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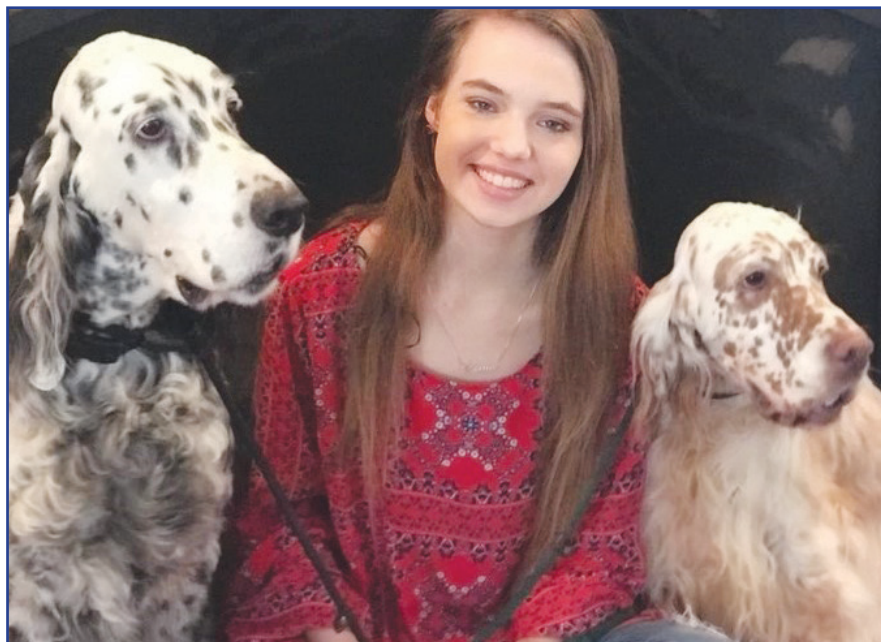
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## Autistic Keystone girl finds tranquility in conformation ring

Working with English Setters helps Cassie Pardee deal with her challenges

By Don Coble  
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KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Just before Cassie Pardee enters the competition ring of an American Kennel Club event, her mother plays her favorite song, “The Champion,” by Carrie Underwood.

The two briefly immerse themselves in the words and moment, turning off the noisy clutter of bright lights, noise and pressure.

Then bravely and determined, young Cassie pushes herself into a world that once was an abyss of terror and trepidation.

tion.

Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder when she was 6, the 15-year-old eighth-grader at Keystone Heights Junior High is learning to distract her fears by focusing on her English Setter, Carly, at AKC competitions.

Her dog creates comfort and confidence, something only a few with ASD can appreciate.

“I just pretend I’m not in the ring,” Cassie said. “I pretend I’m home or somewhere where it’s not as stressful as being in the ring when I have anxiety. The dogs help me a lot to calm down.”

ASD is a neurodevelopment disability

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## Food Trucks return!

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - The popular Food Truck Fridays are back after taking last year off for the COVID-19 pandemic. To insure proper distancing, the event will be staged on Walnut and Spring streets. The first of the summer-long festivals will be Friday, March 12 from 5-9:30 p.m. For more, see the story on page 11.



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## Keystone Heights decides

# Stephen O. Hart wants Keystone Heights to grow responsibly

(In the third installment of a weekly series, a candidate for the Keystone Heights City Council will be profiled. This week, Seat 5 incumbent Stephen O. Hart is looking to keep his seat in challenge from Robin Beaton. Next week, Beaton will be profiled.)

By Bruce Hope  
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KEYSTONE HIEGHTS – Retired attorney Steve Hart wants to make a difference as his city continues to grow.

“Right now, the City of Keystone and this whole area is going through a transition,” Hart said. “It’s going to accelerate quite a bit in the next couple of years. To anticipate the growth that we’re growing to have and the business and the tourist business, planning and being ready for it is very important. Between my 35 years of

representing various cities and a county and so on, plus seven years on the council, I’ve got 42 years of experience.”

Hart believes that this experience will serve him well if elected to the next term of the city council. Originally from Illinois, Hart attended law school at the University of Florida before moving back north and practicing there for many years. After retiring, he moved to Keystone Heights with his wife and has lived there for the past 15 years.

This isn’t Hart’s first foray into politics. “When I lived in Wisconsin, I ran successfully for school board up there,” he said. “Down here, I ran for office for the city council in 2014 when there was a vacancy. I ran for office; I had two competitors and I beat them both. I ran twice successfully, but the last two terms, I was unopposed.”

If elected this time, Hart is focused on



Stephen O. Hart

city planning and growth management in order successful deal with the next phase of existence for Keystone Heights. He also

wants to work to develop a closer relationship between the council and local businesses.

He faces a challenge from Robin Beaton in the Municipal Super Tuesday elections on April 13. “There’s somehow a reputation that has gotten started that the city council is not friendly with businesses and that couldn’t be farther from the truth,” Hart said. He also, after hearing from parents of young children, wants to try and get a splash park/pad for the beach.

Being a musician, Hart is also interested in helping to facilitate the return of concerts in the park and Keystone Beach.

Hart is confident in his chances during the election.

“I think I have the experience and the education to do the job,” he said. “I think the city is going to go through a big chance in the next few years and we need to be ready for it.”

## Congresswoman Cammack tapped for two House Agriculture subcommittees

For Clay Today

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the House Committee on Agriculture Ranking Member Glenn “GT” Thompson announced Congresswoman Kat Cammack will serve as a member of two subcommittees during the

117th Congress: Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit and Nutrition, Oversight and Department Operations.

“I’m honored to serve on these two esteemed subcommittees this Congress. Agriculture is critically important to the state of Florida, having served as our number one economic driver in 2020,” said Cammack. “As a member of these subcommittees, I’ll work to support the constituents

of Florida’s Third Congressional District and look forward to supporting the Sunshine State’s farmers, ranchers and producers.”

The Commodity Exchanges, Energy and Credit Subcommittee has jurisdiction over commodity exchanges; agricultural credit; rural development; energy; and rural electrification. The Nutrition, Oversight and Department Operations Subcommittee has

jurisdiction over nutrition policies and domestic commodity distribution.

Cammack says she looks forward to working on issues including rural broadband and development during the 117th Congress.

“The Agriculture Committee has jurisdiction over rural broadband and I’m proud to make this a top priority this Congress,” she said.

# Joelle Marquis added to Clay Economic Development Corporation board

FLEMING ISLAND – The Clay County Economic Development Corporation’s Board of Directors elected Joelle Marquis to the board. Marquis is the owner of Legacy in Action which includes: Legacy Dock & Marine Construction, Action Roofing and Action Construction.

In the fall of 2020, Clay EDC completed a six-month process to review and enhance Board Governance. The new structure will increase local business engagement and industry sector representation. Under the new structure, the Board will gradually increase up to 21 members.

Marquis was living the good life. In an instant, it nearly came to a crashing halt – literally. Instead, a near-deadly experience



Joelle Marquis

proved pivotal. In the years since, Marquis – entrepreneur, ministry co-founder, and partner in New York’s Arsenal Capital Partners, a multi-billion-dollar private equity firm – has turned her entrepreneurial spirit into a spiritual purpose: to build a heartfelt legacy that goes far beyond business success and to encourage and guide fellow business leaders to do the same.

“It was Dec. 2, 2000, 6 at night, and we were driving home in New Hampshire after a day of Christmas shopping,” Marquis said. “It was a two-lane road and a woman in oncoming traffic fell asleep at the wheel. She totaled two other cars and then... It was like hitting a brick wall going 110 mph. Our car was driven backward, the airbags deployed and between the smell and the powder, we thought the car was on fire. We never had time to even apply our brakes.”

What’s worse, Marquis and her husband, Ken, had their three children in the car with them: two of their own still in car seats and 14-year-old Sabrina, whom they would eventually adopt. Miraculously, all

survived.

“My faith wasn’t strong at the time, but I remember, just before the impact, calling out to God,” Marquis says. “That set a tone for years to come.”

Marquis recovered and landed a spot at Arsenal in 2003. Today, as senior partner, she provides human capital and change leadership in multiple strategic initiatives including more than 150 acquisitions, mergers, and consolidations; coaches executives across the portfolio and firm to apply past learnings to present situations to gain momentum and increase multiples; top-grades talent across the portfolio including C-suite, A positions, senior leaders, board members, and advisers; and has an 84% retention rate for senior leaders. The New York-based private equity firm boasts more than \$6 billion in assets under management and invests in middle-market companies with revenues ranging from \$50 million to \$500 million.

But the work Marquis truly relishes is the kind of work inspired by her bigger-pic-

ture realization borne of the crash. It started with the idea to purchase, repair, and flip a home, using the proceeds to benefit a nonprofit in need. In early 2016, Marquis, her husband, and another couple launched Legacy Homes, dedicated to securing and repairing foreclosed and distressed homes to help struggling families get back on their feet until they’re able to buy a home of their own. Then, later in 2016 and 2017, Hurricanes Matthew and Irma hit, flooding 1,200 of Clay County’s homes and damaging 80% of its docks.

“We saw so many unqualified and unlicensed companies sweeping in, taking advantage of homeowners,” Marquis recalls. “Some were literally selling docks out of their trunks, taking deposits, then leaving town. Homeowners who couldn’t afford to have their docks rebuilt watched their property values plummet.”

Thus was born Legacy Dock & Marine Construction. Action Roofing and Action Construction followed, providing afford-

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## COVID-19 liability protection is the vaccine small business needs

By Bill Herrle

When pharmaceutical companies began developing COVID-19 vaccines at the very beginning of this pandemic, no one questioned the wisdom of the effort. No one second guessed the prudence in being prepared for what might happen.



Bill Herrle

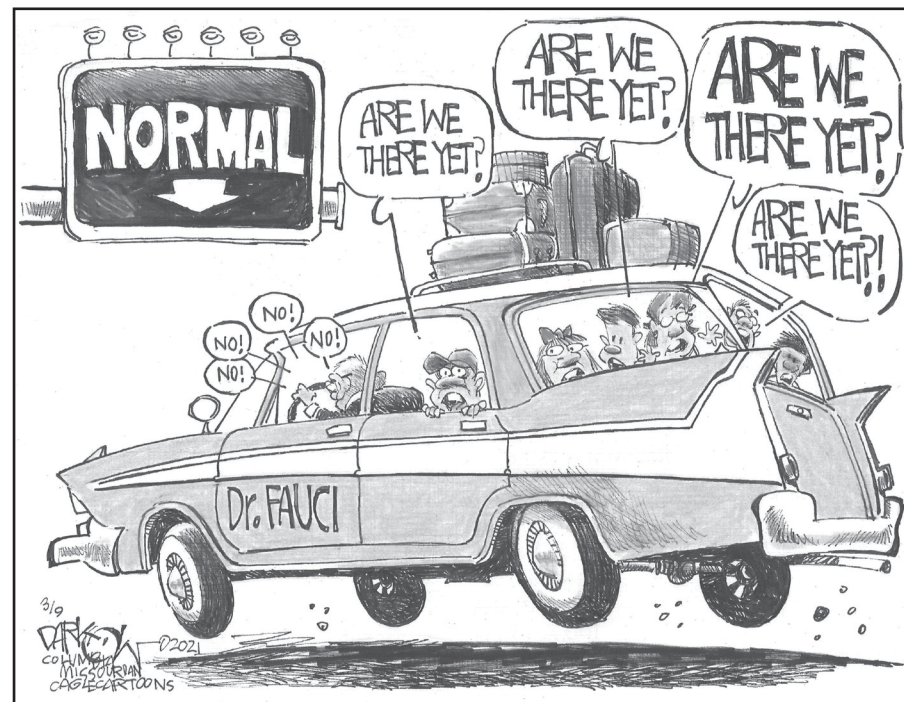
Scientists didn't wait until the United States had 28 million cases. They began when the number was closer to 28,000. Florida needs the same foresight when it comes to protecting small businesses and other employers from unwarranted COVID-19 lawsuits. Florida's small businesses need a vaccine to protect them against unreasonable trial attorneys hoping to profit from the pandemic. Fortunately, there are legislators who understand this, who recognize the potential for harm and have begun developing a way to keep employers and employees' jobs safe.

COVID-19 liability protection is key to restoring small business owners' confidence and critical to giving small business owners a sense that the daily struggle in owning and operating a small business in a pandemic is worth it. The government can compel a business to close, but it can't compel a business to stay open.

Since the outset of the pandemic, small business owners have been asked to make dozens of decisions every day in the interest of public health. Now, they are slowly realizing that every decision they have made in reaction to COVID is a potential lawsuit liability. They need to know that the state has their back. Like the epidemiologists who predicted the breadth of the pandemic from early on, groups like the National Federation of Independent Business see the epidemic of lawsuits to follow with great clarity. We might not have a lot of cases right now, but we believe they are coming. A single letter from a plaintiff's lawyer demanding payment for damages stemming from a business owner's decisions in managing their operation through the pandemic is just about enough to close their doors for good. The small business sector is on precarious footing. One in five small business owners say they may not be in business in another six months if conditions do not improve. House Bill 7 by Rep. Lawrence McClure

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## OPINION



## Won't you be my neighbor?

By Don Coble  
Managing Editor

**LIVING OUT OF A SUITCASE** – The last time I moved, I swore to myself I'd never do it again.

Then I met Clay County.

Although I'm old enough to collect Social Security, I decided to make a deeper investment in the community that's become my home. I put my condominium for sale in St. Augustine, and I soon will be making my final trip with all the logging trucks and tractor trailers over the dangerously narrow Shands Bridge.

