springs was found dead in a vacant lot, two days after she was reported missing.

40 years ago, 1981

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office arrest 14 in a multi-million-dollar drug smuggling ring in Orange Park that used five small airports in Northeast Florida, including Keystone Heights Airpark and Thunderbolt in Clay County.
- The BCC votes to oppose any plans considered by the state for re-apportionment.
- The Clay County Scholarship Foundation announces it will sponsor the Miss Clay County Pageant.



CLUES ACROSS

- Gather a harvest
- Federal Republic of Germany
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 'The Little Mermaid'
- The common gibbon
- Volcanic island in Fiji
- Mother of Perseus
- Egg cells
- Teams' best pitchers
- Credit associations
- Advance
- Hair styling products
- Benign tumors
- Arriving early
- Called it a career
- ___ Paulo, city
- Avoid with trickery
- Easter egg
- Veterans battleground
- Lack of success
- Thing that causes disgust
- Deep, continuing sound
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- You might put it in a fire
- Partner to 'oohed'
- Actor Idris
- Slippery

CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Amounts of time
- Aboriginal people of Japan
- Popular veggies
- Wedding accessory
- Deep, narrow gorges
- Dry cereal
- Competitions that require speed
- Cain and ___
- Snake sound
- Type of amino acid (abbr.)
- Pattern of notes in Indian music
- Satisfy
- Misfire
- Nearsightedness
- Indicates before
- Increase motor speed
- When you hope to get there
- Indicates position
- Where rockers perform

- Substitute
- ___ juris: of one's own right
- Earliest form of modern human in Europe: ___-magnon
- Adult female bird
- Do away with
- Lens
- Flattened appendage
- Post or pillar in Greek temple
- A medieval citizen of Hungary
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Abba ___ Israeli politician
- Sew
- Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- Swiss river
- Grayish-white
- A way to illustrate
- College basketball superpower
- Midway between south and southeast

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STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Ascension St. Vincent's provides 2,500 COVID-19 inoculations

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A orderly steady stream of cars pulled into and away from the Clay County Fairgrounds last Monday, Jan. 18, as part of a day-long vaccination event for COVID-19 provided by Ascension St. Vincent's. The hospital gave 2,500 inoculations during a nine-hour stretch, and for most, the event had few, if any, glitches. Patients who fit the first level of priority for the Moderna vaccine – people 65 or older or healthcare workers who have direct contact with other patients – signed up online for their free vaccinations in advance. Once they arrived, they were taken into a tent to register and fill out medical forms, then into one of the Exhibition Halls where 30 technicians, doctors and nurses were waiting to give the shot. After that, patients were asked to wait for at least 15 minutes to make sure there were no side effects. All patients also were given an appointment time for their second, and final dose, of the vaccine in a month.





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GSC celebrates Acres' promotion at police department; approves Food Truck Fridays

By Bruce Hope
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Green Cove Springs City Council and Police Chief joined Tuesday night for the promotion ceremony of Communications Officer Brandi Acres to Communications Supervisor.

Chief Derek Asdot commended Acres for her tenure, outstanding work and contributions to the department. Acres was then pinned with her new Supervisor badge by her husband before the meeting continued.

Acres's promotion was followed by a presentation from Kimberly Cobb-Ray of the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency. The NEFL is one of the leading anti-poverty organizations in the area. Cobb-Ray briefed the council on different issues facing the community, many of which were caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated effects.

The consent agenda was accepted, with only one item pulled for discussion – the city's approval for the Food Truck Friday schedule and request for city support.

Mayor Van Royal and Vice-mayor Edward Gaw both abstained from the discussion because both have had personal involvement with the event and they wanted



Green Cove Springs Police Communication's Officer Brandi Acres (center) accepts her promotion to Supervisor during Tuesday's meeting.

STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE HOPE

to avoid any conflict of interest. Gaw worked to set the dates with the food trucks as well as the live entertainment who will be present each month. Food Truck Fridays will be

on the second Friday of each month, from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Spring Park. Although Royal and Edward Gaw abstained, it passed 3-0. City Manager Steve Kennedy then

briefed the council there currently are 19 applications for the City Advisory Council being examined.

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Obituaries

Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Dugger

Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Dugger, age 54, of Middleburg, Florida died Tuesday, Jan. 5, at his residence following a brief illness.

He had resided in Middleburg, Florida all of his life and worked as a sales associate with Home Depot in Orange Park, Florida for over 24 years.

He enjoyed watching NASCAR racing, was an avid Gator and Miami Dolphin football fan and enjoyed being with his son.



Ronald Lee "Ronnie" Dugger

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. Lee and Oveda Harvey Dugger of Baker County, his sister, Linda Harper and his brother, Robbie Dugger.

He is survived by his son, Conner Lee Dugger of Green Cove Springs, Florida; His sister, Kathy (Melvin) Harvey of Middleburg, Florida; stepdaughter, Brianna Kepler of Norfolk, Virginia; stepson, Nathan Spann of the U.S. Army, South Korea.

A funeral service to honor the life of Mr. Dugger was held at 1:30 P.M. Saturday, Jan. 16, in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. George Dugger, Pastor of the Woodstock Congregational Holiness Church, Jacksonville, Florida, officiating. Interment was in Turner Cemetery, Baker County, Florida.

Visitation and Gathering with the family was from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Saturday (Two hours before services) at GUERRY FUNERAL, U.S. 90 East, Macclenny, Florida. www.guerryfuneralhome.net

Capt. Duane R. Steiner

Capt. Duane R. Steiner, 84, of Orange Park, FL, passed away January 15, 2021.

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Charles "David" Lang

Charles "David" Lang, of Middleburg, FL passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021 in a tragic accident.

David was born to Charles and Francis (Padgett) Lang on March 18, 1956 in Jacksonville, FL.

David graduated from Clay High School's class of 1974. David was a welder by trade, having worked at Custom Cars in Green Cove Springs for many years. He was married to Pat Nadine (Carter) Lang who preceded him in death in 2007.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; brother Donald; grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

David is survived by his son Charlie; daughter Danielle; uncles Tommy and Jim-Bud; aunts Nellie and Lorraine; several nieces and nephews; countless cousins; and many, many friends.

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Cathryn Lee Blankenship

Cathryn Lee Blankenship passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021.

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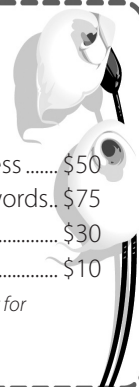
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Community Briefs

Nomination time for Shepherd's Center Golden Years Gala running out

ORANGE PARK – Time is running out to nominate an outstanding senior volunteer for the 14th Shepherd's Center of Orange Park's Golden Years Gala Service Award.

The Gala recognizes senior adults for outstanding service in Clay County. It's a way to say, "Thank you!", by nominating someone who's displayed extraordinary efforts in the extraordinary year of 2020. Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 31.

This year's categories include: Volunteer Senior Man of the Year, Volunteer Senior Woman of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award. Senior adults are important to the community. They are a generation of high values, strong work ethic, commitment, integrity, generosity and loyalty. Seniors are a wonderful example of all, showing that true fulfillment is to share their time and talents through serving.

Nominees must be at least 60 years old and volunteer in Clay County.

To learn how to nominate a volunteer, call the Shepherd's Center at (904) 269-5315.

This year's Gala will be held at Sullivan Hall on Fleming Island on Wednesday, May 5. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. A live and silent auction also is part of the festivities, the awards program will follow breakfast.

The Gala benefits The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit which provides services to adults in Clay County through award-winning educational programming and events focused on health and wellness.

Visit info@tscoop.org or call the Shepherd's Center to purchase tickets or to make a donation.

Clay County Fair merchandise now offered online

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Agriculture Fair now is accepting pre-orders from merchandise ahead of this year's Fair from April 1-11.

The deadline to order is March 1, and merchandise will be delivered to the fair office during the week of March 15.

Fair merchandise will not be sold at the fairgrounds.

Included is the official T-shirt with this year's logo, "What a ride! 35 years." Adult shirts are \$20 and children's shirts are \$15.

Also available is a camouflage hat commemorating 35 years for \$25, a gray trucker patch hat for \$20 and a pullover hoodie for \$30. To order, visit info@clay-countyfair.org.

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dents who may be affected, so the district is more interested in hearing from those parents.

"The school, simply put, is full and it's continuing to fill up," Clay County School District Coordinator of Planning and Intergovernmental Relations James Fossa said. "They've got kids everywhere and I was tasked with coming up with ways to get that capacity rate down."

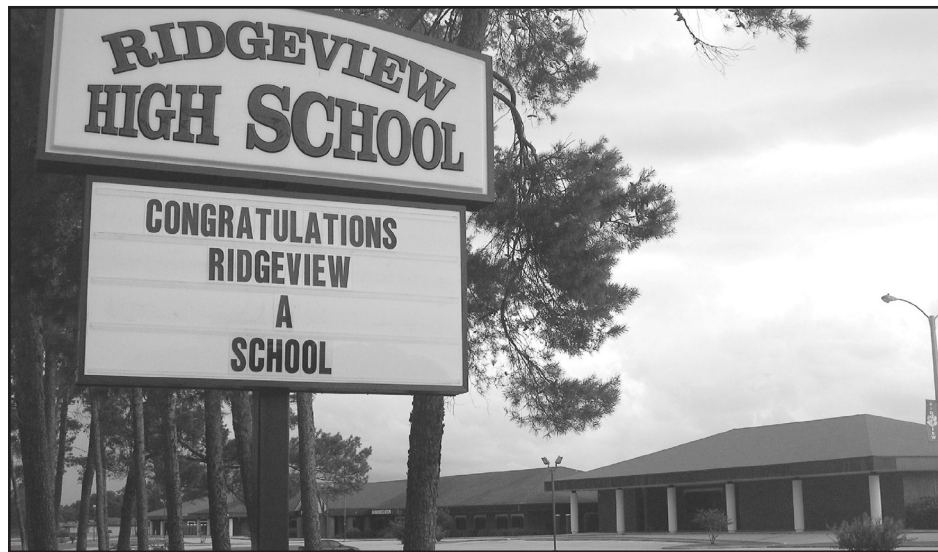
Fossa presented several options to the school board during a workshop last week, and of the three options, the school board was heavily in favor of one that will send 362 students at Oakleaf High to Ridgeview. Oakleaf is significantly more overcrowded than any other high school in the district with a capacity rate of 106%. Fossa says it would grow to 115% if it's not addressed. Meanwhile, Ridgeview's capacity is at 67%.

The remedy is to move boundary sections 9A and 26, which is made up of the Pine Ridge neighborhoods, Two Creeks, Fox Meadow and Whisper Creek, to Ridgeview. If those 362 students were moved to Ridgeview, Oakleaf High's capacity would drop to 92% and Ridgeview would grow to 84%.

The other options included moving Oakleaf students to Orange Park High, and a hybrid of the Ridgeview option, but the board concluded the Ridgeview option was the most desirable.

"Option 1 makes the most sense of them," board member Ashley Gilhousen said. "I think it seems to be the fairest when I think about what's offered at Oakleaf versus what's offered at Ridgeview. You have the IB program which is comparable to AICE and even the travel time is shorter instead of longer."

Board member Janice Kerekes said she was frustrated the district waited so long to address it because she said it now feels like the district is rushing to remedy the problem. She said ideally the district takes another year to discuss more in-depth with parents about the boundary lines and student movements, but that she understands the district has to move fast to remove the strain felt at Oakleaf.



As the capacity at Oakleaf continues to rise, the district is looking to reroute students to a different school next school year. Ridgeview High is being considered.



The board could simply could have voted to recommend the Ridgeview option at its Jan. 26 meeting. A second vote to approved to plan would follow in March, but the board decided to put a town hall on the calendar to hear what parents and students think.

Fossa said neither option is set in stone and what the parents say at the town hall will likely help influence the board's decision. The decision will ultimately up to the five board members in March. Oakleaf is just one of the problems the district is currently facing in terms of capacity. Not far behind is the Lake Asbury area, which Fossa said is the epicenter of the county's incoming growth.

Fossa said that Lake Asbury Junior

High is currently at 83% capacity but if left untouched, it will rise to 113% with incoming developments. The option Fossa presented would have some Lake Asbury students diverted to Lakeside Junior High. The board didn't like it as much as the Oakleaf plan, but it did decide it will make moves for the school in such a way that it doesn't affect the students currently attending.

Fossa said the board is shooting for an effect of change for the 2022-23 school year as a result. He said a town hall and many other meetings will likely be held before such a decision is made, much in the same way the district is having a town hall before making its decision.

The final piece to the district's bound-

ary stress is Keystone Heights. Fossa said the district looked at two things when figuring out capacity: the Florida Inventory School House number, which is the number of seats at the school for children in classrooms, and the cafeteria size. He said whichever is lower is the number used for capacity.

Keystone Height Junior Senior High's capacity appears higher than it actually is because its cafeteria is quite small.

"That's the cue for us to make more room for the cafeteria," Fossa said.

Instead of building a larger cafeteria, the district may build a dedicated junior high. Fossa said this idea stemmed from a piece of land by the McDavid Park baseball field which has the potential to be a school. He said it could work out but that there's a lot of questions that must be answered before the district can even consider that land as the site of a new school.

One question with the new school was: can the parent pick up line intersect with the school bus line? "It can't do that," Fossa said. "Does it have the required amount of land drainage after a storm?"

"While it might look good on paper, there's a lot that can get in the way of building a school there. So now, our goal with that is to get a professional architect out there for a feasibility study. Once we have those results, then we can go from there."

Oakleaf and Lake Asbury are just a few of the capacity-related dilemmas the district is facing as the county continues to grow. There are elementary schools like Tynes, Lake Asbury and Patterson with high capacities that need remedying as well. Fossa said the district is actively working to solve those challenges while also preparing for the arrival of School R, which is a new school on County Road 315C set to open for the 2023-2024 school year.

The district will likely be utilizing its full arsenal of tools to satisfy all capacities and parties: town halls, workshops, board meetings and above all else, communication with those that this affects.

The board has made it clear that it wants to hear the voices of those with children at these schools and it's these voices that will shape the future of the Clay County School Districts boundaries.

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Orange Park High becomes Community Partnership School

Program joins academics and mental health to help students

By Wesley LeBlanc
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ORANGE PARK – Orange Park High became the district's third Community Partnership School, which unifies a focus on academics, counseling, mentoring, health and more for any and all students at the school.

The program represents a 25-year commitment from the Children's Home Society and its regional partners in Orange Park Medical Center, St. Johns River State College, Palms Medical Group and the Clay County School District. The school held a symbolical ribbon cutting in its cafeteria last Friday, Jan. 15, to officially kick off the 25-year partnership.

"Here at Orange Park High School, we have the opportunity to meet the needs of 1,600 students," OPH principal Clayton Anderson said. "These students come to us from all walks of life and various backgrounds. This is truly the melting pot of the county...and it is imperative that we as educators grow with our students and build their capacity while building our own."



Orange Park High held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the status of it as the district's third Community Partnership School.