It also means I plan to be around in the newspaper business for a long time, so you're stuck with me.

And this I mean it this time when I say I'm not moving again.

I have to admit I didn't have a workable plan beyond testing the real estate market in St. Augustine. In fact, I didn't have a plan at all. I started getting requests from realtors for showings within minutes of putting my condo on the market. Three appointments were set before photos of my home were put on the internet.

To compound things, I didn't think ahead to where I would end up. Everything happened so quickly. It took me



Don Coble

longer to dust the furniture and mop the floors than it did to sell my unit. I've quickly realized having a new home is a detail that needed to be considered before I turned my keys over to another family and accepted their check.

All my furniture and most of my clothes are in storage, and I'm spending nights with evacuation plans and directions to the ice machine posted on the back of the door.

But it's worth it, especially since you will be my new neighbors.

It's true our county is growing at an alarming rate. However, in the past two years I've learned our city and county officials are trying to do it in a responsible way. Growth is inevitable. The key is doing it properly.

We certainly face some challenges. How do we keep pace with the alarming growth? We need to fix our old roads and build new ones. We need schools, teachers and police officers. We have to find a way to stop and treat drug addictions. We all need to be part of the process.

Don't get me wrong. St. Augustine is a wonderful place. Until I packed my bags and crossed the St. Johns, I believed it was the greatest place I've ever lived. It took a lot to change me mind. It took Clay County.

Now comes the challenge of finding a roof over my head. If you go online to find a home to buy, they're often gone within a few hours or a few days. I'm not picky, but since this will be my last move – *promise!* – I want to make sure

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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.

**Megillah:** (muh-GHIL-uh) a noun that means a long, drawn out process or story.

"After spending thousands of dollars and countless hours piecing together her elaborate wedding, Jennifer wished she would have skipped the whole megillah."

## This Week In History

### Five years ago, 2016

- The Clay County Education Association files an unfair labor practice complaint against Superintendent Charlie Van Zant Jr. and the school board after Van Zant sent teachers an email about ongoing contract negotiations, although neither side could divulge details.

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission enlists fishermen to help collect data on largemouth bass on how the fish lives and thrives in Kingsley Lake.

- The Florida Department of Transportation will spend \$15-\$20 million on a road project to widen U.S. Highway 17 near Wells Road and Interstate 295 that will save 10,000 driving hours for commuters.

### 10 years ago, 2011

- Board of County Commissioners member Ronnie Robinson withdraws his motion to fire County Auditor Mike Price after none of the other commissioners seconded his motion.

- Pam Lewis and William Gause vied for Seat 1 on the Green Cove Springs City Council, while Gause's son, William Lee, faced Mitch Timberlake for Seat 2. It was the first political campaigns for all four.

- Orange Park Town Manager Cindy Hall said the town's were so good, pension balances increased in the past year, and the town was able to pay down \$670,374 of its debt.

### 20 years ago, 2001

- A yearling bald eagle triggered a two-acre grass fire near the fairgrounds after it flew between two electrical lines leading into a home.

- A team of Clay High students finish 12<sup>th</sup> at the First Regional Robotics Competition at the Kennedy Space Center.

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### Send us a letter ...

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### Opinions ...

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

# Candidates for OP Town Council shouldn't vote on candidate forum plan

Editor:

Many of us are greatly concerned that at the 11th hour our (Orange Park) Town Council has put forth a motion, and seconded that same motion, to host a candidate forum. Firstly, 50% of the candidates seeking election were involved with passing of the motion. That should have been approved at least 60 days prior, not nearly a few weeks prior to our town's election.

Secondly, who is going to be the moderator and how was this person chosen? Again, did 50% of the candidates have a determination on the moderator choice? From the Florida Elections Commission:

"Political activities of state, county, and municipal officers...shall not use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election ..... (sic) to influence another person's vote or affecting the result thereof. (b) Directly or indirectly coerce or attempt to coerce, command, or advise any other officer or employee...for political purposes."

"Directly or indirectly...command, advise" At [the March 2] council meeting with two council members who are up for election, actually voting on the measure to host a political forum, DID NOT seem 'above board'. In fact, it would have been

much better if the three nonrunning council members had introduced the topic and opened it up for discussion, with the other two candidates recusing themselves. That would have been 'above board'.

Who is to be the moderator? Where and when is this event to occur? one of this was addressed.

I would have hoped that our Town Council would have been less involved with directly impacting this next election cycle at the last minute, and more inclined to assure the public that they wish everyone involved in this election cycle the best of luck and that perhaps next time those not up

for re-election could recommend and vote on hosting a forum at the beginning of the election cycle, as a way of introducing all candidates to the community.

As more and more business owners and residents are faced with very important decisions about their own future, our leadership needs to set the example of integrity and demonstrate a capacity for equality.

Shame on Orange Park Council for the handling of this important activity.

Disappointed,  
Carolyn Marquis

## COVID

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and Senate Bill 72 by Sen. Jeff Brandes are the economic vaccines small business owners need, right now, before the epidemic of bogus claims explodes.

Under this legislation, bad actors who with clear disregard for public health standards will still be held accountable in court. But small business owners who make a good faith effort to substantially follow public health guidelines will be afforded immunity.

It's that simple. If employers do their best and follow the guidelines the government recommends, they would be protected. If they scoff at public health standards, they will be held accountable. Even if a case is eventually thrown out of court, the legal fees can be enough to put a small business out of business. Florida can't afford to lose any more businesses to this pandemic.

Small business owners need this shot in the arm as soon as possible.

*Bill Herrle is the National Federation of Independent Business' executive director for Florida.*

## Neighbor

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the neighborhood and I are a great fit. I'm open for suggestions.

I promise to keep my house painted; my lawn cut; the trash cans on the curb only on pickup days; and, to wave every time you I see you. That's how I roll.

I've always said when you are part of a community newspaper, you need to be part of the community. Despite the long com-

mute, I've done that in the past two years. I've spent more time in this county than I have at my old condo.

So it just made sense to move. To where, is still anyone's guess.

Won't you be my neighbor?

When I finally get settled in, I plan to unpack the boxes for a final time. I will flatten them and store them under a bed just in case somebody else needs them in the future because this is the *last* time I'm going to move. And I mean it ... again.

## History

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• Roy Clark headlines an impressive list of entertainment acts planned for the Clay County Fair.

### 30 years ago, 1991

• A Grand Jury finds fault with both Sheriff Dalton Bray and County Commissioner James Jett for letting their personal differences "undermine public confidence in the sheriff's office" after Bray accused Jett of interfering with a murder investigation and Jett accused Bray of violating his civil rights.

• Operation Desert Storm Victory March is scheduled for March 16 in Green Cove Springs to welcome home local sol-

diers from the Middle East.

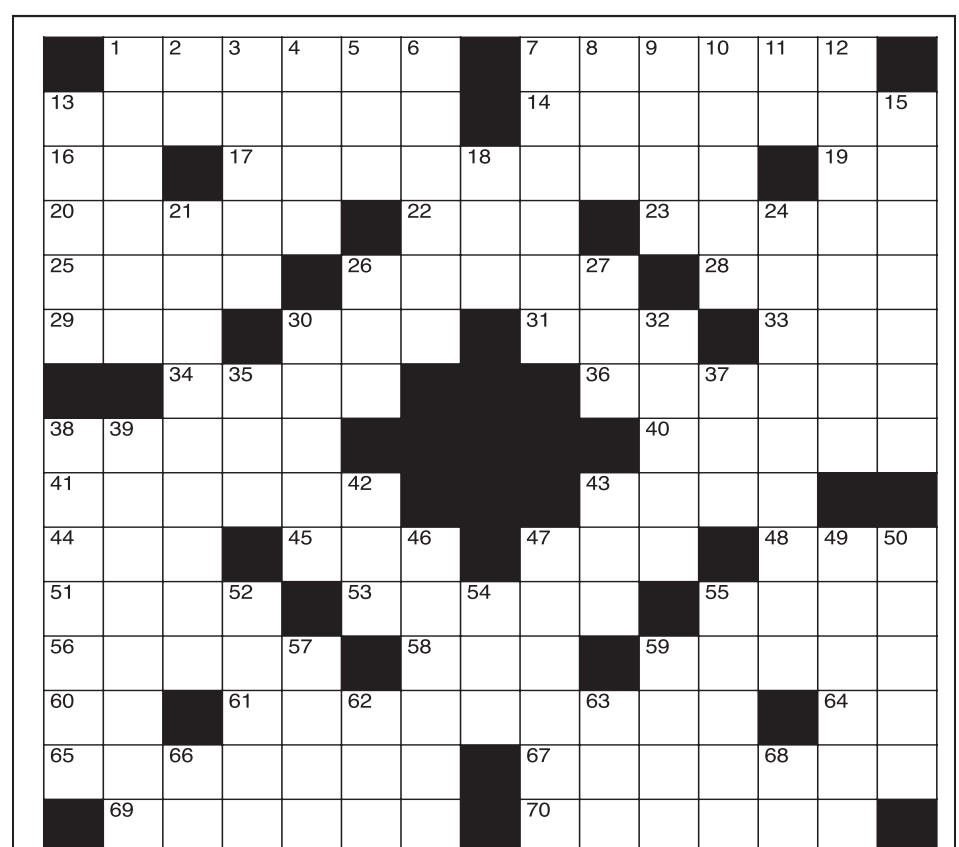
• The county mourns the death of Cleo "Sue" Ready, the founder and director of the Clay County Food Bank.

### 40 years ago, 1981

• JEA rate increase will be absorbed by Green Cove Springs, but the city soon will go to a flat rate structure mandates by the Public Service Commission.

• Seven racing greyhounds, valued at nearly \$1,000 each, are sold for \$43 after they were stolen from a kennel in Massachusetts.

• Green Cove Springs accepts bid to get rid of surplus automotive, industrial and electrical equipment, as well as a video camera, tripod, recorder and 100-volt portable Honda generator.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Representation of a plan
- 13. In a fervid way
- 14. The Book of Psalms
- 16. Morning
- 17. Exactly the same
- 19. About
- 20. Brown and basmati are two
- 22. Swiss river
- 23. Philippine island
- 25. Expressions of surprise
- 26. An ant
- 28. Common Japanese surname
- 29. Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 30. Car mechanics group
- 31. A person's brother or sister
- 33. Ancient pharaoh
- 34. Quantitative fact
- 36. Vividly colored bird
- 38. Your home has one
- 40. Organic compound
- 41. Section at the end of a book
- 43. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 44. Criticize
- 45. Split pulses
- 47. Brief trend
- 48. Cool!

**CLUES DOWN**

- 51. Purposes
- 53. Brews
- 55. Skin condition
- 56. Pops
- 58. American air travel company
- 59. Minute bug
- 60. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- 61. One who rides in your car
- 64. One of the Gospels
- 65. City in southern Spain
- 67. Inquisitive
- 69. Jean Paul \_\_, author
- 70. Pop singer Harry
- 13. Capacitance unit
- 15. Redirect
- 18. Hat for women
- 21. In a way, dressed down
- 24. Granny
- 26. Feed
- 27. Endpoint
- 30. Indian instrument
- 32. Bleated
- 35. Cablegram (abbr.)
- 37. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 38. Jellyfishes
- 39. Individual TV installments
- 42. Talk
- 43. More (Spanish)
- 46. Leaseholder
- 47. Monetary units
- 49. Hostility
- 50. Work stations
- 52. Linguistics giant
- 54. Female sheep
- 55. Calendar month
- 57. Seasoning
- 59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey
- 62. Single Lens Reflex
- 63. A way to remove
- 66. Virginia
- 68. Old English

# Orange Park Mall enjoying a resurgence of success

**Center employees 3,000, boasts 99% occupancy**

By Don Coble  
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ORANGE PARK – On one of the most-perfect days in months, hundreds of residents and shoppers decided to spend the day inside at the Orange Park Mall last Saturday, Feb. 27, instead of being outside in the bright sunshine.

While many customers are choosing the ease and safety of shopping online, the

Orange Park Mall is enjoying a resurgence of commerce. “Available” signs are being replaced with new neon and posted store hours. While other malls are little more than canyons of failed businesses and a society that’s more in tuned with buying things digitally, shoppers are walking out the doors with filled bellies and bags of goodies.

“When you step into the mall, you see a breath of fresh air of a vibrant community,” said mall general manager Randy Bowman.

In the past month, three new tenants – Ruby Thai Kitchen, Kravegan and Taste of Paradise, set up shop in the food court,



joining Mr. Potato Spread. All four were greeted with long lines and smiling faces.

While other malls are going under, Orange Park now boasts a 99% occupancy rate, Bowman said.

The mall’s success is homegrown. Orange Park concentrates on being part of the Clay County community.

“We’re pro retail,” Bowman said. “We understand our market. We know we have to cater to the market. We don’t have a cookie-cutter approach. We have tenants who fit in this community.”

While Coresight Research estimates 25% of the country’s malls – about 1,000 of them – will close in the next couple years. Declining in-person sales and restrictions in some states for the COVID-19 pandemic have created a devastating blow to the industry.

Orange Park, however, found a way to thrive during the pandemic.

“We have roughly 140-plus tenants and 87 of them are small business owners than live here, play here and work here in Clay County,” Bowman said. “That says a lot about who we are and how we’ve been able to make it through the pandemic. Clay County is a bedroom community. Being a bedroom community, prior to the pandemic, people would go into Jacksonville to work. Now they’re working from home. Instead of crossing the bridge to go to another center, they’re staying close to home and coming to the mall more often.

“We’re very focused on protecting the assets, protecting our tenants, which I consider them to be partners. I don’t even consider them tenants. We work with their

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# STRAWBERRY FEST FOREVER

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Despite the cooler temperatures and pesky rain, hundreds enjoyed the first day of Strawberry Fest Saturday, March 6, at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Vendors sold everything from windows, to rings to deep-fried Oreos and smoked brisket, but the star attraction was, of course, luscious Plant City strawberries. Rachel Spinks of Green Cove Springs not only got to eat strawberry shortcake, but she had it spoon-fed to her by Colt Remley. The Fest ran through Sunday.





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# Obituaries

## Faye T. Chadwell

Faye T. Chadwell was called home to heaven all too soon on March 1, 2021, at Orange Park Medical Center, Orange Park, Florida.

Faye was born on December 30, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois to Jacqueline J. Miller and Walter J. Kukla.

Faye is a graduate of Tinley Park High School, class of 1971. Upon graduation, Faye entered the work force in banking. She also worked for Area 36 Special Olympics in Marquette, Michigan. Faye found her true calling in the hotel and restaurant industry and held various positions ranging from server to senior executive throughout her career.

Faye served as the Controller and then General Manager of Culver Cove Resort from 1993-1996. That was followed by stints at Holiday Inn Properties as a General Manager from 1996-1998. Faye shifted her focus to education and served as the Executive Director of the Indiana Hospitality and Tourism Foundation from 1998-2001. Her career then took her to Orlando, Florida where she served as the Senior Vice President of the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Lodging Association from 2001-2011. Faye retired from the hospitality industry and next worked as a para professional in special education for Clay County Schools from 2013 until her passing. She worked at Fleming Island Elementary and Swimming Pen and finally at Paterson Elementary as the ESE Secretary.

Faye is survived by her loving husband of 10 years Richard (Chip) Chadwell Jr.; son David (Julie) Gayes, son Nick (Kari) Gayes; grandchildren Emerson, Eva, Katharine, and Niko; stepchildren Reganne and Anders Chadwell; brothers Tom, John and Chris Kukla. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother Walter Kukla.

Faye had many passions in her life. She loved to travel and enjoyed cruising. Dancing and music were another outlet that made her smile! She also loved to watch her beloved Packers and Cubbies – a highlight being in 2016 when the Cubs won the World Series. She was very supportive and acted like a team mom to her husband's nu-



Faye T. Chadwell

merous athletic teams over their ten-year marriage.

Faye will be laid to rest at the Jacksonville National Cemetery on a date that will be determined in the near future. The family is also going to have a celebration of life on a future date in Jacksonville, Florida and also in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com)

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## Ionia Guthrie Moody

Ionia Guthrie Moody, 88, of Green Cove Springs, FL, passed away March 4, 2021.

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## Rev. Nathaniel N. Jones

Rev. Nathaniel N. Jones, 95 of Penney Farms, FL, passed away March 5, 2021

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## Frankie Lee Sutherland

Frankie Lee Sutherland, Sr., 67, of Green Cove Springs, FL passed away March 7, 2021.

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## Chief Jack Edward Cloud, USN (RET)

Chief Jack Edward Cloud, USN (RET) of Middleburg, FL passed away March 3, 2021.

He was born in Hammon, Oklahoma January 17, 1933. Jack served in and retired from the Navy after 20 years of service in 1971.

He went on to work for Xerox and NADEP until 1998. He served as an ordained deacon at Hickory Grove Baptist Church and currently was a faithful member of Lake Asbury Baptist Church. Jack was a man of many talents and interests including woodworking, model plane construction, painting, photography, and all things computer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Dorothy Cloud; sons: CDR Jack E Cloud Jr, USN (RET), and Bruce (Loretta) Cloud; grandchildren: MAJ Raymond E (Valerie) Cloud, USA (RET), Daniel Cloud, Rebecka Cloud, and James Cloud; great grandchildren: Dillon Cloud, DG2 Dillian LeCounte, USN, and Morgan Cloud.

Jack was laid to rest on March 9, 2021 at Jacksonville National Cemetery. A memorial service in his honor will be held at Lake Asbury Baptist on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021 with the time to be determined. Please sign the family's online guestbook at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com) Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



Chief Jack Edward Cloud USN (Ret)

## Robert Malcolm Elder

Robert (Bob) Malcolm Elder, 84, passed away March 3, 2021. Born in Springfield, OH, he was the son of the late William Malcolm (Mac) and Lucille Moats Elder.

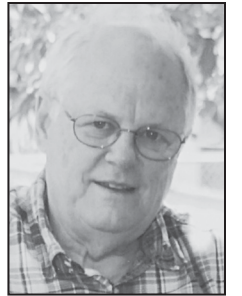
Bob graduated from Earlham College in Richmond, IN. He served honorably in the US. Army Reserves with H/H Co. 84th Division in Milwaukee, WI, and was discharged in 1966 with the rank of E-5.

He was a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. In his long career as an actuary, he worked and lived in many different areas, including Minneapolis, MN, Lexington, KY, Jacksonville, FL, and Cleveland, OH. He retired to Green Cove Springs, FL, in 1999. He spent several years active in the Clay County Historical Society and took great joy in time spent at the historical museum. He also was an amateur photographer.

He is survived by his children, Benjamin, Thomas, Rebecca and William; his grandchildren, Kirstyn, Robert, Hannah and Hallie; his sister, Mary Lou (John Spencer) and brother John (Patty); as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his long-time friend and confidante, Sherry Price of Lexington, KY.

An informal memorial gathering and short service will be held at his home in Green Cove Springs on Saturday, March 13, 2021, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Any friends, family and acquaintances who wish to call at that time are welcome. The Neptune Society is handling arrangements.

Donations in lieu of flowers, can be given to the Safe Animal Shelter, 2913 County Rd 220, Middleburg, FL. [Info@safeanimalshelter.com](mailto:Info@safeanimalshelter.com)



Robert Malcolm Elder

## Calendar of Events

**MIDDLEBURG BLACK CREEK LIONS CLUB:** 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament is March 26 at 1 p.m. at Eagle Landing Golf Club, 3989 Eagle Landing Pkwy. in Oakleaf. Captain's choice tournament costs \$75 a player. For more information of playing or sponsorships, contact Ed Dickson at (904) 254-7891.

**ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE:** virtual webinar is April 15, 20 and 22 from 9:45-11:45 a.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

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## FACEBOOK QUESTION OF THE WEEK

# Clay Today readers take looks at Dr. Seuss books

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – The estate of famed author Dr. Seuss announced last week that six of his books will no longer be published because they felt it contains offensive images.

The books discontinued by Dr. Seuss Enterprises are “Ant to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” “If I Ran the Zoo,” “McElligot’s Pool,” “On Beyond Zebra!”, “Scrambled Eggs Super!” and “The Cat’s Quizzer.” Dr. Seuss Enterprises announced Tuesday, March 2, that it would no longer publish the six books as “they portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong.”

We asked Clay Today readers what they thought of this announcement and the responses range from disagreement to an understanding that Dr. Seuss Enterprises has every right to make the decision.

“A private company decided to evaluate

and research their own content that they publish and distribute,” reader Cheri Cook said. “From that, a private company chose to remove six books from circulation due to their own desire to go in a certain direction of diversity and inclusivity. Free market – they can remove what they want to.”

Cook said she’s not sure why everyone is upset, especially considering that the six books chosen aren’t necessarily popular Dr. Seuss books.

Lee Smith disagrees. She called it a silly move by the estate.

“It may be inappropriate if they were written and published today, but they were not. Look to the intent – I don’t think Dr. Seuss was malicious.”

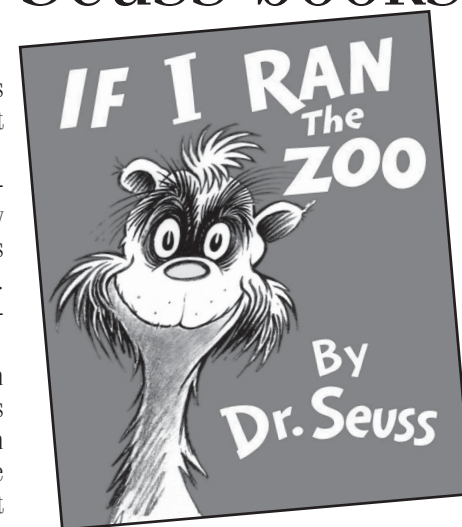
Margaret Panik said she doesn’t understand why the estate didn’t just revise the books. She said revisions happen all the time in the literary world and that a revision would have been much simpler.

“Companies evaluate their products continually,” Lynne Weeks responded. “Not a big deal considering everything else.”

Gage Middleton said because Dr. Seuss Enterprises is a private business, they have the right to make their own choices about the products they create and sell. Brian Grant said “it’s the publisher’s decision” and “nobody else’s.”

The news to remove the six books from publication by Dr. Seuss Enterprises, has taken over the zeitgeist of conversation in recent days since the announcement. Some call it a bad decision, some call it a smart decision, but what do you call it?

Let Clay Today know by responding to this Facebook Question of the Week and keep an eye out on the official Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page for this week’s Facebook Question of the Week.



Clay Today asked its readers what it thinks about Dr. Seuss Enterprises pulling six Dr. Seuss books, including “If I Ran The Zoo” from publication at the family’s request due to what they believe to be offensive imagery. Some readers supported the estate for making the decision while others called it unnecessary.

## Jason Zicarelli hooked on fishing for metallic treasure

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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CLAY COUNTY – Jason Zicarelli loves to fish, and his biggest catch last Friday, March 5, was an old rusty bike.

Some other catches that day include a large screw, a couple nails and some indistinguishable pieces of metal. If you haven’t yet caught on, Zicarelli isn’t casting lines for fish. He’s a magnet fisher who uses massive 10-pound magnets to catch anything that’ll stick.

“I love it,” Zicarelli said. “You never know what you’re going to get. Every time you feel the magnet catch onto something, it’s a guessing game until you pull it up. Sometimes it’s garbage like these screws and other times it’s a piece of a gun.”

Zicarelli developed this hobby-turned-YouTube-channel-career last April after hours of YouTube surfing led him to a popular magnet fishing channel. He remembers perking up out of his chair immediately upon seeing what it was and he knew in that moment that magnet fishing was something he “just had to try.”

He grew up in Clay County fishing on Black Creek, in Keystone Heights and wherever else the fish would bite. He still loves to catch fish, but if you hang out with him on any given Saturday, you’ll likely be on a bridge like the Governor’s Bridge in Green Cove Springs watching him fish for metal.

It was about a month into this new hobby last year that his children, who also magnet fish with him, convinced him to start a YouTube channel. The Magnetic Squatch YouTube channel now has nearly 700 subscribers from all over the world in places like Arkansas to England.

His typical magnet fishing experience starts in the morning on a weekend day. He attaches one of his massive magnets to



Jason Zicarelli recently pulled an old bicycle from Doctors Inlet. He throws lines fitted with magnets into area waterways to catch metallic items like nails, screws, guns and a cellphone.

a rope and ties the other end of the rope to something sturdy and stable. He then puts a harness on that holds his GoPro camera, which he controls with his voice to tell it to record as he starts to pull something in.

He takes a step back and tosses the 10-pound magnet to the water below. Sometimes he already knows of something down there be it a tip from a fellow magnet fisher. And other times, he’s just tossing the magnet into the murky waters of the St. Johns River or Black Creek to see what he can find.

One of the magnets he used last Friday is a double-sided magnet able to hold 1,800 pounds on either side. That’s the one he uses most often when he tosses the magnet out and slowly reels it in. He also has a single-sided magnet that can hold 2,100 pounds, but because it’s only magnetized on one side, it’s better for simply dropping the magnet right over something.

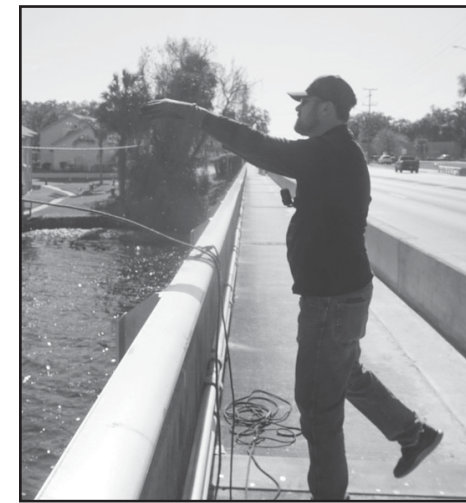
In less than a year of magnet fishing, Zicarelli has caught a bike, plenty of screws

and nails, pieces of old guns, knives, an Apple iPhone, a newspaper dispenser and more. While he’s always excited about a cool catch, magnet fishing is more to him than just rusty treasure.

It’s therapeutic in that much like regular fishing, it gives him a chance to be outside in the sun with some fresh air doing something he loves. It’s also a hobby that’s one-part treasure hunting and one-part waterway clean-up for him.

“If it’s something I’m interested in keeping, I’ll keep it,” Zicarelli said. “If it’s garbage or something I’m not interested in, I’ll either get in touch with a scrapper friend of mine who will come pick it up or I’ll put in this bucket to bring to the dump.”

“You’ll never see me throw something back in the water and you’ll never see me leaving it out on the sidewalk or something. You know, I’m fishing for cool stuff in here, but this is also cleaning the waterways, too. This is one less rusty screw floating about out there.”