Superintendent David Broskie said it takes a team effort of teachers in the classroom and partners outside of the school in order to prepare students for what lies beyond high school. He said the fact that so many of the community members showed up to the ceremony and that so much of the community is behind the Community Partnership School shows that Clay County is committed to this idea of helping students in not just education, but in every facet of their life should they need it.

The chief medical officer of the Orange Park Medical Center, Bradley Shumaker, said that the hospital's involvement along-

side the Palms Medical Group is to ensure that students get the medical attention they need.

"Our involvement is multifactorial really," Shumaker said. "We'll be helping out with everything from basic access to preventative care and wellness to dental care to mental health needs like depression, eating disorders, and substance abuse and nutritional issues as well. It's about ensuring these kids have access to the...medical attention they might need or want."

Shumaker said alleviating the health-related stress off a student's back can help them focus more on their academics, which

he said beyond actually helping them medically, is the overall goal.

OPH Senior D'Marre Graddock spoke to the greatness of his school.

"[The year] 2020 was a difficult year and a disappointing one, but I can say confidently that Orange Park High School has never lost hope for the future. Orange Park High School has never lost hope in the students and Orange Park high school has never lost hope in each other.

"Orange Park High school will continue being the cornerstone of diversity (working) to give students a sound education. What I want to see is this high school..take our vision and conquer anything that lies ahead in the future."

Children's Home Society regional executive director, Ernest Hamilton, said the organization and its partners are dedicated to the school, which is why it made a 25-year commitment.

"In collaboration with our Orange Park community, we work to bring the right solutions to the right place and to the school where kids and their families can easily access the help they need to succeed," Hamilton said. "As we celebrate the Community Partnership School model at Orange Park High School. We are taking one significant step forward to empower our children and strengthen the future of this community."

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Mom, baby return to OPMC to celebrate first birthday with blood drive

by Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – Eliyanah Brusoe began celebrating her first birthday on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the same place where she came into the world amidst great difficulty for both her and her mother.

The Orange Park Medical Center welcomed mother and daughter back with a blood drive held in the baby's name on the



Melissa and Eliyanah Brusoe

birthday.

Eliyanah was born 12 weeks early and spent the next seven weeks of her life in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit until she could be released. She weighed only 2 pounds, 10 ounces at birth.

The mother, Melissa, also had a rough time with the delivery.

"She was in the OR [operating room] for an emergency c-section, and then she started to have complications where she started to bleed out," said Christy Love, an ICU registered nurse. "Mass transfusion protocol; she had over 30 units of blood. Baby went to NICU, and mom had to come to our trauma ICU."

The massive transfusion protocol saved Melissa's life.

Dr. Craig Sussman is a neonatologist at OPMC and a member of the team that took care of baby Eliyanah.

"Mom lost a lot of blood, and baby lost some blood as well," Sussman said. "Eliyanah's biggest challenge was that she was born so early. At least a couple months early. So everything about her was just immature and premature. She was just so small that she had to be in an incubator for a long period of time until she was able to be stable enough to grow. She needed blood transfusions as well."

"It means the world to me to be here and to give back to a hospital, so many doctors and nurses that did so much, worked so tirelessly to save our lives," Melissa said. "So to be here a year later, doing as well as we are, thanks to God putting the right people, in the right time, in the perfect place; I just can't – It's hard for



The OPMC team to which Melissa Brusoe (middle) attributes the survival of herself and baby Eliyanah. (L to R): Lisa Valentine (OPMC CEO), Reese Edwards (Chaplain), Michelle O'Quinn (R.N.), Susan Campanelle (NICU R.N.), Katie Davis (R.N.), Craig Sussman (Neonatologist), Susanne Jones (Dir. Of Women and Children's Services), Christy Love (R.N. Trauma ICU).

words to describe. And all the blood that was donated to even make that possible, I mean I'd hate to of if they didn't have the blood that they needed to save us."

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Special discs assist in spreading treatment, awareness for autism patients

Idea was born by a regular disc golfer at Ronnie Van Zant Park

By Bruce Hope
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LAKE ASBURY – About two years ago, Kaiyne Faucett discovered that his son Kayden has autism. Instead of wallowing in sadness, he dug into research on the topic, learning everything he could in order to better parent his son.

Now he also has a plan to bring more awareness of autism, starting in Van Zant Park, where he plays disc golf about four or five times every week.

“So I’ve been doing a lot of research and as much studying on it, as much as I can, so I can learn more, especially as a parent so I can learn how to deal with it,” Faucett said. “Before I got into it, I was like, I love playing disc golf. I wonder if I can show my support for autism and autism awareness and my son. So I drew up this design, and I had a family friend of mine, and she helped me redo the design so I can get it put on a disk.”

After he talked to some fellow disk golfers in the park, it’s Faucett’s goal to have the design printed on disks in the park and give them out to other players. By doing that, he hopes to increase awareness of the condition and spread knowledge about it.

Kayden is diagnosed on the lower end of the autism spectrum and should become



Kayden Faucett sharpens his disc golf skills with a special disc to help his autism.

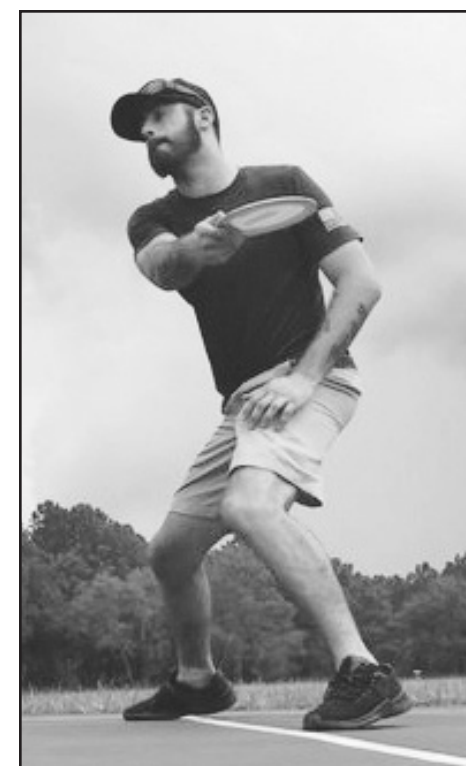
a high-functioning autistic adult, his father said.

“We have him in a whole bunch of therapies the last couple years, and it’s helped out a lot,” he said.

Faucett said after talking to other disc golfers about his plan, there is some interest in the project. Often, people don’t know very much about the condition, which

would be a way for him to bring awareness within his community. Hopefully, other players can spread the information.

“I talked to a few other players, and they thought it was an amazing idea, and they would love to get one [a disc with the design on it],” said Faucett. “I didn’t realize how many other people that played had relatives that deal with it on other levels



Kaiyne Faucett is regular disc golfer at Ronnie Van Zant Park.

other than just hearing about it.”

For now, he’s planning to make any money from his idea. He is just trying to raise awareness. However, if the demand grows, he said he would consider selling them and donating the proceeds to an autism charity.

Applications accepted for grant opportunities for Black artists

Delores Barr Weaver expands Art Ventures program

JACKSONVILLE – Applications are now open for individual artists in Northeast Florida to apply for an Art Ventures grant of \$3,500.

Interested artists who reside in Clay, Baker, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns County are encouraged to apply for the funding, which is designed to help Northeast Florida artists emerge to the next level of their artistic careers. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 15.

Applications will be judged on the applicants’ artistic accomplishments, their proposal to use the funds to advance their



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work, and the extent to which their artistic practice is rooted in Northeast Florida. More than 200 individual artists have received Art Ventures’ grants since 1990.

As part of the Art Ventures initiative, this year area Black artists will have additional opportunities for grants, thanks to the newly created Delores Barr Weaver Black Artists Endowment. While the Art

Ventures Fund has always supported Black artists and has made grants from the Independent Life Minority Arts Fund, the Delores Barr Weaver Black Artists Endowment will specifically fund three Black artists each year. These will be additive to the Art Ventures cohort of grantees.

“There’s no doubt that our Northeast Florida artists are among the finest in the nation,” noted Delores Barr Weaver on the creation of this new endowment. “I continue to be inspired with the work of local Black artists particularly, and I wish to acknowledge and help sustain their important contributions to the vitality of the region.”

More information, including the application, visit <https://www.jaxcf.org/receive/>

individual-artists.

Art Ventures began in 1990 as a commitment to invest in local individual artists as well as small arts organizations, and has granted more than \$1.4 million to more than 200 artists and 125 small arts organizations. Funding for 2021 Art Ventures Individual Artist grants comes from the Art Ventures Endowment, the Baker Family Fund, the J. Shepard, Jr. & Mary Ann Bryan Arts Endowment, the Independent Life Minority Arts Fund, the Anne and Sallynn Pajcic Art Ventures Endowment, the Alynne Sharp Art Fund the Delores Barr Weaver Black Artists Endowment.

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A blast from the past Military Museum in Green Cove a treasure trove of Florida artifacts

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Thousands drive by it every day, often noticing the massive LARC-LX amphibious vehicle parked close to the roadway or the five-inch 38 caliber gun positioned a few yards away.

But tucked behind huge oak trees is an old Quonset hut crammed with artifacts from of the most remarkable military artifacts ever assembled, dating back from Florida's first soldiers, the Spanish Conquistadors to the men and women who fought in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

More important, every piece of memorabilia comes with a story.

The Military Museum of North Florida, located on 1 Bunker Ave. along State Road 16 at Reynolds Industrial Park, is more than an exhibition hall of old guns and military uniforms. It's a kaleidoscope that tells the story how Florida evolved from a swampy conclave of European explorers and Indians to the thriving state that mixes an outlook of culture and vision with an appreciation for its past.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said: "The soldier above all others pray for peace, for it is the soldier who must suf-

fer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." The Military Museum currently is updating and remodeling its exhibits to show the arms and sacrifices of both sides of war.

Displays that were put on tables now have been divided into sections that start with the earliest recorded days of the state to the present. Uniforms have been put on mannequins; patches and weapons have been mounted on display boards, complete with old photos and descriptions. More important, displays now are enclosed in glass-covered cases to preserve the integrity of the keepsake – and to provide a three-dimensional view.

"We've been doing a lot of work in here the last year," said Cooper Goodnight, a 16-year-old volunteer who serves as a tour guide. "Right now, they're up to the Korean and Cold wars. It's really amazing who much this place has changed."

Goodyear has emersed himself in military history. He knows the names, descriptions, benefits and drawbacks of every weapon and battleplan on display.

Military and history enthusiasts will

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The Military Museum of North Florida will be busy on Saturday with the Hellcat 10K, 30K and 50K at the Reynolds Industrial Park.



This old World War II German machine gun was found buried in a barn. It's now one of the prized exhibits at the Military museum. There are thousands of old weapons and artifacts on display at the newly-remodeled attraction.



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Local shooters rack up fun, tournament-level competition

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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Corner Pocket pool hall in Green Cove Springs, which doubles as a diner, is an exciting place. Whether it is hosting poker tournaments, darts, Karaoke, pool or Bingo, with rewards of up to \$250, there is usually something going on.

But most of all, people come to shoot pool.

“We have 11 pool tables. We play APA and NAPA,” said Cheri Starnes, co-owner of Corner Pocket with her husband, Noel. “We have quite a few people who play on Thursdays and the same way on Sundays.”

The Corner Pocket also has a team that competes in the American Poolplayers Association and North American Poolshooters Association.

While Thursdays and Sundays are the primary days for players in the NAPA, patrons can play any day.

Corner Pocket has been a local establishment for about 20 years. The Starnes owned Corner Pocket for the past two years and two months.

“We decided to buy the pool hall because it was for sale, and my husband loves pool,” said Starnes. “And I just thought it would be a good thing for us to own.”

The pool hall entertains many long-time players as well as those who are more recent arrivals to the game.

“I just started [playing pool] two years ago,” Starnes said. “My husband’s been playing since he was in high school. He played here before we ever owned it [Corner Pocket].”

Meanwhile, Steve Fuller has been playing for six years and is on the eight-member team that won a qualified in a local Orange Park tournament last year that earned them a spot at the Las Vegas tournament to compete against players from around the globe.

Corner Pocket is the main pool hall where Fuller plays. The team is a part of the First Coast APA.

Fuller said the Orange Park qualifier featured about 90 teams fighting for the chance to move onto the more significant competition.

The team went to Las Vegas to compete in the World Pool Players Association Tournament and placed around the middle of the pack, finishing 358th out of 750.

The tournament lasted for one week, and the Corner Pocket team lasted until Day 5.

Corner Pocket players – Bob Clark and George Falcon (Black Ballers Matter), Noel Starnes and Nick Watts (Gators) and Calvin Rollins and Cheri Starnes (Ebony and Ivory) – also competed a week ago at the NAPA Scotch Doubles National Championship at Brunswick, Georgia.

Fuller loves being a member of the Corner Pocket team.



Deanna Fuller, Pedro Rodrigues, Steve Fuller, Mike Stacey, Bob Clark, Derrek Bettinger, Jack Lee, Ashley Stacey and Janette Lee, whose nicknamed the ‘Black Widow’ for “eating opponents alive at the pool table.”

“I love the camaraderie,” he said. “I love the people that play there. We play there all the time. We don’t care about whether we go to Vegas or not. If we get to go, we get to go. We don’t care about that. We just love the people that are associated [with Corner Pocket]. When we were in Vegas, it brought all of us together. It’s

like, we were there together, and we were playing together, and we played as a team together. It brought us a little bit closer.”

Fuller says if he speaks to someone who’s never played before, he would tell them to give it a try.

“Just shooting pool and having fun with others, that’s the important thing,” he said.



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Clay's graduation rate of 93.4% climbs to sixth in Florida

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CLAY COUNTY – The Florida Department of Education's release of the 2019-2020 graduation rates shows that Clay County District Schools has achieved the highest graduation rate in county history. Clay County District Schools demonstrated an increase of 1.5 percentage points from the previous year, progressing from 91.9% in 2018-2019 to 93.4% in 2019-2020.

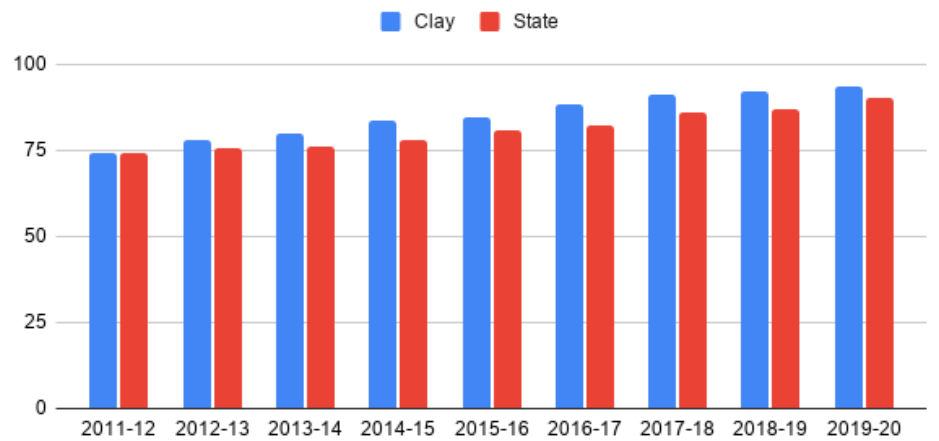
Since 2003, Clay County District Schools has improved its graduation rate 34.5 percentage points, reaffirming that students are better prepared to successfully transition to the workforce, military or college. The latest release from the Florida Department of Education also revealed that six of the nine targeted subgroups of learners have reached a record high, and all subgroups performed higher than the state average. While the state average in

graduation has consistently trended upward in recent years, Clay County District Schools has continued to remain above the state average and is currently tied for sixth place among Florida's 67 school districts.