STAFF PHOTOS BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Zicarelli said he hates when he sees other fishers leave what they find strewn about the sidewalk. It’s about the fun of it, he said, but it’s also about helping to keep our water cleaner.

The Magnet Squatch, as it were, loves to magnet fish with his family and friends. One of his good friends now is actually someone he discovered through magnet fishing. He runs into magnet fishers often throughout his escapades in Clay County, St. Johns and Palatka. He hasn’t figured out the details yet, but he’s working on setting up a big multi-county magnet fishing day.

“I love magnet fishing and I love the community around it,” Zicarelli said.

You can watch Zicarelli catch magnet fishing Moby Dicks like Apple iPhones and mountain bikes on his YouTube channel, The Magnetic Squatch. He’s doing a magnet fishing kit giveaway when his channel hits 1,000 subscribers and he encourages anyone interested in the hobby to give his channel a look.

Caffeine and Gasoline

# Hot rods, sports cars, coffee drinkers converge at Orange Park Mall

by Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – Car enthusiasts came out and braved cool sub-60-degree temperatures and the rain Saturday to enjoy a monthly staple at the Orange Park Mall – Caffeine and Gasoline.

Tuned up vehicles with light kits, custom paint and decal jobs, as well as classic sports cars were on display. Owners, enthusiasts, mechanics and others enjoyed the spectacle and the coffee, which was available for sale by a truck on site.

The Jacksonville Area Mopars, worked in conjunction with the Orange Park Mall to put on the event that's staged on the first Saturday of each month.

"I went to come last month for the first



time, but it got rained out," said Greg Ganci. "I'm anxious 'cause I seen some of the pictures and there's usually like 500 cars or more here." Ganci is an admitted car enthusiast, who says that he's always been into the "car thing."

"I was more of a Jeep and Camaro person years ago but more recently I got the

Nissan 350," he said. "But I've always been interested in cars and technology and especially the old cars, too."

"I've been out here multiple times, multiple times," said Charles Deivnmentsminger who sometimes works on cars and came out to enjoy the scene.

"The diversity and the collection of people's personalities," he said when asked about why he enjoys the event.

All different makes and models of vehicles were present, to include Fords, Dodges, Chevrolets and even a Maserati, which sat with both "suicide doors" open in the upward position.

One Ford was decorated in the colors of the Marvel Comic character "The Punisher," with the skull-shaped logo on hood. Other vehicles had flashing light kits underneath and on the front that were reminiscent of KITT, the Pontiac Firebird from

the 1980's television show "Knight Rider."

"I love coming out to see all these different cars," said Daymon McCoy. "I grew up reading car magazines and dreaming about stuff like this. My cousin had a shop when I used to live up north and I was always in there with him on weekends. He started off doing regular mechanic stuff, then he got into more custom. It got me hooked. Now I can't stay away from this stuff. The coffee doesn't hurt on a morning like this either."



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# Food Truck Fridays return to Green Cove Springs

by Bruce Hope  
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Food Truck Fridays in Spring Park of Green Cove Springs will return on Friday.

The popular gathering of people, delicious foods and entertainment is something that's been missed by the food vendors and their patrons.

"We've had quite a run for food truck Fridays," said Ed Gaw, Vice-Mayor of Green Cove Springs and one of the primary organizers. "This will be the fourth year, although our third year, we ran no events. Typically, we run the first event in March, and COVID hit a week before we were to run our first event in 2020."

The customary time for Food Truck Fridays is March through November each year. With the absence of the event last year, there was great interest in its return.

"They've [vendors] been through a pretty tough year," said Gaw. "Everybody was on pins and needles wondering whether we were going to have one in 2020, so every month the phone would ring and we'd have to tell them 'Nope, conditions were not to where we could responsibly have a Food Truck Friday.'"

Once it was posted via social media the



Popular Food Truck Fridays will return to Green Cove Springs this Friday at Walnut and Spring streets from 5-9:30 p.m. The event to return on the second Friday of every month.

event was returning, Gaw said in about 11 minutes, everything was up and running and his phone was ringing off the hook.

One of the keys was ensuring public safety. Instead of all the trucks lining up bumper-to-bumper on Walnut Street, half will be there, and the other half will be on Spring Street to encourage social distancing. Masks also will be encouraged. In

terms of safety, the event is a double-edged sword. While there's a desire is for it to be

successful and to provide an entertaining outdoor opportunity for residents, there is a concern that too many people will create a safety concern. Gaw says that the city will play it by ear.

"Somewhere around 25 [trucks] will be a maximum," Gaw said. "The first event we had had 200 people...this whole thing has grown out of that."

The event is important to Green Cove Springs. On any given weekend of fair weather, the park is generally full with people enjoying everything it has to offer.

"Food Truck Friday is a way to introduce that to a wider audience. You go to these events and you'll find people from Palatka; you'll find people from Orange Park," Gaw said.

The event this Friday will be followed on every second Friday of each month from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



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## Partnership program at Wilkinson Junior High serves educational, emotional, nutritional, financial needs of community

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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MIDDLEBURG – Wilkinson Junior High is much more than a school. It's a food bank, a laundromat, a clothing boutique and more.

Wilkinson became a community partnership school a couple of years ago, and since then, it's grown to be an extremely important part of the surrounding community. The school serves not just students, but anyone in the area, and its impact has never been more resounding than this past year.

"COVID-19 has made things even tougher for people," WJH principal Christina Cornwell said. "Being a community partnership school is about the whole student and every aspect of their lives."

Cornwell said it's obviously important to work with students to help them succeed in school, but factors outside of the classroom can have a big impact on what happens inside. A student that's hungry won't be able to focus as well, for example. That's why WJH and its community partnership school director, Shawn Smith, have worked hard to ensure all bases are covered.

The school has a food pantry that feeds hundreds of students and community members every month. Students can take home grocery bags of food on Fridays. People can make appointments to stroll through the food bank on campus and pick out items to take home. A Farm Share food drive on every third Thursday, something Smith says is a great demonstration of the partnership aspect of community partnership schools.

Cornwell said after a community as-

essment survey was sent out to community members, the school learned its surrounding community needed food.

"The survey results showed us that people were saying they couldn't get healthy food on a regular basis," Cornwell said. "We're kind of far from healthy food and there isn't any public transportation out here so a lot of our people are locked out of getting healthy food easily."

Cornwell, Smith and her team learned of some other needs and that's how the campus became the home of a laundromat, a clothing boutique and a food bank, too. In one of Wilkinson's portables, you'll find a room filled with racks of shirts, pants, jackets, dresses, shoes and more.

"I especially love this area," Smith said, gesturing to the school's clothes closet suit jacket rack. "There are a lot of people that don't have suits or even suit jackets and I love that we have this entire rack of jackets for anyone in our community that needs it."

The clothes run through all different sizes, and there's things like body soap, body spray, other hygiene products and even a new twin-size mattress.

Attached to this clothing closet is a space that's been turned into a changing room that looks like something you'd find in any clothing store and beside that closet is another space that's been turned into a laundromat.

Two washers, two dryers and all of the things you'd need like detergent and softener can be found here and Smith's favorite part is that much like the food bank and the clothes boutique, the laundromat is free to whoever needs it. The school even



Wilkinson Junior High is a community partnership school, which means it's so much more than a school.

has a shower that can be used by anyone who needs fresh hot water.

The other big facet of Wilkinson's community partnership school services is mental health counseling. The school has its standard guidance counselors, of course, but they've been inundated with helping students return from virtual school to brick and mortar classrooms and the usual guidance counselor needs, but what about the students struggling mentally elsewhere? What about the students that aren't handling COVID-19 and its effects well, or the students with problems at home that bleed into their school life?

The school's guidance counselors and full-time social worker do a great job, but Cornwell said the school had to hire a full-time mental health counselor. This hire is just another showcase of the school's commitment to its students and community.

"We have four pillars that dictate how

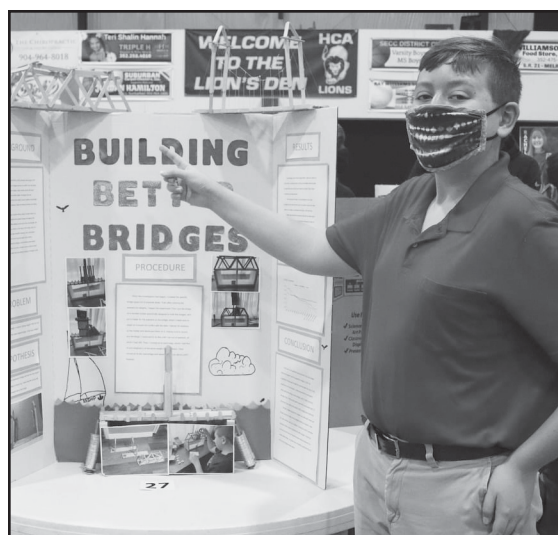
everything is run here at this community partnership school," Smith said. "We have expanded learning, wellness supports, family and community engagement and collaborative leadership."

Those four pillars work hand in hand with the many partnerships the school has with community leaders, businesses and organizations. Specific to WJH, those core partners are Baptist Health, Wolfson's Children's Hospital, the Clay County School District, Children's Home Society and St. Johns River State College.

"Every bit of success we have with this community partnership school can be attributed to people like [Cornwell], our partners, and our four pillars," Smith said. "We have the best community and we serve the best people here."

"We love our community here at Wilkinson."

## 45 students compete at Hope Christian STEM Fair



Physical Science Project Division Overall Winner Benjamin Whalen also won 2nd Place People's Choice Award for his "Building Better Bridges" project, which was complete with a demonstration of weight distribution and three mini bridges he constructed.

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Nearly 45 students recently competed in Hope Christian Academy's third annual Science Technology Engineering Math Fair.

Earning the top, two overall scores were Brooke McCloud in the Biological Sciences division and Benjamin Whalen in the Physical Science Projects division. McCloud and Whalen were also chosen by their peers for the top Peoples' Choice Awards.

"My students were to choose a Problem to solve with an experiment," said HCA teacher Adina Leon. "Next, they did a research paper to learn the background information necessary to understand the project. Then they made a de-

tailed plan of how to form an experiment that would answer their scientific question. The Experiment [we called it an Investigation] steps were documented in a STEM Journal. Findings were published in a Follow Up Paper and projects were visualized and presented orally before their peers."

A variety of projects were chosen this year from Biological to Physical to Statistical Studies to Engineering.

The projects were judged in the HCA gym. Elementary through high school classes were broken down in smaller numbers to view the experiences and engage in question-and-answer time with the STEM Fair participant.



Overall winner in the Biological Sci Projects division, Brooke McCloud, was a popular stop for students as they were fascinated by her demonstration and to learn more about the heart's "Flow Rate". She also won the overall top People's Choice Award.

# The Kitchen of Clay County finally reopens its doors

**Non profit to provide free meals at three county locations**

by **Bruce Hope**  
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ORANGE PARK – The Kitchen of Clay County is back in action from every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.



A volunteer prepares sacked lunches at one of three preparation locations in Clay County.

The Kitchen is open and helping to fight food insecurity in Clay County by providing free lunches to the underprivileged. Since last year's statewide shutdown, the past three Saturdays mark the first that the Kitchen has been open and serving.

Three locations provide this necessary service: Sacred Heart Catholic Mission Church in Green Cove Springs, Middleburg United Methodist and First Baptist of Orange Park.

The Kitchen of Clay County is a non-profit that was founded in 2009.

For several years, they served hot lunches out of three different senior centers.

They partnered with Waste Not Want, and each week a different area church would assist by providing soup and sandwich items.

"We weren't able to stay open [during the pandemic shutdown], specifically because the senior centers closed," said Kitchen vice president Jennifer Knight. "And so there was some time to figure what we're going to do because we don't have a place to serve. But we had some change on the board, and some new ideas came in, and now we've partnered with three area churches in town, and they've allowed us to use their facilities for free so we can start serving again."

The COVID-19 shutdown caused the Kitchen to go a long time without serving meals.

Now that its reopened, it continues to partner with Waste Not Want Not, as well as partner churches that supply meat and cheese.

The service that the Kitchen is provid-



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRUCE HOPE

The volunteers at The Kitchen of Clay County are relieved to open their doors again to serve meals to hungry residents.

***"It's just an amazing feeling, and all of our volunteers feel the same way. We're just ready to help. Even if we can help one person, then it's been a great week."***

ing is needed in many communities and is also appreciated.

"There were two men last week who said, 'I don't know where I would've gotten food today if I hadn't seen your sign,'" said Charlotte Sohm, kitchen director at Green Cove Springs.

The recipients aren't the only ones who are happy about the return of the program.

Knight estimates that the Kitchen has between 30 and 40 volunteers working weekly to prepare and distribute the bag lunches.

"Everyone is so happy to be back. When

I called our teams to say that we were starting again," Sohm said. "I had volunteers who truly cried tears of joy."

The Kitchen, founded with the intent to nourish both body and soul, is performing an essential service.

"We have the opportunity to provide this service to people who are truly in need right now," Knight said. "It's just an amazing feeling, and all of our volunteers feel the same way. We're just ready to help. Even if we can help one person, then it's been a great week."



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# Clay EDC

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able homes, remodeling, and repairs. All four compassion-centric companies fall under the Legacy in Action umbrella.

“The Legacy in Action name was really birthed because we believe we have an opportunity to leave a legacy on this earth and we want to leave one that makes the Lord proud,” Marquis said. To that end, Marquis and the Legacy in Action team recently agreed to donate funds for a 7,000-square-foot building and five acres of land to Mercy Support Services, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting Clay County residents who are circumstantially in need. Ultimately, the property will hold 67 housing units.

“We want to set an example for other business leaders and individuals to step out in ways that are bigger than what they’re perhaps thinking about already,” Marquis says. “Push beyond the level you believe you’re at now and really walk in faith.”

The Clay County Economic Develop-

ment Corporation was established in 2014 and is a 501.c.3 not-for-profit corporation dedicated to recruiting new businesses to locate to Clay County and working to retain and help grow existing Clay County businesses, all in an effort to: provide quality, high-wage employment opportunities; diversify the local economy; grow the non-residential tax base; and improve the overall business climate and quality of life in Clay County for its citizens and families. The organization has over 55 public and private corporate investor partners including: Clay County Board of County Commissioners, Town of Orange Park, City of Green Cove Springs, City of Keystone Heights, Clay County Development Authority, CareerSource NE Florida, St. Johns River State College, Clay County Utility Authority, Clay Electric Cooperative, Florida Power and Light, JEA, TECO Peoples Gas, and AT&T.

For more information on Clay EDC, call JJ Harris at (904) 375-9394 or (904) 352-9939; email JJHarris@ChooseClay.com; or visit CCEDC’s website at www.ChooseClay.com.



# Mall

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best interests, giving them all the support and tools needed to stay afloat. We’re here to support them and to draw customers to them. We’ve created this nice little partnership and collaboration between our marketing team and to put on about 60 events a year. All the work we have put into the center since we took it over 2½ years ago, as the GM, it is really starting to pay off – and it paid off big time during the pandemic. Building those relationships, we’ve been bringing in tenants that were right for the center and right for the tenants.”

Some of the events include art classes, KIDX Club, Caffeine and Gasoline car shows, holiday displays, Farm and Flea markets, free drive-in movies and a traveling water shows.

“One of the first things we started looking at when we took it over 2½ years ago was how is this going to look five years from now? We had to put the pieces of the puzzle together, really targeting and changing our focus to focusing on the county, focus on what is needed to keep people in the county versus having people go across the bridge to get what they need at a different location,” Bowman said.

“We’ve created this nice little partnership and collaboration between our marketing team and to put on about 60 events a year,” Bowman said. “All the work we have put into the center since we took it over 2½ years ago, as the GM, it is really starting to pay off – and it paid off big time during the pandemic. Building those relationships, we’ve been bringing in tenants that were right for the center – and right for the tenants.”



## Clay County Friends of the NRA raise \$70,000 for local charities

CLAY COUNTY – (From left) Tom Knight, the Florida Friends of the NRA field representative, Pastor Patrick Martin of Russell Baptist Church and Dustin Elrod, chairman of the Clay County Friends of the NRA, present a check to the church as part of the organization’s annual fund drive. The Friends program used raffles and a banquet to raise money to benefit their local communities. First Baptist Church of Middleburg and the Ridgeview High JROTC program also received a portion of the money.



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# Operation Green Light 60 local drivers get their licenses back, settle debt

## Program allows drivers to settle old ticket debt

CLAY COUNTY – Promotion of this year’s Operation Green Light effort resulted in high turn-out. Clay County’s Clerks work this annual event on a Saturday to make sure citizens who work during the week can still take full advantage of this one-time-per year cost-saving opportunity. Several citizens expressed relief that they could use funds from their federal COVID-19 stimulus checks to pay off their court debt and finally get their license back.

In Clay County:

- \$34,000 in unpaid, past-due court costs, fines and fees were collected in just five hours.
- 89 cases were paid in full (and those people’s names/cases taken off the collection agency lists).
- 42 Payment Plans were written covering 165 cases representing \$91,000 in court costs, fines and fees now on track to be paid.
- 60 defendants were made eligible for reinstatement of their Driver License – that’s five dozen citizens able to get back on the road driving legally. That’s a win-win for the community.

“Operation Green Light is a state mandated program, but we are happy to go the extra mile to provide it each year, especially when we see these kind of results”, said Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green.

Operation Green Light is a driver license reinstatement event held annually



to reduce the number of driver license suspensions and give individuals with suspended driver licenses the chance to save on certain fees.

“With many Floridians struggling financially, events like Operation Green Light are as important as ever,” said Chris Hart IV, Chief Executive Officer of Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers. “This Clerk of Court initiative reduces the burden on Floridians who are simply trying to do the right thing by paying back their obligations to the courts. More importantly, it helps those people regain driving privileges, so they can begin to move on with their lives.”

In 2019 and 2020, more than 18,000 Floridians were made eligible for driver license reinstatement due to Operation Green Light. Statewide license reinstatement figures for 2021 efforts will be available by the end of the month once all events conclude across the state.

# Acclaimed Middle East journalist DeYoung speaking on April 10

For Clay Today

MIDDLEBURG – Dr. Jimmy DeYoung is a seasoned journalist specializing in the Middle East and how current events in that region today line up with Bible prophecy. He has his finger on the pulse of what is considered the media “hot spot” of our time, the Middle East.

DeYoung will be speaking locally at First Coast Baptist Church at 7587 Blanding Blvd. on Saturday evening, April 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The free event is open to the public and sponsored by WAY Radio Station AM 550, 103.3 FM and 104.9 FM.

DeYoung has resided in Jerusalem for a portion of the year for the last 23 years where he held full credentials as a journalist in the second most populated journalistic city in the world. Because of his travels around the world, he brings with him the

latest news from the Middle East with a unique blend of political, biblical, and prophetic insight that cannot be found in the media today.

DeYoung continues to monitor the most current events as they unfold in the Middle East and compares these current events to the prophetic truth of God’s Word.

DeYoung is a noted international conference speaker and has authored the best-selling book, “Sound The Trumpets”, produced a number of audio and video materials, including his best seller, “Ready To Rebuild”, a documentary on the building of the Third Temple.

Dr. DeYoung’s show “Prophecy Today” heard every Saturday at 1pm on WAY Radio AM 550, 103.3 FM and 104.9 FM.

For more information, visit [www.wayradio.org](http://www.wayradio.org) for details.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Clay County Board of County Commissioners To Consider a Petition to Establish Anabelle Island Community Development District

**DATE:** March 23, 2021

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard

**LOCATION:** Clay County Administration Building BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor 477 Houston Street Green Cove Spring, Florida 32043

2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 269-6377.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

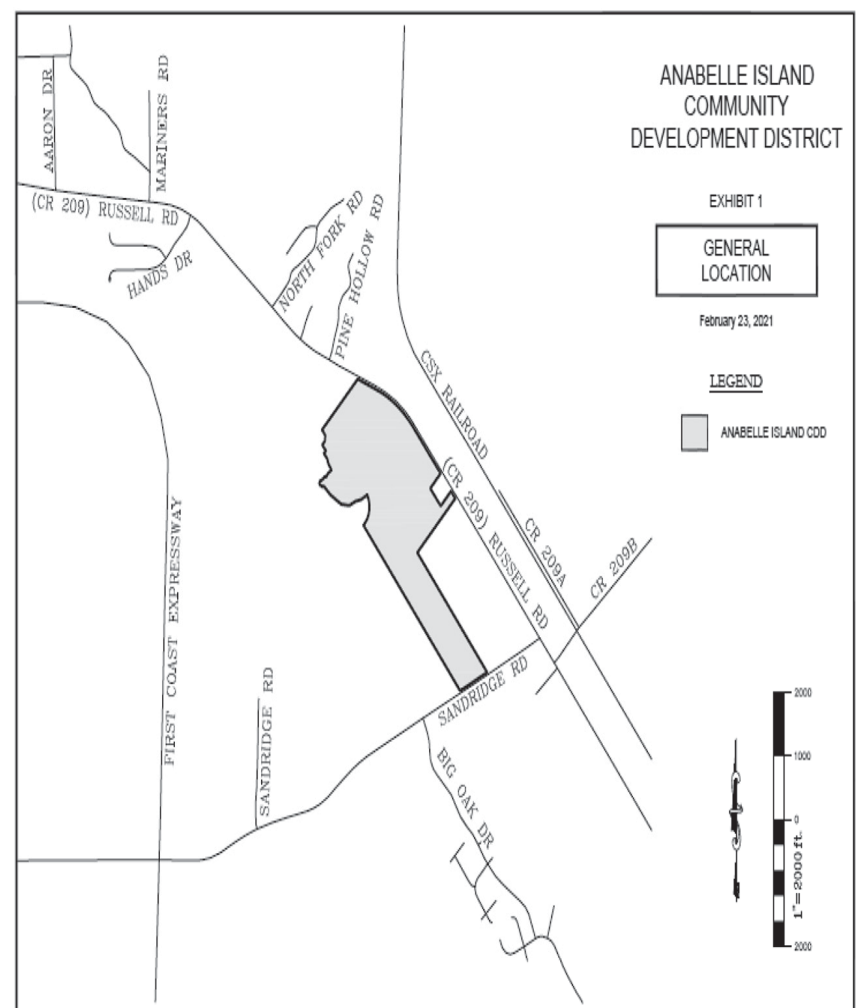
### NOTICE TO PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO ALL HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS:

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County’s ADA Coordinator mail at Post Office Box 1366, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043 or by telephone at (904) 278-4719 no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Hearing impaired persons, please call the Florida Relay Service (1 800 955 8770), no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting.

**Legal 47422 Published February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 in Clay County’s Clay Today newspaper.**

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 23rd day of March, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Anabelle Island Community Development District. The proposed Anabelle Island Community Development District is comprised of 164.13 acres, generally located near the intersection of Russell Road and Sandridge Road in Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Anabelle Island Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water and sewer systems, recreation improvements, landscaping and signage, and other infrastructure.

A copy of the petition is open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney’s Office,



# Camp Chowenwaw recognized as outstanding partner for education, youth programs

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Camp Chowenwaw County Park at Black Creek recently was recognized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network as an Outstanding Partner for the staff's dedication to providing high-quality environmental education programs and opportunities for youth to appreciate Florida's great outdoors.

FYCCN is a public-private partnership initiative of FWC developed to inspire a lifelong delight for the outdoors and a passion for conserving Florida's exquisite natural resources.

The network aims to uphold Florida's outdoor heritage by educating and empowering Florida's youth and educators with outdoor know-how and conservation concepts.

Camp Chowenwaw has been a partner with FYCCN since 2014 and has been fully engaged in providing fishing and wildlife discovery programs that FYCCN has helped facilitate. The park has also

supported a variety of youth and family programs in Clay County and has been a partner location for other partnerships' summer camps, FYCCN network trainings, and FWC research initiatives.

For these reasons and more, Camp Chowenwaw was awarded an "Outstanding Partner" recognition for the year 2020.

Some benefits of being an FYCCN partner include professional development trainings, state-sponsored resources, educational curricula in the areas of wildlife discovery, fishing, archery, and paddle sports, and outdoor equipment loans. Liza McCain, Education and Volunteer Coordinator said, "We have enjoyed the resources and opportunities a partnership with FYCCN provides." McCain added, "Camp Chowenwaw has been involved with FWC wildlife studies at the park and is currently using an FYCCN Wildlife Discovery Kit containing identification guides, animal skulls, pelts, scat, and prints to help visitors learn more about the park's native animals." Learn more about Camp Chowenwaw's activities and programs here: <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/parks-and-recreation/camp-chowenwaw-park>.



Camp Chowenwaw is known for its breathtaking nature and educational programs. The camp was recognized as an Outstanding Partner by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Centers Network.

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Ben Hines, FYCCN North Central Partnership Coordinator said: "We truly appreciate the work Camp Chowenwaw does every day for the youth and families of their community and want to recognize them for their dedication to environmental education and the shared mission of "Creating the Next Generation That Cares."

"Camp Chowenwaw County Park is a wealth of historical and natural resources, which has been meticulously preserved for Clay County residents to enjoy," Clay County Board of Commissioners Chairman Mike Cella said. "Park staff have done an

amazing job developing recreational and educational opportunities for visitors, and this honor is well deserved."

With the help of the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, FYCCN has established a statewide conservation network of 340 partnerships with Florida's parks, community centers, camps, clubs, museums, zoos, and aquariums to inspire youths from all backgrounds to enjoy and appreciate Florida's natural areas.

Learn more about the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network here: <https://fyccn.org/>.



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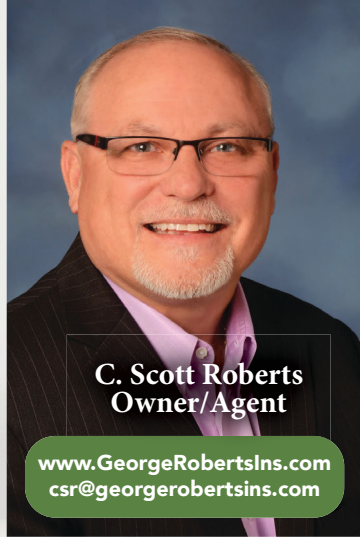
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# Ring

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that challenges her senses. It affects how she communicates, reacts to bright lights and noise, self-regulates and functions in social settings.

"I also have trouble sleeping at night," she said.

Cassie asked for her first dog, Stewart, for her seventh birthday. She believed a dog would "help her be brave," her mother, Sandy Pardee, said.

Carly has become her voice.

"Dogs don't judge you; they just love you," Cassie said.