Collectively, the results illustrate that Clay County District Schools is focused on improving the academic wellbeing of every learner, Superintendent David Broskie said.

"As an educator who has served Clay County District Schools for three decades, I am extremely proud of what our students and educators have been able to accomplish together as shown in our new graduation rate. There are innumerable benefits that accompany the attainment of a high school diploma, and the fact that our community's students continue to graduate in record numbers can only speak to a better and brighter future for Clay County," Broskie said.

Clay vs. State Graduation Rates



Graduation Rates of Subgroups

Once again, Clay County District Schools set record high subgroup data points as African-American, White, Asian, At-Risk, ELL (English Language Learners), and Economically Disadvantaged students climbed to an all-time high. Also, Clay County District Schools continues to excel above the state average in all nine subgroups. These accomplishments are a direct reflection of focus on eliminating the achievement gap in order to create access and opportunity for all learners. This information provides evidence that Clay County educators are continuing to differentiate instruction for all students with the goal of preparing students to meet grade-level expectations.

Subgroup Grad Rates	2019-20 Clay % Rate	2019-2020 State % Rate	Clay vs. State Comparison
White	92.5%	91.7%	+0.8%
Hispanic	94.6%	89.6%	+5.0%
Black	94.7%	86.6%	+8.1%
Two/Three Races	95.0	90.5%	+4.5%
Asian	98.9%	98.0%	+0.9%
At-Risk Students	87.0%	79.6%	+7.4%
Students with Disabilities	87.4%	82.6%	+4.8%
English Lang. Learners	91.5%	86.9%	+4.6%
Econ. Disadvantaged	89.4%	86.9%	+2.5%

Blood drive

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endeavor. Many people, who Brusoe will never know, literally gave of themselves to give others the gift of life.

"I would not be here to enjoy celebrating my sweet girl's first birthday if they had not donated blood," she said. "They'll never know the extent of what their gift- their donation did. My oldest is 24, and she gets married next month. And I get to be there to see her get married."

The blood drive took place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a mobile donation center in front of the hospital's main entrance.

"It means so much that they were willing to put this together and do this drive," Brusoe said. "It'd mean so much more if it was a packed bus, I guess, how you would say it, that they were able to replace all



the blood that we used and just so much more to help others because you just don't know what people are needing and going through so they too can celebrate more milestones and happy birthdays with their families because of the donations."

Lifesouth Community Blood Centers facilitated the drive in conjunction with OPMC.

Subgroup Grad Rates	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	18-19 vs. 19-20
White	84.8%	87.8%	90.0%	90.6%	92.5%	+1.9%
Hispanic	84.4%	88.4%	91.0%	96.1%	94.6%	-1.5%
Black	82.2%	88.7%	91.1%	92.9%	94.7%	+1.8%
Two/Three Races	86.1%	89.9%	94.5%	95.6%	95.0	-0.6%
Asian	98.6%	97.7%	98.6%	97.6%	98.9%	+1.2%
At-Risk Students	71.7%	77.4%	78.3%	81.2%	87.0%	+5.8%
Students with Disabilities	66.4%	74.3%	82.3%	87.7%	87.4%	-0.3%
English Lang. Learners	72.0%	79.3%	77.5%	87.0%	91.5%	+4.5%
Econ. Disadvantaged	77.8%	81.8%	85.5%	86.9%	89.4%	+3.5%



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Bulkheads Taphouse and Kitchen brings the taste of Chesapeake cuisine to Orange Park area

By Bruce Hope
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ORANGE PARK – Bulkheads Taphouse and Kitchen is one of the newest eateries in the area.

Opened three weeks ago, owners David and Carolyn Marquis, transplants to Florida by way of Annapolis, Maryland, were looking to bringing their distinctive Mid-Atlantic flavors to Clay County.

“We previously had owned a restaurant and a bed and breakfast down in Crisfield [Maryland], which is considered the crab capital of the world,” said Carolyn said. “So having two crab houses on one side [of the Chesapeake Bay] and an oyster house on the other, you learn pretty quickly; you know you just learned a lot more than you ever thought you’d know about seafood.”

That knowledge, along with closures of nearly everything due to COVID-19, pushed the Marquises to pack up and head south, looking for proverbial greener pastures.

The new restaurant is located at 664 Kingsley Ave.

“Maryland’s still shut down,” Carolyn

said. “And we have family here. For the last two years, we’d been looking at different areas in Florida before COVID ever happened. Once COVID hit, it just kind of sped up our plan by about six months.”

They selected Jacksonville and Orange Park in particular because there is a high military personnel concentration, both active and retired. David Marquis is a retired Navy pilot. At one of their Maryland restaurants, they had two beers that saw wide distribution, one of which was the Beat Army Lager. That distribution spread as far south as the First Coast and helped educate the Marquises about the market. They also love the access to water and the ability to live in suburban and semi-rural settings while still having almost immediate access to the city. As well, a large portion of the crab supply in Maryland between November and March came from Florida as regulations there prohibited crabbing during that time-span.

One of the specials of Bulkheads – of course – are the crab cakes, which only have five ingredients but are purportedly excellent.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE HOPE

Carolyn and David Marquis left the shutdowns in Maryland to bring the taste of the Chesapeake area to their Bulkheads Taphouse and Kitchen on Kingsley Avenue.

“A lot of our dishes like the crabby flatbread is really popular. Our sauteed seafood cabbage is really popular. Our cream of crab is also outstanding,” she said.

On the beverage side, Bulkheads supports local breweries, selling 18 different Florida beers, such as Pinglehead Imperial Red from Orange Park and Aardwolf Styrofoam Pony from Jacksonville, among others.

“We’re just glad to be here in Florida,” said David Marquis. “Enjoying the weather, enjoying...you know we’ve been open a couple of weeks and so far, so good. Met a lot of new people, and it’s going well so far. Just happy to be here serving beer and good food.”

Bulkhead’s patrons are enjoying it so far, according to Carolyn Marquis.

“We’re getting really good positive feedback, which is why I really didn’t do a grand opening. I like to do things slow and steady. And so, I believe in that turtle and hare race concept. We’ve gotten a lot of really good reviews, and the community has been really supportive,” she said.

The Marquis’s goal is not to compete with current establishments but to create something that wasn’t already there.

Bulkheads is that, and in this, it’s early existence, it seems to be doing just that.

‘Winter Comfort’ program keeps birds happy, healthy



By Carolyn Warren
Birds, Bees and Butterflies Chairman for
The Garden Club of Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – The month of February was designated in 1994 as National Bird-Feeding Month due to the harsh conditions endured by birds during one of the coldest months of the year.

This year’s theme is: “Winter Comfort” – Feed the Birds and Keep Them Happy and Healthy.

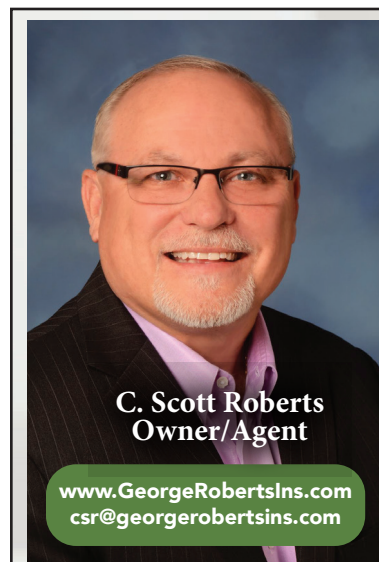
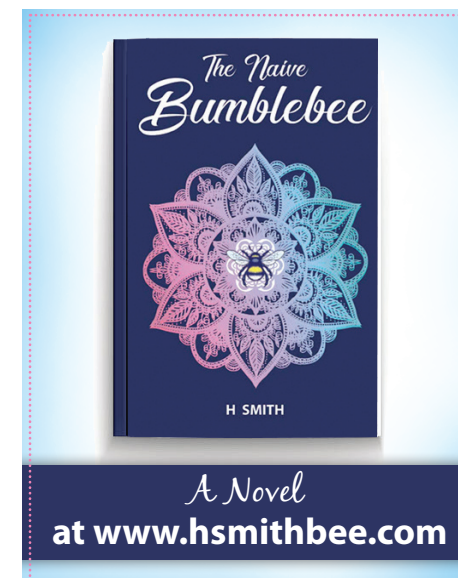
Feeding birds is a hobby that is easy to start, low on expenses, and everyone in the family can enjoy.

You can start by placing bird feeders in your yard and keeping them filled.

The best bird foods include sunflower seeds, thistle, nuts, suet and millet.

Providing a water source is also helpful for the birds. Research has shown that bird watching can make us feel better and it is an activity we can all do from the safety of our homes.

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FDLE lays out its evidence against former Sheriff Daniels

Agency also reports he pressured CCSO officers to making campaign donations

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – The State Attorney's Office revealed last week the Florida Department of Law Enforcement currently has 67 witness who've been interviewed in the case against former Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels related to an extramarital affair, subsequent coverup and pressuring CCSO officials to make campaign contributions.

Daniels was arrested on Aug. 13 on one count of destroying or tampering evidence and making three false claims to law enforcement about his girlfriend. His legal team demanded the state turn over all investigative reports related to his arrest and the long-standing extra marital affair he had with a former subordinate when he worked with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

The state's discovery exhibit was filed on Jan. 6 with the Clay County Circuit Clerk of Courts, and it contained details of the affair, Daniels attempts to cover up some of his exchanges with the girlfriend and other agency officials and his demands for campaign contributions from fellow officers.

The report detailed what it believes was a desperate attempt to hide personal information relating to the affair with Cierra Smith. The affair became public on May 6 when Daniels called CCSO and demanded Smith be arrested for stalking him. FDLE and Smith contend Smith had

a prearranged meeting set up by another deputy at 370 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway with Daniels to return some CDs.

Daniels sought an injunction against Smith earlier in the day for following and harassing him, but the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville refused, saying he lacked significant evidence, according to the FDLE. CCSO conducted a traffic stop on Smith and Daniels demanded her to be arrested. She was taken to the Clay County Jail, but was quickly released without charges.

The FDLE then was called in to investigate the charges, as well as an anonymous letter to the FDLE Daniels threatened his deputies about working against him.

The state agency said Daniels met with Undersheriff Ricardo Wright, Community Affairs Chief Patrick Golemme and Patrol and Community Affairs Director David Barnes before the arrest and told them charges were going to be filed against him and "that he may be going to jail."

The FDLE contends Daniels asked the sheriff's office to reset his personal phone because there was information on the phone he didn't want "to see the light of day." The report said Daniels denied ever using his sheriff's office cellphone for personal business.

On Aug. 11, the FDLE said Daniels said at a Fraternal Order of Police Meeting he was going hunting and when he returned, there would be a reorganization and "that some people may not want to stick around because they are not going to like where they were going to be put."

According to the FDLE, (Chief Joseph) Bucci said Daniels told him on Aug. 12: "I



The Florida Department of Law Enforcement also contends former Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels pressured his administration for donations to his re-election campaign.

know you want to be the sheriff one day; you've talked about it. I want to give you a little taste of what it's like. So, I need you to reach out to all of the staff: \$5000 per director, \$2000 for chiefs, etc. Look, I'm not saying all of their money. I want their boots or toes in the water."

Daniels was arrested on Aug. 13. He was suspended by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Aug. 14 and defeated by Michelle Cook in the Aug. 18 Republican Primary.

Daniels continues to insist the timing of his arrest was to keep him from winning re-election. Some of the witnesses

listed by the FDLE include: Bucci, Wright, Golemme, Barnes, Smith, Clay County Schools Police Chief Kenneth Wagner, former Undersheriff Raymond Walden and Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams.

Daniels, who was released without bond, is scheduled for a pretrial hearing on March 8. A trial date hasn't been set.

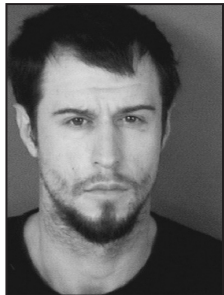
The Florida Supreme Court has ruled Circuit Judge R. Lee Smith of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, will preside over a possible trial. The seventh circuit is comprised of Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

Police Briefs

Man charged with firing a gun during traffic dispute

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – A man was arrested for shooting at a man who chased him down for driving a truck through his front yard.

Charley Cecil White, 28, of Keystone Heights, was charged on Jan. 18 with aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, discharging a firearm from vehicle within 1,000 feet of another person, possession of a firearm and ammo by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and attempting to flee or elude law enforcement with lights and sirens active.



Charley White

His bond was set at \$305,017.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's

Office, it responded to a call about shots fired at the intersection of Oakleaf Road and Hot Springs Court.

They met the victim, who said a man drove his extended cab pickup truck at a high rate of speed on Oakleaf before pulling into his driveway and through a ditch in his front yard before turning onto Hot Springs. The truck came to a dead end and made a U-turn where he was intersected by the victim who wanted to know why he drove through his yard.

White sped away without a response, according to CCSO. The victim was standing in the dead end when White stopped down the street and fired at least one shot toward him. White was eventually arrested a short time later following a high-speed pursuit that included more gunshots.

A man riding with White said they veered into the yard after they cut off the victim, who was driving a minivan. He said the man driving the minivan followed them to the dead end.

Interlachen man jailed for trio of child pornography charges

ORANGE PARK – A search of an Interlachen man's cellphone led to a trio of sex-related charges involving children.

Christopher Adam Harrington, 41, was arrested on Jan. 13 and charged with lewd and lascivious behavior with a victim between the ages of 12 and 16, using or allowing a child to create sexual images and compiling child pornography on a computer.

His bond was set at \$158,009 – \$50,003 for each count.

Orange Park man arrested for having child pornography

ORANGE PARK – A local man was arrested Jan. 13 following a two-month in-

vestigation by the Clay County Sheriff's Office's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit.

Kenneth Michael Breeden, 58, of Orange Park was arrested for possessing 10 images of sexual acts performances by a child. His bond was set at \$300,030 – \$30,003 for each charge.

According to the heavily-redacted affidavit for an arrest warrant, deputies got a subpoena to search an Internet Protocol believed to be connected with child pornography. They learned the account belonged to Breeden. He was arrested following a search of his electronic devices.

Breeden's Facebook page said he works as a software technology project analyst.