Her grandmother, Kay Monaghan, bred and showed English Setters for more than 50 years. She gave Cassie a puppy, and in 2018 they became Team C.C. – Cassie and Carly. The showring has become therapeutic for both, mom said.

"The dogs have the ability to sense her anxiety, so they will lean on her. She makes a really interesting connection with the particular animals she works with," Sandy said.

Cassie is responsible for grooming her dogs, which recently included another puppy, Lena, from her grandmother, as well as working with a trainer to refine both of their skills. The AKC circuit put most of its shows on pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of being afraid of the bright lights and large crowds, Cassie is laser-focused on her work with Carly in the confirmation portion of the competition.

"She hasn't been able to work as much with them this year because all of the shows have been canceled," Sandy said. "Last year and the year before, we were on a very heavy show schedule. She would go to her trainers at least once a week. She would bathe and groom and try to enhance her skills as far as what she has to do in the ring – pacing the dog, making sure the dog stacks properly and refining their skills as a team.

"Once a week she would be at her trainers and we would leave on a Thursday and be gone for a long weekend. The entire weekend, she would care for the dog, manage the dog, sleep with the dog in the hotel room and then be on site at the location where we were showing them. That was her responsibility to care and handle the dog."

"I really want to start working with the dogs again," Cassie said. "Yes, it's been stressful. I still want to do it because I feel like it's a way for me to get over my really bad anxiety attracts when I have them. It's part of my therapy."

Monaghan recently gave Cassie another dog, Lena. Sandy and Cassie limit their time with Monaghan because of the virus.

"COVID has caused us an issue is grandma's dog. She lives across the lake from us," Sandy said. "We want to protect grandma from getting COVID because Cass is a high school student and goes to a brick-and-mortar school [Keystone Heights]. We're trying to limit their interaction because the last thing we want to do is make grandma sick. Right now, she has a new dog, a yellow Lab, and she's a puppy who she works with every day after school. She walks her and is training her to do more different kinds of things in the show ring like agility, diver dog – some of the other things the other competitions that are available to her."

Cassie competed in the conformation ring, where dogs are judged against each other.

"They have to get a certain number of points and a certain amount of what they call 'a major' to champion," Sandy said. "That was her goal was to champion Carly when she started. She championed Carly very quickly. Within a year, she got her championship and she finished her at the biggest show in Florida, which was the AKC Nationals in Orlando, which was a tremendously huge win.

"Now she's showing in juniors where the judges judge the handler more than



PHOTO COMPLIMENTS OF NANCY PARDEE

Cassie Pardee enjoys a ribbon earned at an AKC conformation contest. Working with dogs helps the Keystone Heights girl deal with her autism.

they judge the dog. They judge how the handler was able to handle the dog and how the handler is able to follow the judges' instruction and how they get the dog to do what the judges are telling them to do.

Now it's a competition against her peers, so it's a different kind of competition, but it's still in the confirmation area of the ring."

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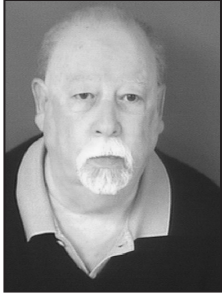
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## Police Briefs

### 71-year-old charged with molesting 13-year-old

ORANGE PARK – A 71-year-old man was arrested March 5 and charged with lewd and lascivious behavior on a 13-year-old girl.

James Lamar Wilson III, of Orange Park, was charged following an investigation that started on Feb. 26. According to the arrest report, the 13-year-old said Wilson groped her several times in 2019 and 2020.



James Wilson

Detectives conducted a controlled telephone call between the victim's father and Wilson in which Wilson admitted his "sodium level was all screwed up" and he didn't remember the incident.

His bond was set at \$100,003.

### South Carolina man jailed for punch CCSO deputies, K-9

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A man who fought with Clay County Sheriff deputies, including a K-9, after being accused of choking a convenience store clerk, was arrested on March 4 and put into the Clay County Jail with a \$143,519 bond.

Reginald Tavone Figueroa, 29, of Marion, South Carolina, was charged with two counts of battery on a law enforcement officer, two counts of resisting arrest with violence, battery on a CCSO K-9 officer, simple assault and simple battery following an investigation into a dispute on Feb. 15 at the Racetrac gas station at 3106 U.S. Highway 17 in Green Cove Springs.

### Man who shot himself in SWAT standoff accused of killing partner in St. Johns County

FLEMING ISLAND – The man who fatally shot himself following a standoff with the Clay County Sheriff's Office SWAT team on March 7 was identified as the "sole suspect" in the murder of a St. Johns County woman.

Gregory Wayne Hopkins is suspected of being in a relationship with the woman at the time of the shooting. After she was shot, Hopkins drove to Country Side Drive and Summit Ridge Road and in the Eagle Harbor subdivision and rammed his car into an unoccupied home. He then was holed up in an upstairs bathroom, Sheriff Michelle Cook said.

"He refused to come out, so we have SWAT and negotiators here trying to negotiate a safe, ending to this situation," Cook said.

CCSO alerted the sheriff's office in St. Johns County to do a wellness check on the woman in the Fruit Cove area. They found her dead.

"We believe this to be a domestic violence incident and related to the active situation in Clay County," a St. Johns spokesperson said. "Our investigation is underway."

On Monday, SJCSO said, "The CCSO exhausted numerous resources and hours in an attempt to gain G. Hopkins compliance and resolve the situation peacefully. Ultimately, with the assistance of the JSO SWAT team, members of the CCSO SWAT team made entry into the residence and located the G. Hopkins deceased."

Figueroa choked one employee, according to the arrest affidavit. When a CCSO deputy arrived, he was punched "approximately 20 times in the face with closed fists" by Figueroa.

The deputy sustained cuts on his face, lips and eye. When another deputy arrived, Figueroa refused to get on the ground, so K-9 Chuck was released to make him comply. Figueroa struck the dog, then started punching the second deputy.



Reginald Figueroa

Figueroa was taken to Orange Park Medical Center for treatment after deputies gained control. He was arrested when he was released on March 4.

According to court documents, Figueroa also was cited for parking in a handicap spot at Racetrac.

### Keystone city worker dies while cutting grass at cemetery

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – On Tuesday, March 9, Charles E. James, a part-time public works employee of the City of Keystone Heights, was found on the ground at the Keystone Heights Memorial Gardens by the City's Public Works Director.

When emergency officials arrived, they

found James trapped by a lawn mower. They pronounced James dead at the scene.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office said the death appeared to be either medical issue or an accident.

"The City extends our deepest sympathy to his family and friends," Keystone officials said in a statement. "Mr. James began working with the City in January 2021, and despite the short time period of his City work, he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those whose lives were touched by our dear friend."

### Jacksonville man jailed for 2018 construction robberies

OAKLEAF – A Jacksonville man was arrested by the Clay County Sheriff's Office following a rash of 2018 burglaries at construction sites.

Matthew Aaron Gourn, 38, was charged on March 5 with three counts of burglary and three counts

of grand theft after three washers, three dryers and a range were taken at the Arbor Mill at Oakleaf Plantation subdivision.

According to the arrest report, Gourn had been in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office jail for similar burglaries at another construction site.

An arrest warrant was issued on Sept. 18, 2018.

Gourn now is in the Clay County Jail with a \$95,018 bond.



Matthew Gourn

## 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, March 9

Kelsey M. Stites, 30, Fleming Island, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement, DWLSR

Michael R. Williams, 33, Green Cove Springs, two counts battery on a detention deputy

Makensy Gede, 31, Green Cove Springs, vandalism

Shantay M. Brewer, 18, Orange Park, shoplifting

James M. Barnes, 61, Green Cove Springs, disorderly intoxication

Joshua G. Barron, 27, Green Cove Springs, DUI manslaughter causing death to human/unborn child

Michael S. Sandford, 37, Green Cove Springs, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Christopher I. Gazares, 36, Green Cove Springs, FTA

### Monday, March 8

Micaiah A. Simmons, 39, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana, attempting to flee/elude law enforcement with lights/siren active

Garrett J. Longmire, 32, Middleburg, breach of peace/disorderly conduct/fighting/brawling, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement

Megan A. Conroy, 18, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Josephine S. Vargas, 39, Fleming Is-

land, FTA-DWLSR

Rachel S. Gordon, 18, Orange Park, retail petit theft, criminal mischief

Charles W. Krueger, 55, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, FTA

Brenda L. Cassata, 56, Middleburg, simple battery

Naisha Tyson, 33, Fleming Island, simple domestic battery

### Sunday, March 7

Courtney K. Evans, 51, Melrose, domestic battery

Charles A. Jordan, 30, Orange Park, criminal mischief

### Saturday, March 6

Joshua C. Stansberry, 21, Orange Park, FTA

Jeffery D. Barnett, 31, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm

Anthony J. Zurvalec, 41, Oakleaf, DUI

with BAL .15 or higher with passenger younger than 18

Matthew G. Gill, 26, Middleburg, DUI  
Joshua E. Gibbs, 18, Orange Park, burglary

Christopher B. Jackson, 42, Oakleaf, simple domestic battery

Thomas V. Martinez, 23, Middleburg, simple battery, possession-controlled substance

Charles P. Goddard, 34, Fleming Island, assault/battery during burglary, simple battery, vandalism

Kristan E. Nelson, 32, Fleming Island, grand theft (Escambia), exploitation of the elderly (Escambia)

Hunter A. Meeks, 27, Middleburg, domestic battery

Renee L. Dotseth, 50, Lake Asbury, DUI

### Friday, March 5

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## Arrests

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Trey D. Cotton, 19, Orange Park, DUI  
 Therese M. Tucker, 51, Orange Park, simple battery  
 Ashia Lindo, 23, Orange Park, possession-Xanax, possession-marijuana, trafficking oxycodone  
 Christopher J. Layfield, 35, Green Cove Springs, possession-controlled substance  
 Matthew A. Gourn, 38, Orange Park, three counts grand theft, three counts burglary  
 Richard L. Stumpner, 59, Middleburg, burglary  
 Kyle M. Gibbs, 23, Middleburg, trespassing  
 Nia L. Evans, 18, Orange Park, simple battery, vandalism  
 James L. Wilson, 71, Orange Park, assault on victim between 12-16  
 Dustin P. Hamilton, 20, Middleburg, VOP-grand theft auto  
 Antwan L. Frazier, 33, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, DUI  
 Brandon E. Lawley, 37, Middleburg, DUI

**Thursday, March 4**  
 Cecilio Castaneda, 40, Orange Park,

tampering with/alter, destroy/conceal physical evidence, possession firearm/ ammo by a convicted felon, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Rachel I. Goodwin, 39, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-cocaine, possession-Xanax  
 Ronald C. Pizur, 49, Fleming Island, DUI  
 Justin D. Beasley, 39, Orange Park, DUI  
 Christopher B. Tanori, 45, Green Cove Springs, non-support  
 Joseph W. Mehrtens, 39, Green Cove Springs, non-support  
 Christopher A. Padgett, 43, Orange Park, possession-cocaine with intent to distribute, possession-fentanyl, drug paraphernalia advertisement  
 Douglas J. Robbins, 40, Green Cove Springs, non-support  
 Willie D.O. Troutman, 22, Green Cove Springs, VOP-domestic battery  
 Joshua Rivera Vega, 29, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Hunter S. Beck, 34, Fleming Island, petit theft, fraudulent use of credit card  
 Edwin S. Gustafson, 28, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto, possession-ammo/firearm by convicted felon, felony attempting to flee/elude

Reginald T. Figueroa, 29, Orange Park, two counts battery on law enforcement/firefighter/EMT, two counts resisting law enforcement with violence, causing bodily harm, simple assault with intent to do violence, touching/striking/causing harm to police/firefighter service animal  
 Robert M. White, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Shane R. Dunn, 35, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR  
 Cody W. Brock, 34, Middleburg, dating battery by strangulation  
 Joseph B. Johnson, 49, Maxville, FTA  
 Noah G.C. Starling, 23, Maxville, burglary, retail petit theft, grand theft auto  
 Israel E. Grant, 21, Orange Park, FTA-driving without valid license  
 Kimmy L. Reyes, 25, Orange Park, VOP-community control  
 Bradley W. Powell, 33, Fleming Island, DUI  
 Shirley M. Adams, 39, Middleburg, two counts FTA  
 Andrew R. Pickens, 37, Green Cove Springs, out of county warrant  
 Star D. Gram, 24, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine  
 Melanie Santana, 29, Orange Park, obtaining property less than \$20,000

### Wednesday, March 3

Amber N. Woolsey, 27, Middleburg, DUI, driving without valid license, leaving scene of accident with property damage  
 William K. Baughn, 27, Green Cove Springs, battery in a detention center  
 Amous R. Dyal, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA, possession-methamphetamine  
 Makensy Gede, 31, Orange Park, vandalism, resist/obstruct/oppose law enforcement  
 Amber N. Sanford, 26, Keystone Heights, VOP-community control  
 Quantiana J.L. Wilson, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft  
 Randall J. Taylor, 36, Green Cove Springs, criminal mischief  
 Sean M.L. Howell, 34, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR  
 Carlos D. Spencer, 29, Orange Park, battery on person 65 or older  
 Troy D. Ward, 19, Middleburg, simple battery  
 Billy B. Waters, 38, Orange Park, possession-cocaine  
 Cheree D. Matheney, 39, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-heroin, possession/use-drug paraphernalia  
 Colton G.T. Tetreault, 21, Fleming Island, DWLSR-habitual offender

## CCSO: Tax time brings out new waves of fraud and scams

By Bruce Hope  
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CLAY COUNTY – It's that time of year again. The holidays have come and gone, and the first quarter of the new year lends to at least one surety: time to file income tax returns.

But be warned: fraud is largest and fast-growing crime in the world.

Many people are processing and filing their income taxes either in person or online. However, the online variant can cause problems. Like anything else involving money, scammers and digital thieves are lurking to take advantage of the innocent and those who do not take the proper precautions.

"We do see them [instances of cyber-fraud], particularly at this time of year," said Sergeant Ken Rodgers of the Clay County Sheriff's Office Fraud division. "There are things the public can do to try and protect themselves from it."

People who prepare their taxes online can often become victims if they are not careful, and older people are often targets.

"There are some things that the public can do to try and protect themselves from it," he said. "Some of those being to just be aware of phishing emails and such, to avoid those. Try to prevent a scammer of fraudster from gaining access to their computer where they may have access to their information."

Phishing is defined as the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal infor-



mation, such as passwords and credit card numbers.

It is a regular and popular method of attempting to digitally defraud people. He also advises to have strong passwords that are regularly changed.

In addition to protecting a computer, another piece of advice that Rodgers gives, is to stop carrying a social security card. Many people still do, but it is no longer necessary. He advises that leaving it home in a secure location is much safer.

Also, many people conduct online business on their smartphones. Whether doing banking and more, a lot of sensitive information is stored on a smartphone

as many people's accounts are linked to the device and the individual apps on it. Surprisingly, according to Rodgers, many people don't enable a lock function on their smartphones, making them easy to access if stolen.

"We do a lot of free fraud awareness training in Clay County," Rodgers said. "We go to senior centers, churches, some banks and stuff. We try to educate people the best we can."

Many, if not all of the reputable tax preparers have online options, and secure sites through which the work can be done. Some of the biggest names are H&R Block or TurboTax.

## Calendar of Events

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

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet on March 11 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., in Green Cove Springs.

**LAKE REGION KIWANIS:** will meet March 11 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75<sup>th</sup> St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

**CLAY COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:** will meet March 16 at 3 p.m. at the BCC Meeting Room, fourth floor of the Administration Building, 477 Houston St. in Green Cove Springs.

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

**CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE:** will meet on March 18 at 10 a.m. at the Zoning Department Conference Room, third floor of Administration Building, 477 Houston St., in Green Cove Springs.

**WALK IN THE ORCHIDS:** will be March 20-21 at the Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, in Jacksonville. Saturday's exhibit will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., while Sunday is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is sponsored by the Jacksonville Orchid Society and admission is free.

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

# OPMC's new \$126 million tower opens to offer additional care

By Bruce Hope  
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ORANGE PARK – The Orange Park Medical Center's new five-story patient tower is complete and ready to house more patients, using its increased technical abilities to improve the standard of care.

"It's been in design and development stages for several years," said Lisa Valentine, Chief Executive Officer. "We've been under construction for almost two years now, so it's been a long process of bringing online a good project that'll help us serve our community even better."

The tower was part of a \$126 million expansion project.

The new tower will have 48 new inpatient surgical beds on the fourth and fifth floors. The total number of beds in the new building will be 96. The tower will house patients requiring care post-surgery and

those suffering from other illnesses.

"One of the biggest benefits is that this tower has so many technological advances that allow the physicians and nurses to focus on the patient; put them at the center of care and to share treatment information real time, right there at the center of the room so they can spend more time with the patient explaining things and developing a treatment plan," said Brad Shumaker, the hospital's Chief Medical Officer. "For example, each of the TVs is able to display X-Ray images, MRIs, etc and also show all of the laboratory results. So really, it's an interconnected system that allows for a multi-disciplinary approach to the patient at the bedside. We think that's an innovative model of care and really excited about that."

The rooms have AppleTV integrated with advanced Wi-Fi. The AppleTV integra-



Jason Walker, OPMC Director of IT and Senior Tech Analyst Stephanie Stiltz celebrate the grand opening of the new medical tower at Orange Park Medical Center.

"One of the biggest benefits is that this tower has so many technological advances that allow the physicians and nurses to focus on the patient; put them at the center of care and to share treatment information real time, right there at the center of the room so they can spend more time with the patient explaining things and developing a treatment plan."

– Brad Shumaker, the hospital's Chief Medical Officer

tion also allows for the television displays in the rooms to serve as medical smartboards where patients and medical providers can provide information pertinent to them. The community that the hospital serves stands to benefit from the new tower and what it offers.

"I think that this expansion allows OPMC to provide specialized serves, serve more members of the community," Shumaker said. "We can offer just about anything a patient could need from a surgical or a medical standpoint right here in the community in a very comfortable setting that's fresh and light; I think it's a win for them."

Patients also may benefit from other

therapeutic parts of their stay. With the height and design of the tower, they will be able to see the sunrise in the morning and sunset in the evening.

"One of the things you'll see on this new unit is that it's light, it's bright with lots of windows," Valentine said. "The colors are soothing and calming and all of that leads to a better healing process, I believe."

With everything the new wing offers, Orange Park has stepped up its ability to provide top-notch patient care.

"To provide a more holistic view of care is really the future," said Shumaker. "To focus on the environment, comfort and things you take for granted...is really what we're going for."



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# BCC to hold community meetings for Emergency Rental Assistance Program

## For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Board of County Commissioners will be holding three community meetings to provide information on the new county-wide Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Clay County has received \$6.6 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide rental assistance to eligible households negatively impacted due to COVID-19 and

the resulting economic impact.

Landlords, rental property managers and tenants of residential rental properties in unincorporated and municipal areas of Clay County are encouraged to attend to learn about program eligibility and what documentation will be required when applying.

Community meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at these locations and dates:

- Monday, March 15 at Green Cove Springs City Hall, at 321 Walnut St. in

Green Cove Springs.

- Wednesday, March 17 at the Keystone Heights Pavilion, at 555 South Lawrence Blvd. in Keystone Heights.

- Thursday, March 18 at the Orange Park Town Hall, at 2042 Park Ave. in Orange Park.

The community meetings will provide details on the program overview, eligibility requirements, application process and required documentation. The community meetings are informational only and in-

tended to help potential applicants navigate through the application process.

Applications for Emergency Rental Assistance can be submitted online beginning Monday, March 22, at <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/cares-act/emergency-rental-assistance>. No applications or documents will be accepted prior to March 22.

For questions about the scheduled community meetings, please call (904) 259-4256.

# Quigley House gets a makeover as part of a Eagle Scout project

Laird organizes group of volunteers to spruce up women's shelter

By Wesley LeBlanc  
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ORANGE PARK – The Quigley House campus outdoors recently got a facelift by a 13-year-old soon-to-be Eagle Scout and 20 other volunteers.

William Laird, 13, is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and part of that process includes a community project. Having some familiarity with Clay County's Quigley House nonprofit by way of other volunteer projects, Laird called up the charity and asked how he could help. He soon went above and beyond the Quigley's House's expectations.

"He asked to take a tour of the campus for his project and I showed him four different outdoor areas of our shelter campus, expecting him to pick one and work on that," Quigley House director of domestic violence services Stacey O'Brien said. "All of a sudden, his team was tackling all four things."

O'Brien said Laird and his team of volunteers spruced up a basketball area, donated new balls and a bin to store them, cleaned and fixed two children's playground sets and tended to a garden area,



among other things.

"I wanted to help out the people with the Quigley House," Laird said. "I thought I could do something really special and it was a very good cause because I'd be helping people who are victims of domestic violence."

Laird says Quigley House performs multiple valuable services for the community and that what they do for the people that need them is wonderful. He said he hopes his project inspires others to work with Quigley's to help them out in any way possible.

"It's really uplifting that they did this for us because not many nonprofits actu-



Thirteen-year-old William Laird and a team of about 20 other volunteers gave the outdoor areas of the Quigley House campus a major facelift including new picnic tables, a refurbished basketball court and more.

ally provide their services here in Clay County and we're one of the few that do," O'Brien said. "For them to have selected us to help, it means so much."

O'Brien said Laird's help couldn't have come at a better time as the shelter is currently inundated with families that need help making it through the COVID-19 pandemic. It's been rough and it's nice to be supported by our community, she said.

Laird's mother, Michelle Laird, said she's extremely proud of her son.

"This is a really big project and I'm proud of him and all of the volunteers who participated," she said. "They went above and beyond the scope of what was asked and put in a good day's work to truly make a big difference in a big way."

She said Laird likely chose a project so focused on the outdoors because of his love of the outdoors and things like sports. When he saw the condition of the facility's outdoor areas, he immediately wanted to

help spruce it up and make it a more enjoyable space for everyone there, she said.

"I think he succeeded," the mother said.

After about seven hours of work, Laird and his team of volunteers had pressure-washed a playground, two separate outdoor seating areas and a pergola, and they also built and stained a picnic table, sanded and stained another, and pressure washed two outdoor tables and the fencing surrounding the area.

They also refurbished an outdoor basketball court, removed 30 bags of leaves, pulled weeds, laid 40 bags of pine bark nuggets, refurbished a wooden outdoor playground set to include new sections for play and created a new soccer goal complete with new soccer balls.

"They truly did an amazing job and everyone here is so happy about it," O'Brien said. "The Quigley House is extremely grateful for Laird and his team."

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# Three from Clay win SJR State faculty, staff excellence awards

## For Clay Today

St. Johns River State College recently presented its annual faculty and staff excellence awards during the College's Annual Professional Development Day.

Recipients of the 2021 Staff Excellence Award were Michelle Mancil, Orange Park campus Academic Support Center coordinator, and Eric Mellies, environmental systems coordinator.

According to Vice President for Development and External Affairs Caroline Tingle, "The Employee Excellence Awards program is designed to pay tribute to faculty and staff members who continuously demonstrate a commitment to our unique mission as our 'community's' college. Our College's

faculty and staff are core to the success of our students and programs, and these award recognitions provide us an opportunity to acknowledge and thank exceptional employees for their contributions, dedication and commitment to the SJR State community."

The criteria for evaluating the Faculty Excellence Award includes instructional excellence, contributions to department/discipline, and service above and beyond.

Schafer, who began her career at SJR State in 2010, was nominated by FloArts stage management and acting instructor Patricia Crotty.

"I cannot speak highly enough of Emily's work ethic, integrity and excellence. She

also has a heart as big as the world. She is passionate about her work, her students, and the mission of the School," Crotty said. "She is always focused on what is best for the students, and advocates strongly for them in all situations. She is also a great colleague and friend."

Thomas, who began her SJR State career in 2015, has been an instrumental mentor to new accounting instructor Douglas Mikutel, who said, "Terry strives to bring even more opportunity to the College, as she is currently working to develop possible internships for business students in order to assist with the tax preparation assistance for selected populations within Putnam County. It is this work that really distinguishes her in our department, as she seeks to provide opportunities for SJR students coupled with seeking to help those in need within Putnam County."

The criteria for evaluating the Staff Excellence Award nominees includes staff members exceeding expectations in their positions, contributions to the College/department, and service and leadership.

The 2021 Faculty Excellence Award was presented to Florida School of the Arts costume design instructor Emily Schafer and business education instructor Terry Thomas.

Mancil began her career at SJR State in 2013. Mathematics instructor Thomas Flanagan, who nominated Mancil, said, "Michelle is well known to our students as a person to go to if you are struggling," adding that Mancil is also known for her 'Mancil Methods,' which are "tips and tricks she has developed to help students get through difficult algebraic topics." Working closely with the Orange Park campus mathematics faculty each semester, Mancil also helps to identify and assist at-risk students. "Most recently, she spearheaded reviews for our students, which she calls 'Crash Courses,'" Flanagan said.

Mellies, who began his SJR State career

in 2010, is admired and appreciated for his attention to detail and problem-solving skills. According to FloArts costume shop manager and costume faculty member Tiffany Jordan, "Our Fall 2020 dance show was a film project, and we needed to set up a power source for some lighting instruments to be used outside. Eric promptly came over to the costume shop to talk us through the outdoor power setup, and how to achieve the look we wanted for the show. Even with everything being so disrupted because of the current situation with COVID-19, Eric has remained consistently dependable and helpful in any way he can. When Eric finishes a job, he always makes sure to talk to my students, including myself, about what he's done so we can understand how he fixed it," said Jordan.

Schafer, Mellies and Mancil all are from Clay County.

## Voter registration for Orange Park, Keystone Heights elections is March 15

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County Supervisor of Elections Chris H. Chambless reminded residents Monday, March 15, is the deadline to register to vote for the Municipal Super Tuesday Election for the cities of Orange Park and Keystone Heights. The Municipal Super Tuesday is April 13.