Man hiding in abandoned trailer caught with meth, fentanyl

MAXVILLE – Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies responding to a reported as-

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. 19

John P. Lindsay, 38, Green Cove Springs, possession-cocaine, DUI with property damage

Trayvone E. French, 23, Orange Park, armed robbery

Christopher M. Whitener, 29, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant

Brian S. Uptagrafft, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Jesse Smith, 55, Green Cove Springs, give false information to pawn broker (Marion County)

Daniel G. Gessell, 29, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Mark O. Craft, 40, Middleburg, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Donald L. Tarvin, 56, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon

Monday, Jan. 18

Michael E. Haun, 39, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-cocaine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, possession-methamphetamine

Daniel Rodriguez, 22, Orange Park, simple domestic battery

Steven C. Estes, 67, Orange Park, FTA-petit theft (Duval)

Sharon E. Boyd, 38, Orange Park, trespassing

Christina N. Doyle, 37, Middleburg, aggravated battery with deadly weapon

Kelly L. Jones, 52, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Joseph C. Forgiione, 42, Orange Park, grand theft auto

Charley C. White, 28, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault with intent to commit felony, discharge firearm from vehicle within 1,000 of a person, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, possession-methamphetamine, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active

Lexus I. Lewis, 24, Green Cove Springs, VOP-petit theft

Sunday, Jan. 17

Jonathan D. Strickland, 36, Fleming Island, DUI

Leah M. Trammell, 37, Fleming Island, DUI

Giovanni A. Lebron, 28, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Margaret M. Oleniak, 62, Orange Park, simple domestic battery, simple battery

Dawson T. Buckler, 18, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery, FTA-criminal mischief

Karen V. Peterson, 32, Orange Park, child abuse

Lucas J. Lawrence, 34, Orange Park, petit theft, simple battery, resisting arrest while recovering property

Fred E. Jean Pierre, 21, Orange Park, FTA-moving traffic violation

Saturday, Jan. 16

Toni L. Pollock, 44, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Deandre E. Haynes, 25, Orange Park, two felony warrants, out of county warrant

Harrison M. Breitner, 29, Fleming Island, DUI

Michael R. Hudzinski, 35, Oakleaf, sudden snatching

Nicholas J. McCauley, 38, Orange Park, VOP-community control, resisting law enforcement, trespassing

Amari M. Fletcher, 18, Middleburg, FTA-unattached tag

Jeremy S. Kay, 44, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

David B. Bowers, 37, Middleburg, FTA-possession-controlled substance, FTA-domestic battery

Wifredo Santana, 52, Orange Park, simple battery

Richard Lewis, 39, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession-cocaine, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Dianne D. Herod, 55, Middleburg, DUI

Richard C. Humphries, 44, Middleburg, VOP-simple battery

Steven C. Hoffman, 48, Middleburg, DUI

Natalie G. Adkins, 39, Orange Park, trafficking amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Friday, Jan. 15

Travis S. Turner, 32, Maxville, possession-methamphetamine, possession-fentanyl, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, trespassing

Derick R. Voss, 34, Keystone Heights, two counts VOP-drug offender probation, VOP-community control, retail theft, grand theft

Ryan M. Cunningham, 35, Orange Park, burglary, grand theft

Jesse W. Quigley, 44, Green Cove Springs, DWLSR-habitual offender

Roy F. Cope, 39, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Jeremy D. DeClue, 32, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Ronald R. Putnam, 74, Orange Park, failure to register

Dustin N. Haas, 33, Middleburg, burglary, criminal mischief, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, simple battery

Brandon G. Pittman, 29, Green Cove Springs, three counts FTA

Brendan M. Maddox, 25, Orange Park, retail theft

William K. Baughn, 27, Orange Park, two counts possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

Elizabeth L. Taylor, 35, Fleming Island, FTA

Wade W. Bell, 38, Green Cove Springs, felony warrant

Samantha J. West, 33, Middleburg, DUI

Thursday, Jan. 14

Christopher P. Bushey, 29, Middleburg, trespassing

Frederick A. Waring, 44, Middleburg, vandalism

Damien A. Stitt, 23, Middleburg, vandalism

Charles L. Padgett, 38, Keystone Heights, possession-methamphetamine

Anthony R. McCarter, 32, Orange Park, uttering forged/counterfeit bill

Jana L. Metzger, 57, Middleburg, DUI

Xavier F. Aguirre, 60, Orange Park, installing tracking devices (Marion)

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Tarvaris K. Kelly, 35, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Henry L. Robertson, 45, Green Cove Springs, contempt of court

Jason A. Woodcock, 47, Fleming Island, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-DWLSR (Bradford)

Devon P. Stidham, 22, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Henry L. Roberson, 45, Green Cove Springs, contempt of court

Kenneth M. Breeden, 58, Orange Park, 10 counts of possession/control of images of sexual performance by a child

Christopher A. Harrington, 41, Orange Park, lewd/lascivious behavior of child between 12-16, use/allow child to engage in sex, compiling porno images of a minor on a computer

Heather D. Heiser, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery

Dalis J. Smith, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-attempted murder/conspiracy to commit armed robbery

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assault found a man in an abandoned trailer with methamphetamine and fentanyl.

Travis Sean Turner, 32, of Maxville, was charged with possession of both drugs, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia and trespassing on Jan. 15 after deputies searched the trailer next door to where the assault call originated.

Turner's bond was set at \$23,010.

Woman stopped for tinted windows arrested for meth

ORANGE PARK – Deputies stopped a car for illegally-tinted windows and came

away with more than a traffic violation on Jan. 16.

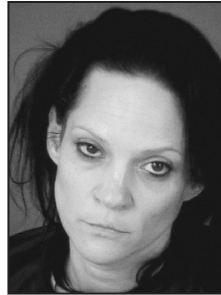
Natalie Gail Adkins, 39, of Orange Park, was arrested for possession or trafficking in methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia after Clay County Sheriff's Office K9 Ory alerted deputies to the likelihood of the presence of illegal drugs inside a car that was stopped for dark-tinted windows.

According to CCSO, a deputy noticed Adkins driving on Wells Road with dark windows. Once they made the stop, they eventually found 15 grams of meth and two pipes inside the car.

Adkins' bond was set at \$26,505.



Travis Turner



Natalie Adkins

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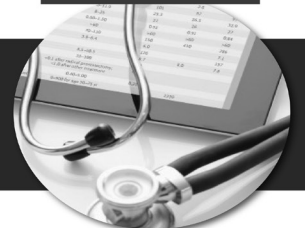
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The massive Vietnam-era Light Amphibious Recovery Craft is the most-visible part of the impressive collection at the Military Museum of North Florida. Thousand drive by the museum every day in Green Cove Springs.



There are tanks, Jeeps, ambulances and parts from a crashed FSF Hellcat parked outside, but there's so much more to see inside at Quanset Hut at 1 Bunker Avenue.

Museum

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be impressed with the changes at the museum during this Saturday's F6F Hellcat 10km/30km/50km race. For more information on the annual event, visit www.hellcatrace.com or crodatz@bellsouth.net or call Chris Rodatz at (904) 655-6511.

The museum is located on the same grounds as the Naval Air Station Benjamin Lee Field. The base was the main training center for the Hellcat World War II fighters, which Goodnight said were considerably less effective as a fighter than the Japanese Zeroes.

"The one thing the Hellcat had, though,

it was heavily armored where the pilots sat," Goodnight said.

Those who served at Benjamin Lee Field include Roy Geiger, who was born in Middleburg and was the first Marine Corps general to lead an Army-sized force, television celebrity Ed McMahon and Joe Kennedy, brother of President John F. Kennedy.

The museum is open Thursday-through-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted to maintain and update the thousands of exhibits.

There are exhibits from Spanish Florida, Indian Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and II, Korean War, the Cold War, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War and wars against ISIS and Taliban terrorists.

Along with the amphibious vehicle and big gun, there's a collection of military vehicles from the Korean era through the Vietnam era outside the Quanset hut, as well as airplane parts recovered from the swamps around the old airfield.

While business is steady during its regularly-schedule hours, Goodnight said the museum is very busy during special events, including the Fall Show and Swap Meet from Feb. 19-21. The event includes a battle re-enactment on Feb. 20-21 at 1 p.m., rides in a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter and weapons firing at dusk.

To register a display for judging, visit www.flmvpa.org.



Cooper Goodnight, a 16-year-old volunteer, is eager to provide a guided tour. The high school junior knows the history, as well as the faults and assets of each weapon used in warfare. The museum is open Thursday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, at 6 p.m.

HIGHWAY MEN LIVE MUSICAL TRIBUTE: is Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit thcenter.org.

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

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

TWO-WHEEL DRIVE RALLY AND HIGH-PERFORMANCE DRIVER EDUCATION: is Jan. 23 at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

PETSENSE: is sponsoring a day of vendors, food and fun on Jan. 24 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. to help animal shelters find homes for pets.

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY COURSE: is Jan. 24 at the FIRM in Keystone Heights at 7266 Airport Road.

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

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

CLAY COUNTY TOURISM ADVERTISING AND MARKETING WORKSHOP: is Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. Evok Advertising will make presentations on what they're doing for businesses in Clay County, best practices for social media and content development, SEO and GMB and how to use them, managing brand reputation and review and email and co-op marketing. Make reservations with Kate Savage at Katherine.Savage@claycountygov.com or by calling (904) 529-4094.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND ALIATIVE CARE: will host a virtual webinar on Jan. 28 on mastering the services of Medicare and Medicaid at 5 p.m. Visit https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DC5dZfDDSACoZOloNtVh7g to register, or call (904) 407.6464.

CLAY ACTION COALITION: will meet Jan. 28 at 1279 Kingsley Ave., Office 116, Orange Park.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet Jan. 28 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: will meet Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

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

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

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

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

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

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet Feb. 4 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/PAT TRAVERS BAND: will play Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr.,

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Meyer

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In his final year, before the season Meyer was placed on administrative leave after the university learned Meyer knew about spousal abuse allegations against assistant coach Zack Smith.

Meyer returned to take Ohio State to a 12-1 record and a 28-23 victory against Washington in the Rose Bowl. Meyer announced his retirement before the game due to health reasons.

Now he's back.

The reality is, if Meyer can last on the Jaguars sideline for six or seven years, that would be a tremendous sign of success. That means Jacksonville not only was competitive, but a winner. Fans won't put up with many more losers and penny-pinching decisions that keeps sending its best players to greener playing fields on another team.

Win now, or pack up for London.

Khan was prudent not to fall into the Tim Tebow trap. While the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback may have been one of the greatest college players of all time, his skills didn't translate well to the NFL game. Signing Tebow would have put fans in the stands, but it wouldn't help the team win games.

Khan apparently is convinced Meyer isn't a Tebow in disguise.

To be successful, Meyer will have to avoid all the other pitfalls of legendary college coaches who were complete failures at the professional level. Who remembers how Steve Spurrier was supposed to save the Washington franchise? He lasted two years and had losing records in both.

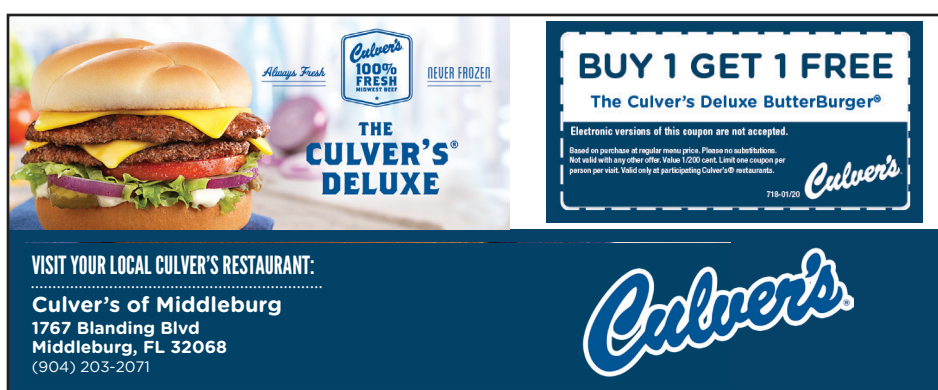
And let's not forget Nick Saban. Arguably one of the greatest college minds of all time, Saban was a flop with a 15-17 record with the Miami Dolphins.

The biggest college-level loser in the NFL was Bobby Petrino. He left a successful Louisville program to take over the Atlanta Falcons. He was 3-10 in his first season when he walked out on the team with three games remaining. Not since Gen. William Sherman had Atlanta been burned so badly.

But there have been winning cross-overs. Jimmy Johnson left the University of Miami and took the Dallas Cowboys to a pair of Super Bowl wins. Speaking of Cowboys, Barry Switzer left Oklahoma after winning three national titles and he took Dallas to a 1995 Super Bowl win.

To join Switzer and Johnson, Meyer will have to learn to adjust to the NFL way of life. That means dealing with men who have big contracts. He can't have any inner circles, and he must understand he has to work with authority without being distant.

If not, Spurrier is always looking for a fourth to play golf.



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

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

CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: will meet Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

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

THE JUNGLE BOOK: is Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit thcenter.org.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet Feb. 11 at the Montgomery Presbyterian

Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

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

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

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

JACKSONVILLE CAMERA CLUB: will meet Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School, 6595 Columbia Park Ct., Jacksonville.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. at Clyde's Cozy Corner Café, 195 S. Lawrence Blvd, Keystone Heights, at 6 p.m.

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

LINDA DAVIS PRESENTS FIRST COAST OPRY AND COUNTRY AWARDS:

is Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit thcenter.org.

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

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet Feb. 25 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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THE YOUNG IRELANDERS: will perform March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit thcenter.org.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Seven local students on Valdosta State's Dean's List

VALDOSTA, Ga. – Seven former Clay County high school graduates earned spots on the Dean's List at Valdosta State University for the Fall semester.

They were: Nolan Lowery of Melrose, Kyleight Reedy and Timothy Hinson, both of Middleburg, Ashley Heichel and Julia Higdon of Orange Park and Zachary Blankenship and Kiley Amlaw of Fleming Island.

To qualify for Dean's List at VSU, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on nine or more semester hours with an institutional grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Developmental studies, transient, and graduate students are not eligible for Dean's List status.

Established in 1906, Valdosta State University is a premier comprehensive university that offers both the extensive academic, cultural, and social opportunities of a major university and the small classes and close, personal attention of smaller institutions.

Burns makes Dean's List at Mercer University

MACON, Ga. – Orange Park's Maegan

Burns, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was on the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Mercer University. Inclusion on the lists requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the University.

Founded in 1833, Mercer is a dynamic and comprehensive center of undergraduate, graduate and professional education. The University enrolls more than 9,000 students in 12 schools and colleges – liberal arts, law, pharmacy, medicine, business, engineering, education, theology, music, nursing, health professions and professional advancement – on Georgia campuses in Macon, Atlanta, Savannah and Columbus and two regional academic centers in the Atlanta metro area.

Pair of Fleming Island students on Utah's Dean's List

SALT LAKE CITY – Jackson Flynn and Kendall MacMillan, both of Fleming Island, were among the 9,700 selected to the fall Dean's List at the University of Utah.

Flynn is majoring in Business Administration; MacMillan is majoring in ballet and film and media arts.

The University of Utah is the flagship in-

stitution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world.

Green Cove Springs' Porter on Dean's List at Bucknell

LEWISBURG, Pa. – Bucknell University released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2020-21 academic year, including Danielle Porter of Green Cove Springs.

A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Bucknell is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates.

Adkins earns spot on Mercy College's Dean's List

TOLEDO, Ohio – Middleburg's Tiffany Adkins, who's studying for a Bachelor of Science in medical imaging, earned a spot on the Dean's List at Mercy College of Ohio.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point aver-

age of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours. To be named on the Honor's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.3 or higher and be enrolled for six-11 credit hours.

Mercy College of Ohio is a Catholic institution with a campus in Toledo and a location in Youngstown, Ohio. It focuses on healthcare and health science programs.

Emory & Henry puts Silvis on its Dean's List

EMORY, Va. – Morgan Silvis of Green Cove Springs earned a spot on the Emory & Henry College Fall 2020 Dean's list.

To be named to the Dean's list, students must be a full-time student and receive a 3.6 GPA for the semester.

Located in the Highlands of Virginia, Emory & Henry College has devoted itself since 1836 to the belief that education can have a transformative effect on an individual, a place and ultimately the wider world.



Facebook Question of the Week

Do you favor Donald Trump's impeachment?

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – President Donald Trump has been impeached for a second time by the House of Representatives, and the generally Republican Clay County sees the process as waste of time and effort in the federal government.

Trump's impeachment came days before the end of his term. He was not charged during the Senate trial after the first impeachment and it's still a question of whether or not he'll be charged during the trial for the second one, but Clay Today readers view all of this as a waste of time.

"I think it's a waste of time, money and effort," Tammy Roberts said. "We need to be focused on our country, not a per-

son leaving office in days."

Patrick Baller said the only reason to impeach is so Trump can't run again in 2024. A president charged by the Senate in their post-impeachment trial is barred from running for federal office ever again, and they also lose access to a number of post-presidency benefits like expenses, secret security and more. Baller said this also is a waste of taxpayer money.

Missy Leilani called it ridiculous and Larry Cross said it's "another pointless



Donald Trump

(Democratic) stunt.

"It's a big waste of our money and everybody's time," Janet Brooks said. "Instead, they should get busy working to fix the real problems in this country – getting businesses open again and people back to work. Everybody needs to stop the finger-pointing blame game and get busy."

Teri Hartley said impeachment is a "waste of taxpayer dollars" and that's it shown her Congress and the Supreme Court need term limits.

But there are those that believe Trump should have been impeached and should be charged by the Senate as a result of what happened at the Capitol Building the first week of January though.

Teresa Sanday said she believes Trump incited insurrection at the Capitol, some-

thing she said a leader should never do. She said his leadership status should be canceled as a result.

Fey said Trump should be impeached and charged for the lies she believes he's made during his presidency.

"Yes, Clinton was impeached for [a sexual act] and lying about it [to a grand jury]," Fey said. "Trump has lied his whole way through his presidency."

Where do you fall on Trump's second impeachment?

Was it the right call? Was it the wrong call?

Was it a waste of taxpayer money? Let us know what you think on the official Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page and keep an eye out for this week's Facebook Question of the Week.

Community

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Art Guild of Orange Park's 'Going Places' exhibit opens at Thrasher-Horne

ORANGE PARK – The Guild of Orange Park's exhibit "Going Places" will be on display and available to visit in the Thrasher-Horne Center Galleries from Jan. 15 to June 4.

Since 1973 the Art Guild of Orange Park has encouraged the advancement and interest of visual arts. They provide opportunities for development and enrichment of members through educational programs and workshops. Art Guild exhibits allow members to show and sell their works in many local venues like Thrasher-Horne Center.

The "Going Places" exhibit has its official debut on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This year's theme for the juried art exhibit is appropriately named

in honor of travel, which we've all missed doing.

"Going Places" exhibit is a free, open to the public, art event. Activities during this fun-filled event will include an award ceremony, stunning local artwork for purchase, and winning artist talk-backs.

The event will follow all Thrasher-Horne Center COVID-9 protocols. Thrasher-Horne Center galleries are free and open to the public weekdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More information on this and other events at Thrasher-Horne Center is available at THcenter.org or by calling (904)-276-6815.

The Thrasher-Horne Center is a performing arts venue and conference center owned and operated by St. Johns River State College. It is located on the Orange Park campus at 283 College Dr.

ver's has been committed to being an active member in its local community. On Monday, Jan. 26, Culver's of Middleburg, 1767 Blanding Blvd., will carry on that tradition by donating a portion of its sales to raise funds for Middleburg Black Creek Lions Foundation between 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Their mission is to serve those who are not served for many different reasons. The main goal is to improve the vision of those not served we support the community through food drives, disaster aid, feeding the homeless and finding ways to serve those less fortunate.

"We're proud to call Middleburg home and doing our part to help just feels right," said Sophie Lichte. "We strive to make a difference in the community we share with so many others, and working with Middleburg Black Creek Lions Foundation allows us to help support individuals and families in our area."

Culver's support of Middleburg Black Creek Lions Foundation is just part of its dedication to giving back to the community. From Culver's founders to locally owned and operated restaurants, each franchise partner and team member understands the importance of serving those in need.

Trump

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"I am a Trump Republican," Ziegler said. "That brand is one that speaks to people, that you are someone who fights for people and goes against the grain, who fights for Americans that feel they don't have a voice."

It's a different response than that seen in Washington, D.C., where a record 10 Republicans in the House just cast votes to impeach a member of their own party. But every Florida Republican in the House voted against or denounced impeachment.

Before the Electoral College vote or the riots, RPOF state chair Joe Gruters said the strong position of the party in the Sunshine State owes a lot to Trump. "This is Donald Trump's party and he will play an oversized role in national politics and in Florida," he said. "All you have to do is look at the influence with the base and our elected officials. Ron DeSantis wouldn't be Governor if it wasn't for Donald Trump."

Randy Ross, the Orange County chair for Trump's campaign in 2016, said support for Trump simply hasn't waned. "Trump has forever changed the Republican Party," he said. "We'll never be a [Jeb] Bush/[Marco] Rubio party again."

That last part seems especially rel-

evant, since Rubio, who is expected to seek reelection to the U.S. Senate, will appear on the ballot again in 2022. Gruters said DeSantis' and Rubio's reelection campaigns will be the top priorities for the party in two years.

But there's angst within the party about whether Rubio showed sufficient loyalty to Trump in the aftermath of the election. He spoke against objections to Joe Biden's electoral college win on the Senate floor following the riots. Leaders like DeBartolo were already calling for Rubio to resign ahead of that vote, and Trump ally Roger Stone, who spoke at some of the Stop The Steal events in Florida, has made noise about challenging or recruiting a primary challenge to Rubio.

Jacob Ogles has covered politics in Florida since 2000 for regional outlets including SRQ Magazine in Sarasota, The News-Press in Fort Myers and The Daily Commercial in Leesburg. His work has appeared nationally in The Advocate, Wired and other publications. Events like SRQ's Where The Votes Are workshops made Ogles one of Southwest Florida's most respected political analysts, and outlets like WWSB ABC 7 and WSRQ Sarasota have featured his insights. He can be reached at jacobogles@hotmail.com.

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Doctors, nurses and technicians give Michael Tropepe a much-deserved standing ovation after he performed a short program to show his appreciation from being brought back from death to being back on tour in a month.

Command

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Unit and at a hospital conference room for a handful of medical people dressed in scrubs, while doctor coats and masks.

The professional violinist returned to Orange Park Medical Center on Wednesday, Jan. 13., for what he called the most-important concert of his life, playing a short program for the people who saved his life.

For minutes, the music really died for Tropepe on Dec. 5. He was brought into the ORMC with no pulse after collapsing in his garage. Emergency Room doctors and nurses revived him, followed by critical care for days in Intensive Care.

Less than a week after walking out of the hospital, Tropepe returned with his violin to say thank you the best way he knew – with his music.

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“I immediately responded that would be terrific,” Tropepe said. “I did the show in case I never see those people again. They did such a great job. You want them to know how appreciative you are.”

He played “Allemande,” “Corrente” and “Giga” from Johann Sebastian Bach’s Partita in D minor, Niccolò Paganini’s “Paganini Cantabile” and Henryk Wieniawski’s “Etude No. 4 for Two Violins” while doctors, nurses and technicians watched. For most, it was the greatest show appreciation yet during a year of COVID-19 and shutdowns.

“To have an event like this, where you really get to see the people’s life that you’ve impacted, not only professionally, but personally, it’s a constant reminder



Professional violinist Michael Tropepe returned to Orange Park Medical Center a week after speeding weeks in the ER and ICU.

of why we do what we do, why we make the sacrifices that we make,” said Emergency Room Physician Dr. Justin Deaton. “It’s special to connect with someone at that level. I didn’t know Michael before he came to the hospital. Now, through our brief interaction here, I feel like I know him and I’ve connected with him. I think about that every time a patient comes through the hospital. This is a person with a family, with feelings, with pets, who has their whole life ahead of them.

“I hope our young learners, our residents, understand the message that we have a special ability to positively affect lives, especially nowadays when we constantly get negative things. We’re constantly dealing with COVID and young people who die. There’s nothing you can do about it when you’re dealing, in general, with healthcare issues.”

Tropepe was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome a year ago. It’s an

ailment where the electrical pathway in the heart causes rapid heartbeat. Some of his treatment since was derailed by the restrictions put in place for COVID-19.

Shortly after his girlfriend found him collapsed on his Orange Park garage floor, EMS found his pulseless at the scene and started CPR. He was revived, but he remained on life support for 10 days.

Once off life support, concern shifted to his brain activity.

“When you get cases like that where their heart is not beating and their brain isn’t getting any oxygen, you’re working against the clock,” Dr. Deaton said. “Just by nature, the odds are against you. The quicker you act, the sooner you can restore their circulation and get oxygen to the brain, the better their chances. When your heart stops, there’s something seriously wrong with you. The odds are not in your favor. It’s a challenge when someone comes [here] in that extreme condition to completely resuscitate them and treat them to the point where they are then able to walk out of the hospital – completely without any lasting effects from that event.”

Tropepe’s father told doctors his son wanted his violin. They thought it was a good way to see if there was any loss of memory during his medical emergency. Tropepe soon started playing music in his hospital room, and it brought a unique sense of joy and calm to everyone on the ward, Dr. Deaton said.

“The doctors thought, well when someone’s brain is deprived of oxygen, you never know how long it will take be firing back on all cylinders,” he said. “Anything that’s familiar to him, can start that process earlier. You get their synapsis firing in parts of their brain, the sooner you implement that, the more likely they are to improve quite quickly.

“Let’s bring the violin in, let him play it and see if it jumpstarts some things, get is mind back on track. On top of that, it was nice to hear a professional musician playing this classical music during day. Patients, families and nurses and doctors all really enjoyed the experience.”

For Tropepe, the violin not only brought normalcy back to his life, it proved to be therapeutic.

“I was practicing during my stay at the hospital,” he said. “They brought a violin in there for me to play. I was itching to play again after being there for a week. That meant so much to me. It was wonderful to play again.”

Other than some short-term memory loss, Tropepe said he didn’t suffer any significant damage. Weeks after being brought back from the dead, he was back on the road performing in concert halls this week.

“I’ve never heard someone play the violin like that,” Dr. Deaton said. “Literally one month ago, he was in the ICU on life support. Now he was standing in front of us playing the violin at a level that blew us away. I can explain parts of the medicine to you, but there are certain times there are things I can’t explain. This falls in that category.”

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Runners start the Florida Striders'

Resolution Run one mile fun run at the BestBet in Orange Park on Saturday. See race coverage, page 32.



Oakleaf High guard Geniyah Durante, left, puts tight guard on Hawthorne guard Jayla Williams in fourth quarter action at Martin Luther King Shootout at Hawthorne High School.

Knights lose shootout, now 15-1

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

HAWTHORNE - Oakleaf High's Fantasia James hit her first three pointer with just eight seconds off the clock in what looked to be another Lady Knight's high-flying blow-out of a state contender, but the Class 1A defending champion Hawthorne High Hornets did not blink from the early setback, but instead set about their own retaliatory response with 10 straight points; two past

the three point stripe, on the way to thrilling 51-47 Oakleaf loss Monday afternoon at the Martin Luther King Day Shootout at Hawthorne High School.

"Senior Geniyah Durante stepped up again for us like she did on Thursday against Nease and made big plays at the end," said Oakleaf coach Fred Cole, now 15-1 while Hawthorne improved to 12-3. "That was a good team. I don't believe the whole 1A, 5A, 7A thing because there are only five people on the court. That's why

they are state champions."

Notably off their game after holding off 7A Nease just four days ago, Cole, who was without Kaylah Turner, one of his "Three Amigas" while Hawthorne's two point guards; Jayla Williams and Kentavia Hagins showed off their three point shooting acumen, was mixing and matching defensive schemes to slow the momentum down.

"She will return to the team soon," said

SEE HOOPS, 27

Clay punches back at 2A clash with Broncos

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - Dominating has been the Clay High forte at girls weightlifting the past decade, albeit in Class 1A, but the Lady Blue Devils answered some questions on moving to the bigger Class 2A ranks, with 2A regular Middleburg High throwing their own weight (pun intended) around, with a Clay County title Friday afternoon at Oak-

leaf High School.

"They are a good target as they have been one of the strongest Class 1A programs for a long time and we're chasing them," said Middleburg coach Rhiannon Weiskopf, who chased to second place with

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Clay High weightlifter Sam Migliore gets steady with her clean and jerk at Clay County Weightlifting Championships. Area lifters will be at districts this week.



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Ridgeview High guard Paetyn Miller drives past Fletcher defender in thrilling match won by Fletcher on last second three pointer.

So close to a major upset!

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - A 23-7 first quarter lead by visiting Fletcher High, 16-1, was not enough to squelch the intensity of the Ridgeview High Lady Panthers in their Friday night clash with sophomore Mia-Bella Gutierrez's lockdown defensive effort and a 24 point effort from freshman center Nia Blocton as the team fought back, took a lead, but, in the end, a three point shot at the final buzzer ended the night with Fletcher stealing a 60-57 win in the Ridgeview High gymnasium.

"I told them at halftime to put their foot on the gas and not to take it off in the second half," said Ridgeview High coach Amber Amato. "Mia-Bella was told to stay with their top scorer; three point ace Elana Espenship, and stay in her face the rest of the game."

Espenship, near 1,000 points in her Fletcher career, rocked the Lady Panthers

for four three pointers in the first eight minutes of play got the Fletcher the early lead with Amato and her team scratching their heads for a solution.

"She was just throwing the ball up from the top of the key and making it and we had to get in her face," said Amato. "It would have been a long night if Mia did not do her job."

Espenship sank one more three in the second quarter as Fletcher continued to surge despite a strong first half effort from Blocton, a leading scorer, rebounder and assist maker in north Florida, making plays in the paint throughout the night to keep pace.

"She has been averaging nearly a triple double every night since the season started," said Amato. "As she goes, we go and she goes hard every night."

Ridgeview guards Paetyn Miller and

SEE CLOSE, 27

Turner, Ferebee, fuel Knights battle with Nease

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

OAKLEAF - With top scorer Taliah Scott exiting early with fouls, the "Three Amigas" of Oakleaf; Scott, Kaylah Turner and Fantasia James were one down against one of the top coaches in Florida in a clash of powerhouses Thursday night at Oakleaf High School.

"We learned that we can rely on our sixth, seventh and eighth players to hold the line," said Oakleaf coach Fred Cole, who saw Turner, normally a defensive stalwart for Cole, turn up the volume on offense after Scott sat with nearly seven minutes still in the very intense game. "Next man up, we practice hard for these types of games from the top down. They roared and we responded."

The dagger for a Nease final finishing

surge went to junior forward Trinity Ferebee who hit a key layup and grabbed the game ending rebound in a scrum to halt the Panthers' final efforts to steal the game.

"We all work together, but when I got out there, I knew I had to make the play," said Ferebee. "I kind of felt it was a momentum changer, but at the time, I just wanted to hit the shot and contribute."

Turner, with a three pointer at 1:32 left in the first period, got Oakleaf a 16-14 lead as both teams traded aggressive, in-your-pocket defenses for offensive strategy.

"I've developed my midrange shot all season and got that pretty solid for games like this where everyone has to contribute," said Turner. "When Taliah fouled out, I had to step up."

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Oakleaf High guard Taliah Scott gets squeezed by two Nease High defenders in Lady Knights win on Thursday.

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Cole. "No excuse, her not out there makes a difference."

With his now two of "Three Amigas"; James and top scorer Taliah Scott, seemingly befuddled by the turned tables, it would a strategic shift in defense on Hawthorne's center post player; 6'-3" University of North Carolina-Charlotte commit Mya McGraw that would determine the Lady Knights second half woes and goes.

"I think we came out kind of sluggish and then woke up at halftime," said Cole. "We outplayed them in the second half, but the fact is, they outplayed us in the first half and we had a big hill to climb."

In the first half, with Williams and Hagins rattling the Knights cage with their own brand of bombs away shooting and Mc-

Graw and 6'-1" teammate Saideriel Oliver sweeping the boards, Oakleaf was reduced to an unlikely 35-14 gap at the half.

With a second half defense intent on slowing down the Hornet roll, Cole employed a collapsible cage on McGraw with Scott and James tasked to preventing the incoming overhead pass under the backboard and senior guard Geniyah Durante pestering Williams from the halfcourt stripe.

With James misfiring on her first pass from the start, Durante regrouped her team and hit a driving layup that Hagins responded to with another three-pointer.

Shutting down the Hawthorne lanes, Durante on top; Scott and James in McGraw's shorts, Oakleaf got their scoring engine running with a 12-3 run; a Durante three, a Durante jumper plus a free throw and a third Durante jumper with James

squeezing a jumper in as the Lady Knights rebounded to a 38-26 hint of a comeback.

Cole's wrap on McGraw was effective as Hawthorne slowed their game uncharacteristically, thus, opening the door to the Durante show to bring Oakleaf back into the fight.

James ended the stanza with a blocked shot and breakaway layup to put Oakleaf within striking distance at 38-28.

James went on a tear to open the fourth with three straight jumpers off a Scott free throw to put the score at 43-35 near the six minutes to go mark.

At 5:07, Scott hit what looked to be the incoming salvos of the finishing dagger for Hawthorne's efforts with Durante swishing two threes from the corner to get Oakleaf to within a field goal; 46-44 with 3:20 on the clock.

Unfortunately, Oakleaf's up-tight defen-

sive strategy proved costly in fouls with Hawthorne awarded bonus free throws near the two minute mark. Without that intel, Hawthorne went to a full court pressure defense to force mistakes and make Oakleaf work to get the ball upcourt.

A Durante to Scott pass got the Knights to within one point; 48-47, with a three and a trap on McGraw from Scott and Trinity Ferebee force Hawthorne into a timeout to squelch a big momentum explosion should Oakleaf nail a go-ahead shot with 28 seconds to go.

Hawthorne played keep away, got two runs to the free throw line and finished the game 51-47.

"Now that pressure of who is going to beat us is off," said Cole. "We have to respond with big games against Flagler Palm Coast, Terry Parker, Bishop Kenny and Andrew Jackson to finish the season."



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island High forward Ahman Greenidge takes down rebound in Golden Eagles win over Oakleaf High School.

Fleming Island avenges early loss to Oakleaf

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

OAKLEAF - Fleming Island High boys basketball coach Traavis Chandler said the 2021 Golden Eagles team would be a lot better than the 2020 team that lost a home match against Oakleaf High.

And, on Friday, Chandler proved prophetic.

"We are a different team than we were when we first met" said Chandler. "We are much more confident than we were a month ago, and we know what we are looking for on offense."

After falling behind 12-9 early in the first quarter, Fleming Island slowly and methodically in the second quarter tightened their grip and kept pulling. With a layup from Ahman Greenidge at 3:14 in the second, the Golden Eagles took a lead that they never relinquished to a 52-44 in the Oakleaf High gym.

Using a zone defense during what at times looked like full contact basketball, then moving to a heavy press early in the fourth quarter, the Golden Eagles kept the Knights against the ropes as Oakleaf

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Battle

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James answered with a three pointer to add to Turner's salvo as Oakleaf started to get hot on the three point stripe including Scott as the Lady Knights befuddled the Nease tight defense to go up 31-18 in a span of just two minutes.

"We knew they were not going to quit and we had to stay on the offensive," said Cole. "That's a Hall of Fame coach with a handful of deep playoff runs. We knew she would adjust at the half. We got split a lot on our press and will work on that. They were getting rebounds and second, third shots out there, but they are a Final Four program."

Oakleaf continued to sing the nets to

a 42-28 seemingly insurmountable lead en route to Scott sending the Panthers into the lockers with a final three and a 47-37 lead.

Cole's prophecy of the Panthers' surging after the half proved prophetic as coach Sherri Anthony had her team meeting the Knights offense nearly at halfcourt to squelch open three point shots while taking advantage of a rather loose foul-calling whistle by the referees; both teams were over 10 team fouls early in the second quarter with Oakleaf tagged to giving up bonus free throws near the six minute mark of the fourth quarter.

"Teams of this caliber should be just playing ball and not shooting free throws all night," said a clearly agitated Anthony as she left the court.

That being said after the game, Nease did come back to as close as 59-55 with 1:25 to go in the third before Turner hit a three that rolled Anthony's eyes on the sideline in an exasperation of her defensive efforts.

"I have said, you guard one, we have one with an off night, it's nice to have the rest of the team on the same page," said Cole. "We have had four big games in a row this week and needed this to prepare us for playoffs."

James would double down to start the fourth with her own three with Turner again bringing the house down with a bomb to get the score to 69-60. Scott exited the game at 69-60 with Nease sensing another opportunity to dent the Knights' lead but Turner quickly extinguished the thought

with a will-breaking jumper then an offensive rebound conversion to push Oakleaf to a 73-64 lead. With Cole trading in his speed game for inside prowess with Ferebee, Adrianna Coleman and Dasiah Mason clogging the lane, it was Ferebee who took a baseline pass from guard Geniya Durante and sunk a layup that put a screech on some Nease momentum for a final run. Ferebee would hustle down court on defense and come up with a game-ending rebound in a scrum under the Nease basket to end the game.

Cole's season had just two days to simmer down with a gauntlet of games to follow; Hawthorne (11-3) on Monday, Flagler Palmer Coast (10-5) on Tuesday and Terry Parker on Wednesday.

Close

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Alyssa Sherman traded baskets throughout the second period with both hitting threes as the Lady Panthers chipped away at the explosive Fletcher lead to get to the half down just 35-29.

In the third, Sherman got the hot hand for most of her 15 points with Gutierrez nailing a key three point play; layup plus a foul, to give Ridgeview their first lead; 47-43 with just two seconds left in the third.

Fletcher would regain the lead, 49-47, as the fourth quarter started, but Blocton battled for three successive offensive rebounds before nailing a layup to keep pace.

Miller added two free throws off a drive to the basket for two of her 12 points and a 53-50 Ridgeview lead with 3:52 left in the game as Amato had her fingers crossed that her team's gas tank still had some fumes.

"The whole team was outthrusting them to loose balls and playing big time playoff caliber ball," said Amato. "We were holding on one of the top teams in the state and the girls were definitely riding the momen-

tum."

A jumper by Sherman got the lead to 55-50 with just about two minutes go go, but a jumper and a three pointer by the other Espenship, sophomore sister Olivia, tied the game with less than a minute.

A drive by Miller yielded no basket and no foul call on the mugging under the boards and Fletcher went to running the clock for a final shot.

Finding Elana Espenship off the corner with just four seconds with Gutierrez plastered to the front of her jersey, Espenship threw up the three pointer and hit all net.

"I told them this one stings, but our effort proved that we can play at a high level against good teams; Fletcher being a top Class 6A school; ranked 20th on Maxpreps," said Amato, now 10-6. "We played terrible in our win against Keystone Heights on Thursday, a much improved team with just one win, and then do this. When we want to, we can play."

Against Keystone Heights, a 40-38 win with Keystone Heights scoring 24 fourth quarter points after quarters of 2, 5, 7, Miller was top scorer with 18 points with Blocton held to 12, but with 14 rebounds.



Ridgeview High center Nia Blocton, right, gets defense in face of Fletcher guard Elana Espenship in Lady Panthers thrilling buzzer beater loss to once-beaten Lady Senators.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Trinity Ferebee
Oakleaf High, Basketball, #22

Trinity Ferebee, a sixth man player for the undefeated Oakleaf High girls basketball team, had two of the biggest plays of the night in a tense game with district and region rival Nease High, then 14-2, with a key layup on one end to push the Knights' lead and a rebound on the defensive side to seal the 82-77 victory.



Coll Robertson
Coach, Lake Asbury
Junior High Wrestling

Coll Robertson, a former Ridgeview High wrestling standout, got 12 Lake Asbury finalists; four champions, to defeat Green Cove Springs and win the Clay County Junior High Wrestling title.

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Lift

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Clay winning at 71 points, Middleburg at 47 and Ridgeview edging Oakleaf for third; 39-37. "We've got a pretty good team at Middleburg and now they are with the bigger schools. This was our first time seeing them (Clay). We'll see them at districts next week."

In probably the most competitive weight class of the day; 110 pounds, Oakleaf High's Tamira Briley and Clay High's Sam Migliore traded upsmanships throughout the day with Briley's record-setting bench press prowess holding the line winning a duel that showcases two possible state champions coming home in February. Briley benched at 170 with Migliore at 135, while both cleared impressive clean and jerk lifts; 160 for Briley and 155 for Migliore to put both hats in the ring for state podium finishes. "That's a good matchup for the county championships, but we are 3A and they are 2A," said Oakleaf coach Ben White. "It would be nice to see both coming home with golds."

Both totals; 330 for Briley, 290 for Migliore were 80 plus pounds ahead of third place, Gabrielle Etheridge of Clay at 210.

Clay got wins at 101 from Morgan Greer over Ridgeview's Brienne Adams with Orange Park's Dianna White third; 119 from Riley Ledford; 139 from Bailey Kumm; 154 from Janiyah Stevens' 169 from Serena Torres and Unlimited Kyleigh LeFary.

For Stevens, just a sophomore and a state qualifier last year, another dominating win has come simply by focus. Behind Stevens was Middleburg's Ali Cox.

"She simply does everything in her day to improve her weightlifting and that's the sign of a champion," said Clay coach Rodney Keller, noting Stevens total at state last year was 260; her total at Oakleaf was 340. "Sleep, eat, rest, recover, lift, cardio, study is all about improving her sport. It's a beautiful thing."

Stevens only executed two lifts for the win with districts next week.

"I was pretty comfortable coming in for the win and confident that I didn't have to go big to win," said Stevens. "I'm pretty Zen-like when I'm out there. I was pushed at Suwannee."

Stevens, who crushed the competition before the Christmas break at a pseudo-pre state invitational against powerhouse Suwannee High School, the formula is a combination of working hard and having the coaching of experienced state meet former Clay lifters like Lindsey Brooks and Autumn Null in the room.

"They are both relaxed competitors that focus on the details," said Stevens. "They are very reassuring."

Middleburg got titles at 199 from Katlyn Griffin; at 183 from Jewell Taylor and 129 from Leslie Catlett.

"Katlyn Griffin is a possible state placer, she's been there twice before," said Weiskopf. "We have two or three girls that can get to state. With districts next week, we were not going all out so we'll see."



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Clay High sophomore lifter Jeniyah Stevens powers up during her individual title at Clay County Girls Weightlifting Championships at Oakleaf High School.



Clay High held off strong run by Middleburg High in first match between Blue Devils, formerly in Class 1A now in Class 2A, and Broncos, a Class 2A program in Clay's new district.



Oakleaf High's Ellie Bronson smiles with her lift get the "Good" from officials.



Clay High Riley Ledford, with coach Autumn Null behind her, gets set to bench press on way to Clay County title.

Middleburg High's Katelyn Griffin is Lady Bronco powerhouse set for her third state meet ticket.



Girls Weightlifting

Region 1 district 2 Class 3A

District Tournament: at Oakleaf, Fri., Jan. 22 11am start
Region Tournament: at Flagler Palm Coast, Sat., Jan. 30 11am start

Bartram Trail, Creekside, Fleming Island, Mandarin, Oakleaf

Region 2. District 6 Class 2A

District Tournament: at St. Augustine, Wed., Jan. 20 3:30pm start
Region Tournament: at St. Augustine, Wed., Jan. 27 3:30pm start

Clay, Middleburg, Gainesville, Matanzas, Ponte Vedra, St. Augustine

Region 2 District 5 Class 2A

District Tournament: at Ridgeview, Sat., Jan. 23 Noon start

Ed White, Englewood, Orange Park, Ridgeview, Lee, Terry Parker, Westside

Region 2 District 5 Class 1A

District Tournament: at Interlachen, Sat, Jan. 23 Noon start
Region Tournament: at Father Lopez, Fri., Jan. 29 4:30pm start

Bradford, Eastside, Keystone Heights, Santa Fe, Union County

State championships at Arnold High School, Panama City Beach, Thurs.-Sat. Feb. 11-13

3A: Thurs., Feb. 11

2A: Fri., Feb. 12

1A: Sat., Feb. 13

Eagles

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became their own worst enemy by going only 37 percent from the line on free throws; points that may have changed the outcome.

Fleming Island's Greenidge was on fire, especially from the line, going 8 for 13 on his way to a team high 16 points. Colton Zapp was a monster from the outside hitting four 3-pointers on his way to a 14 point night. The balance on offense showed as Fleming Island found the secret sauce of who to have on the court together to compliment each other, as well as find ways to shut down the Knight's attack.

"We just had to find guys who could get the stops" said Chandler. "The tough part was finding the combination of guys who could get stops and put the ball in the basket. Just finding the right combination that, fortunately, we found something that worked."

After Greenidge worked the Golden Eagles into the lead, the team cashed in on the Knight's misses, grabbing the boards, and draining shots in the last two minutes of the half to push out to a 31-22 half lead.

The third quarter was a defensive showcase as both teams scored a combined 13 points. There was action, but it was all take-aways, and passing for a 37-29 Golden Eagle lead.

"It's an in-county rivalry and we just tried to settle them down as much as possible, trust the offense, and from there," said Chandler. "We were able to find a little bit of separation."

In the fourth, Fleming Island flipped a switch with 6:30 left to play and simply harassed the Knights right from the throw-in. Wearing the Knights like a jacket, Fleming Island frustrated the Knights, keeping them from getting any sort of quality shots, scooped up the rebounds, then took it to the house over and over. The Knights went to intentional fouls to try and get the ball back, but Fleming Island did not have the same issue from the line that the Knights were suffering, going 50 percent on free throws all night and opening up the lead. Price, seeing there was not enough time left to mount any sort of charge, pulled his team back in the closing seconds, and could do no more than watch Fleming Island demonstrate their passing skills until the last buzzer on the 52-44 loss.

According to Chandler, the Golden Eagles are nowhere close to where they ultimately want to be.

"In December we were still trying to figure out a lot of new varsity guys. Now we are settling down, a 5 game winning streak, picking it up at the right time."

The Golden Eagles have one week and three games left to fine tune before tournament play begins January 26. Oakleaf as well has a week of three games to try and find the balance if they want to make any sort of run in the post season.

Girls Weightlifting: 2012

Steinmetz 'psyches' for gold

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK – Ridgeview High junior weightlifter Jordan Steinmetz utilized a little gamesmanship at the FHSAA state weightlifting championships Saturday afternoon in Kissimmee and the gamble paid off with a first-ever state weightlifting title for Ridgeview High. Steinmetz won the 199-lb. weight division.

"My technique was a lot more solid this year," said Steinmetz, who finished in top five last year. "I was stronger, faster and more confident. It was very intense."

Hopper commented that Steinmetz was in the middle of a cadre of great lifters from around the state, but that in the two weeks from her sectional qualifier until the state meet, she worked almost exclusively on technique.

"We always say that heavier weight doesn't create flaws, but reveals them," said Hopper. "We saw some footwork that we could adjust and also worked on the snap of the lift. The judges at the state meet are very tough and will negate a lift on the slightest technique flaw. We went almost perfect."

At the sectional meet in St. Augustine two weeks prior, Steinmetz had lifted



Ridgeview High state champ lifter Jordan Steinmetz with coach Perry Hopper show off bling from her championship moment in 2012.

two personal best lifts in both events; the bench press and the clean and jerk, so the state meet was going to have more drama as she would have to be better than those two lifts once again.

"We kind of thought that the two lifts from the sectionals would get her close to third or fourth, but that if she lifted flawlessly, another girl might make a mistake and move us up," said Hopper. "There were two or three girls that had better qualifying lifts than her, but the nerves at state are incredible."

Steinmetz opened at 170, hit at 180 and then benched 190 to put the pressure on her opponents.

"Once I hit the 190 on the bench, I knew I had a good shot at the title," said Steinmetz. "They had to catch me."

On the clean and jerk, Steinmetz lifted

up to 160, her best, and was technique out at 170.

"I tried to get another personal best, but I bumped the weight to my shoulders and they called it," said Steinmetz.

In the final rounds of the meet, Steinmetz stayed relaxed as she was the target and had already put the pressure on the rest of the field.

"Another thing we say about weightlifting is that courage can be a deciding factor in how much weight a competitor is willing to put over their head," said Hopper. "It is unnatural to want to lift 170 pounds over your head or to put it on your chest. Jordan's confidence in her technique made the difference."

In the unlimited division, Keystone Heights' Morgan Boettcher and Sabrina Stidd of Clay battled to third and fourth place spots.

Other area competitors who placed were Bryanna Bincreek (CHS), 20th at 101-lbs.; Alexandra Hamilton (CHS) and Krysten Scarborough (MHS) both scratched on clean and jerk in 101; Aleyah Litchfield (CHS) 8th at 199, Angelica Greene (FIHS) scratch at 199; Telesha Felder (OPHS) 15th at 183; Lexi Taylor (OPHS) 21st at 154; Alisha Lauderdale (FIHS) scratch at 154; Breanna Fitzhugh (CHS) scratch at 139; Sara Teschendorf (CHS) 16th at 129; Diondre Clinksdale Bell (MHS) 20th at 129; Maleah O'Shea (FIHS) 18th at 119; Jealyn Miller (KHHS) 21st at 110; Shawna Kirlew (OPHS) scratch at 110.

Lake Asbury wins county wrestling title

Clay, Fleming Island: HS
Duals States Jan. 22-23

By **Randy Lefko**
Sports Editor

MIDDLEBURG - Buoyed by numbers in the finals, Lake Asbury Junior High's wrestling team used just three individual champions to win the Clay County Junior High Wrestling Championships with Green Cove Springs placing second with nine champions.

The six-team field was tight in the top four team scores with Lake Asbury getting 303.5 points just 10 points ahead of Green Cove with Wilkinson at 248.5 and Oakleaf at 220.0. Lakeside was fifth with Orange Park sixth.

In an awesome display of wrestling on their own, four female wrestlers, led by 77 pound champion Payton Dias of Lake Asbury, who won a grueling 8-7 title over Oakleaf's Connor Barnes was top female wrestler of the day in competitive matches that sprinkled throughout the weight classes.

At 82 pounds, Wilkinson's Bayleigh Girgis lost a tough 10-7 semifinal to Lake Asbury's Braden Phenneger before roaring back in the third place match with two near falls of Orange Park's John Humer to win a 9-1 major decision.

Lily Bradshawn, 85 out of Wilkinson, got pinned in her semifinal then turned the tables on Lakeside's Joseph Hill with her own third period pin for the bronze medal.

At 97, Wilkinson got Kylie Gerber in the finals with Brady Glavin winning a tougher than the score looks 10-0 major decision.

After Dias' opening match win, Lake Asbury's team got titles from Michael Micelli by pin over Phenneger at 82; Lemmy Kirkland by pin over Angel Rodriguez of Oakleaf at 85 and Jordan Hernandez with



Clay County Junior High Wrestling official Brian Huckleberry hands over team championship trophy to Lake Asbury Junior High team after Clay County Junior High Wrestling championships saw Tigers hold off strong showing from Green Cove Springs and Wilkinson.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

a pin over Noah Montoro of Wilkinson at 197.

For Green Cove, nine individual titles wasn't enough to upend the Lake Asbury depth with the Cougars getting titles to Brady Glavin at 97 over Wilkinson's Gerber; Shane Duhaylongsod at 102 over Lake Asbury's Jacob Bucci 2-1; Vonte Burke at 108 with a pin on Oakleaf's Sebastian Bonachea; Laird Duhaylongsod at 115 with a pin over Caleb Eastwood of Lake Asbury; Cooper Beck at 122 with a 10-3 win over Rylan Herrera of Lake Asbury; Eli Erby at 134 with a 9-0 major decision over Oakleaf's Kailani Barrientos; Angel Salitre-Garcia at 140 who survived a near fall

situation to turn Mason Phillips of Lake Asbury over and pin just before the third period ended; Dylan Beck at 147 who pinned Merrick Joiner of Wilkinson and Tayshawn Tate at 154 who pinned Braden Ringer of Lake Asbury.

Oakleaf got two champions in Bryant Taylor at 162 who pinned Walter Poe of Green Cove and Jeremiah Baker at 172 who pinned Brody Lyda of Lake Asbury.

Wilkinson got three titles; Jordan Walker at 92 with a pin over Chris McKeel of Oakleaf; Dyllan Dalager at 184 with a pin over Lukas Graham of Lake Asbury and Kendrick O'Neal with a pin over Aaron Stacy of Green Cove Springs.

In high school wrestling duals state tournament action, Fleming Island and Clay both advanced to the championship tournament to be held Friday and Saturday, Jan. 22-23 at Osceola High School.

Fleming Island heads to the region 1-3A championship on Friday after winning bouts of 56-16 over Flagler Palm Coast and 58-19 over Gainesville Buchholz last week to advance. Fleming Island will face Timber Creek for the region title and the green light to head to the 3A Final Four on Saturday with South Dade the defending state champion in the mix again.

Clay, with wins over Episcopal (62-7)

SEE TITLE, 31



Tiny Payton Dias of Lake Asbury got the championship run going with her win at 77 pounds.



Green Cove Springs' Shane Duhaylongsod won a tight 3-2 battle over Jacob Bucci of Lake Asbury for 102 title. Duhaylongsod's brother Laird also won individual title.



Lake Asbury's Lemmy Kirkland puts the pin on Oakleaf's Angel Rodriguez for title at 85 pounds.

Title

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and Yulee (62-10) in their region openers advances to face long-time rival Wakulla High on Friday. Clay recently got a dual meet win over Flagler Palm Coast as a tune up for the state tournament.

A win by Clay over Wakulla puts the

Blue Devils, back under the direction of Jim Reape, in the mix with the likes of Cardinal Gibbons, Hernando, Somerset Academy, Anclote, Lemon Bay and Palm Bay. Wakulla posted wins of 81-0 and 73-6 in their region wins over Rocky Bayou and South Walton. Multiple time Class 1A champion Lake Highland Prep is no longer in the FHSAA playoff system and will not compete.

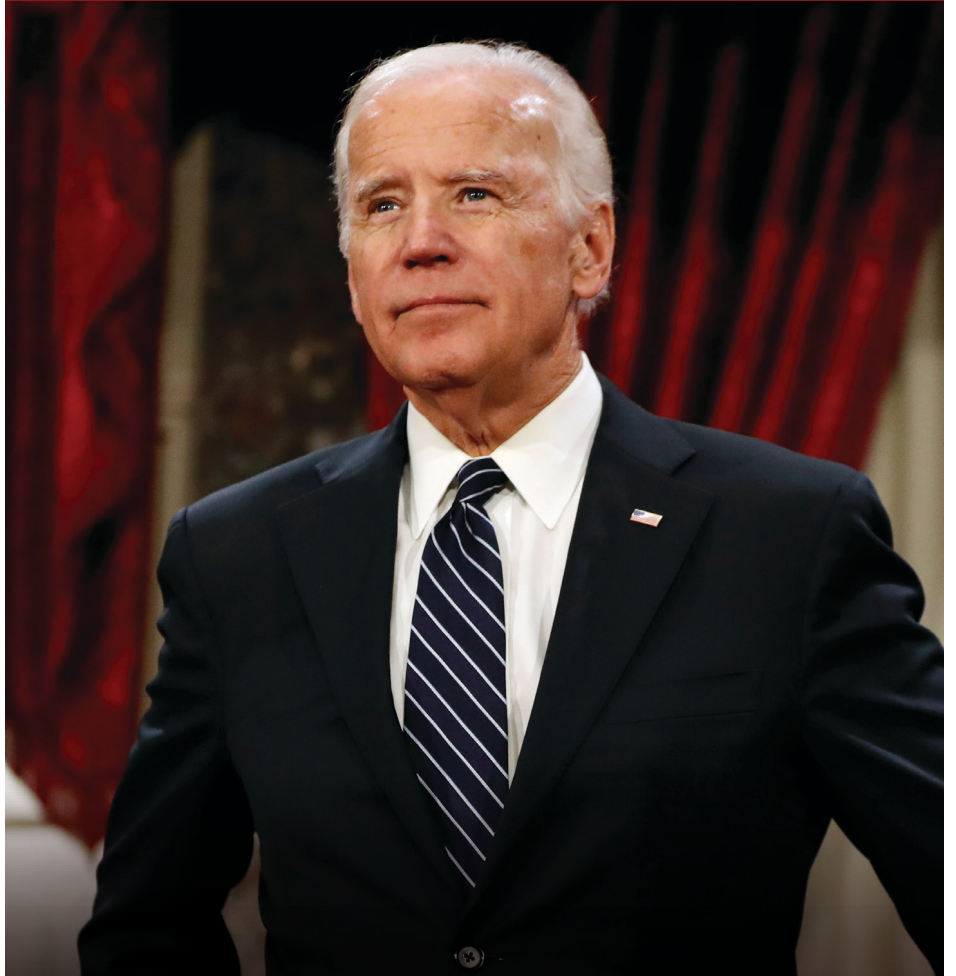


Wilkinson got a title from Daniel Raines at 128 with win over Chrstian Rodriguez.



Green Cove Springs' Dylan Beck flattens Wilkinson's Merrick Joiner at 147 pounds.

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Fast Sem wins Resolution Run 5K

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Former Mandarin High cross country and track star Sem Sultanov, a face familiar to Fleming Island High running races, blasted the Resolution Run 5K with a 15 minutes flat split to open the New Year with speed on the roads.

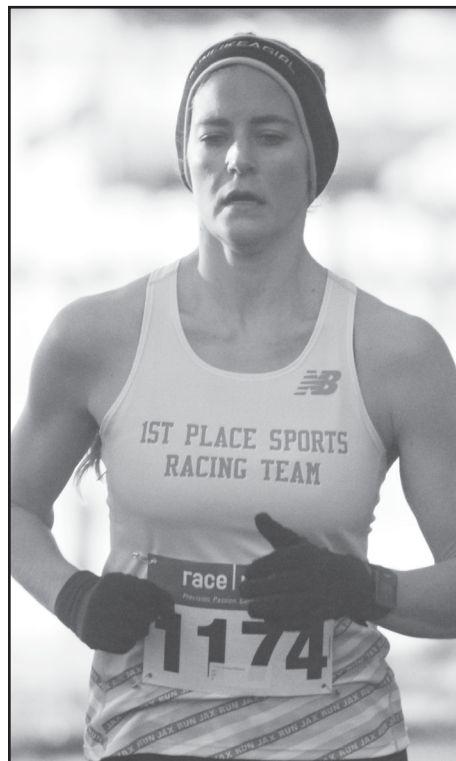
Sultanov, 23, a University of North Florida runner now, has won a few races prior to Saturday's Florida Striders event with a recent win at the 1st Place Sports New Years 5K race on January 2.

At the Resolution run, Sultanov broke early from the pack to win by more than 90 seconds over runner Christopher McCaffrey, 34, a Jacksonville stalwart, who

SEE 5K, 33

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Jacksonville running veteran Amelia Williams held off strong womens field for win.



Sem Sultanov, a former Mandarin High running star and now at University of North Florida, takes early lead at Resolution Run 5K en route to win Saturday in Orange Park.



Orange Park's newest running mom, Belissa Del Valle, took second female in strong return to the roads.



Natalie Versage, 12, finished fourth in age group with 32:06 time for Resolution Run 5K.



Running veteran Annette Shannon gets quick look at watch to make sure her first 800 meters of Resolution Run 5K was on pace.



Area football coach Evan Scharf escorts two daughters in fast-pace one mile run in Resolution Run Fun Run.



Left: Young runner is all smiles in Fun Run one miler.



Right: Area psychologist Joni Neidigh conducts business on the run.



Orange Park High cross country coach Bernie Bernara makes finish line in good time to impress his team.

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finished in 16:34. Neil Chandler, 47, was third at 16:53.

Oakleaf High freshman runner Graham Myers, 14, finished fifth overall with a 17:16 effort.

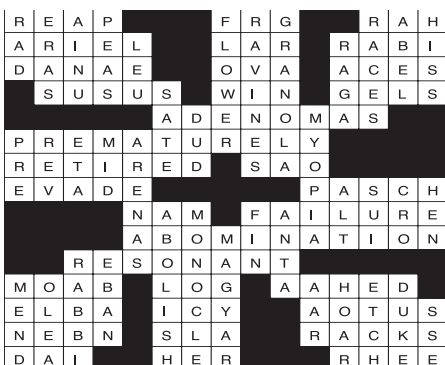
For the womens, Amelia Williams, 28, also a Jacksonville regular, posted an 18:31 time to take 13th overall and the women's top prize.

Orange Park's newest running mom, Belissa Del Valle, 33, posted a 19:41 effort for second female with Paige Poehler, 30, third at 19:52.

Master's champs were Jeff Provenzano, 46, and Christy Astorga, 40, in 17:21 and 20:42, respectively.

There were 516 finishers. Next race is January 23 at the Green Cove Springs' Military Museum of North Florida that will be the stage for the HellCat 10K/30K/50K ultradistance runs.

Runners will run a 10K loop around historic Lee Field, home to the US Navy F6F Hellcat fighter jet of World War II. The 50K starts at 7 a.m. with the 30K and 10K off at 8 a.m.



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Clue: Cease working

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Clue: Detailed proposal

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 10-2018-DP-000059
DIVISION: JV-E

**IN THE INTEREST OF:
L.C., DOB: 09/03/2019
A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO:**

**Donald W. Combs, FATHER
53 Old Hard Road
Fleming Island, Florida 32003.
Middleburg FL 32068
(904) 291-2687/(904)592-9336**
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, L.C. who

was born on September 3, 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 9:30 a.m. o'clock on February 5, 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 crtrintp@coj.net at least

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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 8th day of January, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Denise Rosenbloom
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 47222 published Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 and Feb 4, 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 CHEVR IGND513S842177802
2001 Toyota JT2BG22K110536237
2006 CHEVR 2CNDL63F666011754
The auction will be held on 02/08/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 47273 published Jan 14, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT RULE

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE
District Board of Trustees
Addition of SJR Rule 1.39
The District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College will hold a public hearing for the following rules to be taken into consideration:
Addition of SJR Rule 1.39 - Board Self-Evaluation
The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the Criminal Justice Multipurpose Room (J-149), on the St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Drive, St. Augustine, Florida. Authority for the rules is found in Florida Statutes, Section 1004.085. Estimated economic impact on all affected persons cannot be determined at this time. Written comments may be submitted within 14 days of the date of this notice to:
Melissa Miller, Senior Vice President/General Counsel
St. Johns River State College
5001 St. Johns Avenue
Palatka, Florida 32177

Substantially affected persons may, within 14 days of the date of this notice, file an objection to this rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rules to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection. The full text of the proposed rules is available upon request.
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 47226 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number:
10-2020-CP-000525-CPAX-XX
In Re: The Estate of NORMAN E. PHILLIPS, a/k/a NORMAN EARL PHILLIPS, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of

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NORMAN E. PHILLIPS, a/k/a NORMAN EARL PHILLIPS, deceased, whose date of death was August 15, 2020; is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN 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 publication of this notice is: January 21, 2021.
Robert A. Doherty, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 0071870
100 Rialto Place, Suite 700
Melbourne, Florida 32901
Telephone: (321) 727-0056
Email: bdoherlylaw@gmail.com
Sue I. Noe
Personal Representative
1110 Parkside Place
Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937
Legal 47249 published Jan 21 and Jan 28, 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:
White Cloud

Located at 1635 Wells Rd. #6, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida on the 14th day of January, 2021.
Owner's name/corporation:
parisakarim llc
Legal 47259 published January 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
Case Number: 2021-CP-000014
Division: A

IN RE: ESTATE OF RAMON ANTONIO ALVAREZ, Deceased.

You are hereby notified that the administration of the Estate of Ramon Antonio Alvarez, has been opened in the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the physical address of which is 825 Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, and the mailing address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Maria Forte, Delores Alvarez, and Ramon Alvarez, Jr. have been appointed as the Personal Representatives of the Estate of Ramon Antonio Alvarez, Deceased, whose address for purposes of this publication is c/o Law Office of Suzanne C. Quinonez, P.A., Post Office Box 130, Middleburg, FL 32050-0130.
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections, challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are

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required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims, in duplicate, with the Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims, in duplicate, with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is: January 21, 2021.
Attorney: Law Office of Suzanne C. Quinonez, P.A.
Post Office Box 130
Middleburg, FL 32050-0130
(904) 282-6022
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pleadings@quinonezlaw.com (SERVICE OF PLEADINGS/DOCUMENTS ONLY)
correspondence@quinonezlaw.com (CORRESPONDENCE)
Personal Representative:
Maria Forte, Delores Alvarez, and Ramon Alvarez, c/o Law Office of Suzanne C. Quinonez, P.A.
Post Office Box 130
Middleburg, FL 32050-0130
Legal 47269 published Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC SALE

Sale Date: February 2, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
Location: 4225 CR 218, Middleburg, Florida
Vehicle: 2005 FORD
VIN# 1FTSX21515EB75281
Legal 46260 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives Notice to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on Feb 4, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
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Legal 47270 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 02/03/2021 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.
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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:
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Located at 522 Jimbay Dr, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Orange Park, Florida on the 15th day of January, 2021.
Owner's name/corporation:
Cedric Eugene Walker
Legal 47268 published January 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

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 crtrintp@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

Clay County Towing gives notice of lien and intent to sell the following vehicles at 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068 at date and time listed below:
FEBRUARY 12, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
2003 Honda 1HGCM56613A006576
1992 Chevrl 1GDCD14H1NE217842
Legal 47251 publish Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration)
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 20-CP-630
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF WALLACE BYRON FARLEY
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of WALLACE BYRON FARLEY, deceased, File Number 20-CP-630, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was August 27, 2020; that the total value of the estate is less than \$36,742.20 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name/Address
Camille Farley
3335 Doctors Lake Drive
Orange Park, FL 32073

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 1st at NOON and remain open until Friday, February 5th 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 2nd 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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ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 14, 2021.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice
KEVIN R. ALBAUM, ESQ.
Attorney

Florida Bar Number: 112346
Clark, Campbell, Lancaster & Munson, P.A.
500 South Florida Avenue, Suite 800
Lakeland, Florida 33801
Telephone: (863) 647-5337
Fax: (863) 647-5012
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Secondary E-Mail:
Jbelcher@clmlaw.com
Person Giving Notice:

CAMILLE FARLEY
3335 Doctors Lake Drive
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Legal 47228 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

RE-NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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

CASE NO.: 2013-CA-001080
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, Plaintiff,
Vs
PETER J. HORTEN; LISA A. HORTEN; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 6, 2018 and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-001080 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE GSAMP TRUST 2006-NC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, is Plaintiff and PETER J. HORTEN; LISA A. HORTEN; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, are Defendants, the Office of Tara S. Green, Clay County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com, at 10:00 AM on the 4th day of March, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 9-A OF BROOKLYN LAKE ESTATES ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 ON PAGES 39 AND 40 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE MOST NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 5.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOODLAND DRIVE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S 38° 50' 30" W, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 320.0 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE RUN N 51° 09' 30" W, PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AND THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE

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OF LOT 9-A, A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9-A; THENCE RUN N 38° 50' 30" E, A LONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY LINE, 320.00 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WOODLAND DRIVE; THENCE RUN S 51° 09' 30" E, A LONG THE SAID SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING
Property Address: 6499 Woodland Dr, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or Dertintpr@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Dated January 5, 2021

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
As Deputy Clerk
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff

500 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1000
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Email: FLPLEadings@mwc-law.com
(561) 713-1400
Legal 47217 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 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:

Geneva Properties

Located at 712 Simmons Trail in the County of CLAY, in the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Dated at Green Cove Springs, Florida on the 11th day of January, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation:
Karen McMullen
Legal 47264 published January 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting South Village

Community Development District
The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing 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.

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

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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 Oliver
District Manager
Legal 47278 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicles will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 713.585 on the sale dates at the locations below at 9:00 a.m. to satisfy labor and storage charges.

2006 HONDA
JH2SC57066M204510
Total Lien: \$4930.13
Sale Date: 02/08/2021
Location: Seven Auto & Body
3034 Bravo Ct
Orange Park, FL 32065
(904) 602-6779

Pursuant to F.S. 713.585 the cash amount per vehicle would be sufficient to redeem that vehicle from the lienor. Any interested party has a right to a hearing prior to the sale by filing a demand for the hearing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Clay and mailing copies of the same to all owners and lienors. The owner/lienholder has a right to recover possession of the vehicle by posting bond pursuant to F.S. 559.917 and if sold any proceeds remaining from the sale will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court for disposition.
Legal 47238 published Jan 21, 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

CASE NO.: 2019 CA 001154
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff,
vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEWISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONNIE J. FORRESTER, DECEASED; et al., Defendant(s).
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEWISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONNIE J. FORRESTER, DECEASED

Last Known Residence: Unknown
STEPHANIE SHEPARD A/K/A STEPHANIE ANGELA FORRESTER
Last Known Residence: 198 Arora Blvd, Apt 2506 Orange Park FL 32073
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

LOTS) 21 IN BLOCK 49 OF JACKSONVILLE SOUTH, UNIT 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGES 36-45 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1991 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME VIN#: GAFLL35A0353A03539HS AND GAFLL35803539HS.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL

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33445, on or before 30 days from first date of publication, and file the original with clerk of this court on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
Dated on January 15, 2021.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Taylor Tison
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47267 published Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 1133-2378B

PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs at Horton's Towing 3645 Hwy 17, Bldg 2, Fleming Island, FL 32003 Horton's Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
Auction date - 2/12/2021, 9:00 a.m.

2016 Nissan
1N4AL3APXGN363868
Auction date - 2/15/2021, 9:00 a.m.
2004 Volvo YVICY59H641130595
Auction date - 2/16/2021, 9:00 a.m.
2005 Dodge 2D4GV58215H129955
Legal 47258 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:
10-2020-DR-001707-AXXX-XX
DIVISION: E

Ana Lucia Fonseca
Petitioner,
and
Osorio Beltran Evert Mauricio
Respondent.
To: Osorio Beltran Evert Mauricio
1035 Lasalle Street
Jacksonville, FL 32207

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Ana Lucia Fonseca whose address is 6961 Clearwater Park Ct. N. Jacksonville, FL 32244 on or before February 25, 2021 and file the original with this Clerk of the Court at 825 N. Orange Ave., P.O. Box 698, Green Cove Spring, FL 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against for the relief to amend the petition. Copies of all Court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the 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 a Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court approved Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the addressed on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285 Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosures of documents and information. Failure to comply with this can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Date: Jan 11, 2021

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Kayla Beard
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47257 published Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4 and Feb 11, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should

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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 47277 publish Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 02/05/2021, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid.
1G1PC5SB3D7190352 2013 CHEVR
Legal 47263 publish Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2018-CA-000501
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
v.

LINDA WIMBERLY, et al.,
Defendants

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEWISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST TERRY L. WIMBERLY, DECEASED
369 HILLTOP DRIVE,
ORANGE PARK, FL 32073
LINDA LEE BAMBERGER AKA LINDA LEE WIMBERLY
368 SE 3RD AVENUE, MELROSE, FL 32666; and 9950 NW 114TH STREET, CHIEFLAND, FL 32626
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LINDA LEE BAMBERGER AKA LINDA LEE WIMBERLY
368 SE 3RD AVENUE, MELROSE, FL 32666; and 9950 NW 114TH STREET, CHIEFLAND, FL 32626

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Clay County, Florida: LOT 25, BLOCK 4, MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, ad you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, LLP, Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and then file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in the CLAY TODAY, on or before March 1, 2021; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 15th day of January, 2021.

(seal)
Tara Green
As Clerk of said Court
By Kayla Beard
As Deputy Clerk
IMPORTANT:

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at PO BOX 698, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043, 9046302564. If hearing or voice impaired, contact (TDD) (800) 955-8771 via Florida Relay System.
Legal 47262 published Jan 21 and Jan 28, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 33585.2334

PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board will take place at 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2021, immediately followed by a Public Hearing, in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. Due to social distancing requirements, there may be limitations on the number of persons permitted to enter the meeting room and/or government services building. Screening of visitors and the wearing of face coverings may be required. All interested persons are invited to call-in. The call-in number is 1-888-585-9008. When prompted, dial the conference room number 511 666 088#. Meeting materials will be posted at <https://www.nefrc.org/transportation-disadvantaged>. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Legal 47271 published Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that FRESHWATER ENTERPRISES, INC., OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

ASPHALT SEALING & STRIPING

located at 7889 STATE RD 21, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FLORIDA 32656 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 47280 published Jan 21, 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
CASE NO.: 2020CA000842
MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,
v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEWISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, ET AL.
Defendants.

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEWISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, AND ALL CLAIMANTS, PERSONS OR PARTIES, NATURAL OR CORPORATE, AND WHOSE EXACT LEGAL STATUS IS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED, OR ANY OF THE HEREIN NAMED OR DESCRIBED DEFENDANTS OR PARTIES CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

Current Residence Unknown, but whose last known address was:
2241 GEORGE WYTHE RD,



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

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

Notice of Sale

THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA and commonly known as: 430 SIGSBEE RD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073 including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on March 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 47218 published Jan 14 and Jan 21, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 328850/1911203

**NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

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

CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2019CA001085CA
Division No.

MILL CITY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-1, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM TERRELL; MEB LOAN TRUST, WHO IS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; AND CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, et al,
Defendants/

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 11, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2019CA001085CA of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-1, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM TERRELL; MEB LOAN TRUST, WHO IS THE SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; and CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA the Defendants. Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Clay County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com, the Clerk's website for on-line auctions at 10:00 a.m. on 12th day of April, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to wit: **A PORTION OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF SOUTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST 1171.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST 939.85 FEET TO THE WESTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-209; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE AND THE ARC OF A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WESTERLY AND HAVING RADIUS OF 2824.79 FEET, RUN A CHORD DISTANCE OF 407.98 FEET, THE BEARING OF SAID CHORD BEING SOUTH 18 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, THENCE CONTINUE ON SAID WESTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-209, SOUTH 14 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 107.70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 1085.80 FEET; THENCE ON AFORESAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 7, NORTH 0 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST 663.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT: A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF, RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 1171.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ON LAST SAID LINE, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 663.85 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 45**

Notice of Sale

SECONDS EAST 380.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 06 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 610.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST 313.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney.
Dated at Clay County, Florida, this 12th day of January, 2021.

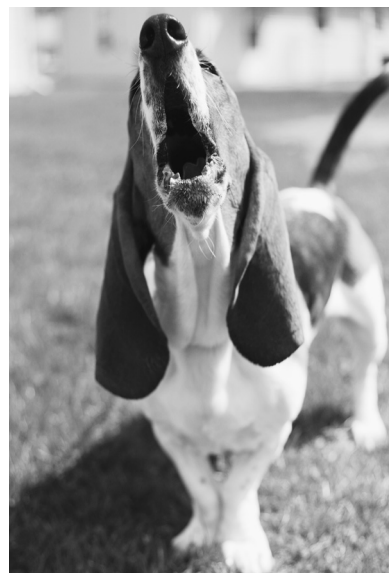
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Tara S Green, Clerk
Clay County, Florida
By Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

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