Eligible voters can register to vote or update their voter information online at RegisterVoteFlorida.gov or in person at the Elections Office at 500 N. Orange Ave. in Green

Cove Springs. Paper applications also are available at any public library, post office, Tax Collector's office and most government building. All voters are encouraged to check their status and verify their voter information is accurate by visiting ClayElections.gov. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Elections Office by March 15. The Clay County Elections Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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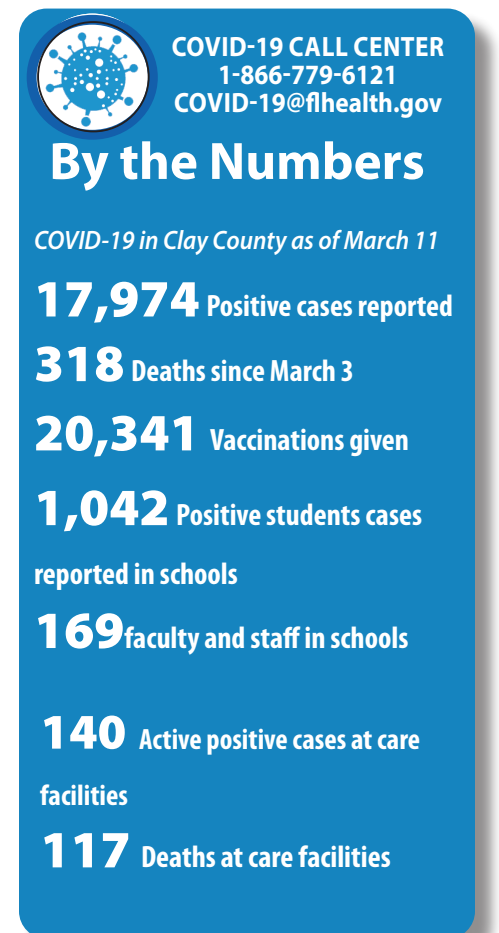


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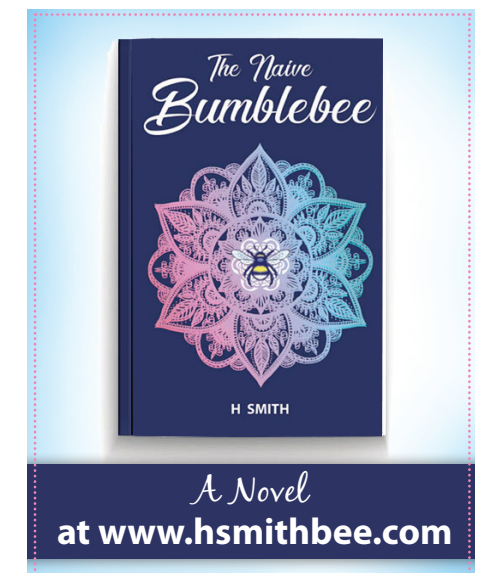
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St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer flashes 10 fingers after the Lady Spartans won their 10th straight state title with 6-0 win over Canterbury High of Fort Myers at Thursday's state championship in Deland. Spartan coach Mike Pickett, far right, now has 13 state titles.

## Lady Spartans blast to 10th title

Spartan boys fall, 4-0

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

DELAND - With barely enough time to work up a sweat, the St. Johns Country Day School girls soccer team bolted to a 2-0 lead within the first 90 seconds of play in their Class 2A championship game against Canterbury High en route to a 6-0 final score. The title was the 10th in a row for the Lady Spartans and for coach Mike Pickett. Pickett now has 13 state titles.

"This season will always have an asterisk next to it because of all the adversity we went through to get here," said Pickett. "We missed a good part of the season; a bunch of quality games and finished with just 13 regular season games. It is a testament to the 10 seniors on the team."

In the ensuing Class 2A boys championship game, Canterbury returned the favor with a 4-0 win over St. Johns with the first half locked at 0-0.

With senior forward Paige Crews taking the opening kickoff and three Spartan midfielders; Mia Sadler, Bella Pontieri and Lauren Weiss, dashing down the sideline toward the Canterbury goal, St. Johns took just 15 seconds for Pontieri to spin left and loft a left-footed shot toward the front of

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CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY NICOLE ARDEN WEISS  
St. Johns Country Day School senior soccer players Lauren Weiss, left, and Maddie Moody show off their state champion medals after beating Canterbury 6-0 in the Class 2A championship game.

## State Wrestling

### Rodriguez gets his gold; Hoskinson beats an unbeaten

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

KISSIMMEE - Ridgeview High senior Matthew Rodriguez finally, after two runnerup finishes, got his gold medal while Clay High's Cale Hoskinson, also a senior, faced off and beat an unbeaten opponent as both wrestlers won state titles Saturday.

"Yes sir, it's been a long journey," said Rodriguez, twice a Class 1A runnerup after a third place as a freshman. "I've come close the past couple of years and I just touched it in my first try as a freshman. I knew it was going to be about how much I wanted to win it."

For Hoskinson, third last year at 152 and 42-2 this season at 160, the championship match looked to be similar to Hoskinson's battle with Robert E. Lee High's 2020 state runnerup Ahmahd Denmark at the Clay Rotary as he faced off against unbeaten Terrell Taylor. 29-0 and fourth last year at 160. Denmark, third at 160 in 2A on Saturday, offered a muscular, athletic foe for

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Matthew Rodriguez, left, with dad and Ridgeview High wrestling coach got their coveted state title Saturday with Rodriguez winning the Class 1A 132-pound title in Kissimmee.



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# Undefeated set to battle

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - This week was going to be a showdown week of baseball with three area teams holding unbeaten season records; Clay, Fleming Island and St. Johns Country Day School until the Blue Devils blew that storyline with a solo homer from Bolles downing Clay 1-0 on Thursday. On Tuesday, the Clay Today Jinx hit again as Fleming Island lost a 7-2 battle with Bartram Trail.

Clay, now 7-1, and St. Johns, 7-0, are set to face off on Fri., March 12 at St. Johns for one chip of county supremacy while over at Fleming Island, now 7-1, the Golden Eagles will visit St. Johns on March 18 in a week of clashes of titans.

"The talent pool in the county right now is probably the best in one county in the entire state," said St. Johns coach Tom Lucas, who beat Bolles 2-0 in a seventh inning rally and Bartram Trail 5-2 with five runs in the final two innings. "It makes for some great baseball and our Friday game with Clay could either be a 1-1 game into the 13th inning with the pitching firepower on both sides or a 14-12 game with the hitting prowess also on both sides. It is that good."

Lucas has gotten explosive hitting from Brad Hodges and Luke Shannahan, who has two homers recently, plus a return to strength from Jason Oman from an injury.

"Luke has been hitting hard and Jason has come back from an injury and got hot real fast," said Lucas. "Hodges is the leader and if he clicks one, the others want to keep the momentum going."

Clay, minus the loss to Bolles on a frigid night in Green Cove, got a jolt early in the season with a February 23 4-0 win over Trinity Christian behind 10 whiffs from pitcher Brandon Adams and strong relief from Richard Long. Long also hit a key double.

"I am still juggling lineups to try and

find the best spot for our nine on the field out of our strong 15-18 man roster," said Clay coach Josh Persinger. "I don't think we've had the same lineup in two consecutive games yet. Everyone worked so hard in the off season that the strength here is our depth. They are definitely drinking the Koolaid that our program is built on working hard everyday to improve."

Clay has Baldwin and Menendez prior to St. Johns and Persinger cautions thinking ahead.

"We all know that Clay sometimes starts a little slow and peaks later," said Persinger. "If we were playing on all cylinders right now at 6-1, I'd be concerned that we are peaking too early."

At Fleming Island, 5-0 after a strong doubleheader Friday with Georgia's Colquitt County, with a stacked pitching roster in his back pocket, coach Grant Bigilin has his own stack of firepower to throw at opposition bats.

"Ours is senior leadership; we have 10 guys in the lineup; all four year players for me except one, that have set the bar very high," said Bigilin. "We are still focusing on cleaning up little things each game, but I think we've had just one bad game thus far." Bigilin has lightning bolt arms led by senior Cody Carwile.

"It's nice to have six or seven arms to choose from," said Bigilin. "We still have things to improve like, against Ridgeview, we had bases loaded and scored one run off it. We have to piece together consistent innings."

Bigilin noted catcher Jack Gidcumb as the hot bat with a .750 batting average and just power everywhere.

"He gets on and we put a runner in that has scored a bunch of runs off solid baserunning," said Bigilin. "Our 5-6-7 batters are as strong as some 1-2-3s which makes our batting lineup dangerous from top to bottom." Fleming Island has Bartram Trail,

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STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Fleming Island High flag football player Teryn Murphy heads downfield with catch in Golden Eagles season opening win over Robert E. Lee High.



Fleming Island quarterback Mykayla Mattox breaks for 40 yard touchdown run against Lee.



Fleming Island running back Allesandra Martin wiggled through the Lee defense then sprinted away for a 50 yard scoring run.



Middleburg High tailback Meghan Bonsor breaks away in front of Ridgeview High bench for long run that led to Bronco flag football score. Broncos won 33-0.



St. Johns Country Day School hitter Luke Shannahan rounds third with handshake from coach Keith Daniel after blasting homer in win over Ridgeview. Shannahan has hit two homers this season.

# Undefeated

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Oakleaf and Ponte Vedra on the slate prior to St. Johns.

## St. Johns Country Day School Baseball Schedule/Results Record as of March 6; 7-0

**Feb. 10** Beat Baldwin 9-0 (6 runs in second; James Oman HR, Walker Matthews single, Connor Moore walk, Finn Howell single, Jordan Taylor 2RBI triple; Finn Howell 3Ks, Jacob Thomas 5Ks)

**Feb. 13** Beat Ponte Vedra 9-8 (5 Runs in 6th-Connor Moore single, Finn Howell single, James Oman single, Brad Hodges RBI single (8-6), Finn Howell hit by pitch, Walker Matthews grounder (8-7), Mason Davis CF error (9-8); Kody Daneault 2Ks in relief for win)

**Feb. 17** Beat Bolles 2-0 (2 Runs 7th-Mason Davis single, Luke Shannahan walks, Error 3B (2-0); Jordan Taylor 2Ks in 7th; Finn Howell 8Ks for win)

**Feb. 20** Beat Bartram Trail 5-2 (3 Runs 6th, 2 Runs 7th-Brad Hodges walk (Run on passed ball (1-1), Luke Shannahan walk, Jace Thomas single to load bases, S Andrade RBI single (2-1), Connor Moore RBI single (3-1), 7th-James Oman E5 single, Brad Hodges walk, SAC bunt Mason Davis RBI (4-1), Walk, Shawn Andrade grounder scores Hodges (5-1))

**Feb. 26** Beat McIntosh Cty (GA) 9-1 (7 run last three innings-2RBIs each: Jordan Taylor (2 Doubles), James Oman (2 triples), Brad Hodges; Connor Moore solo HR (6-1); Jace Thomas 5Ks)

**Feb. 27** Beat Glynn Academy (GA) 8-0 (6 Runs in 7th-Luke Shannahan single, Jace Thomas SAC bunt, Shawn Andrade single, Connor Moore bunt (3-0), Finn Howell grounder, Jordan Taylor walk, Shawn Andrade scores on wild pitch (4-0), Isaiah Mamea walk, Brad Hodges 3RBI double (7-0), Tyce Moore E8 (8-0);

**Feb. 27** Beat Mill Creek (GA) 8-5 (4 runs in 3rd and 6th; Finn Howell 5Ks; Brad Hodges 2RBI double in third, Connor Moore 2RBI single in 6th)

**March 3** Beat Ridgeview 11-3 (Shawn Andrade double, Connor Moore RBI triple (3-0), Finn Howell RBI single (4-0), Brad Hodges SAC fly (5-0), Tyce Moore single, Luke Shannahan 2-run HR (7-0), Mason Davis walk, Jace Thomas RBI single (8-0)

**March 5** Beat University Christian 11-1 (4 runs 4th; 11 hits, Jace Thomas 5Ks, Luke Shannahan solo HR, Connor Moore double)

**Thurs., March 11** vs. Christ's Church Academy

**Fri., March 12 vs. Clay**

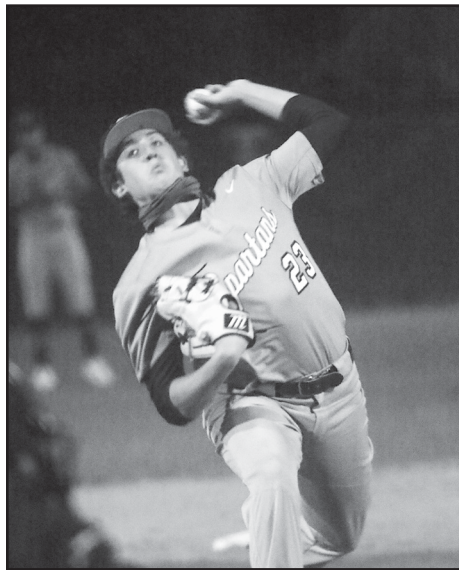
**Tues., March 16** at Trinity Christian

**Wed., March 17** at Baldwin

**Thurs., March 18** vs. Fleming Island

## Clay Baseball Schedule/Results Record as of March 3: 6-1

**Feb. 16** Beat Keystone Heights 11-2 (Keystone Heights up 2-1 1st; CHS scores 3 runs in third-Blake Parker double, Richard Long RBI single, Dylan Greene doubles, Logan Wilson RBI single (3-2); 5 runs in 6th-Parker walk, Long single, Max Williams walk, Logan Wilson RBI single, Steven Reiss 2 RBI double (9-2), Wyatt Root RBI single (10-2) Wilson scores on wild pitch (11-2). Richard Long 4Ks.



St. Johns pitcher Jacob Thomas fires in win over Ridgeview.

**Feb. 19** Beat Baker County 5-3 (CHS down 3-1 in 5th; Richard Long RBI single (3-2), Logan Williams 3RBI double (5-3). Steven Reiss 7Ks.

**Feb. 23** Beat Trinity Christian 4-0 (Brandon Adams 10Ks, Richard Long relief; RBIs to Long, Logan Wilson, Aidan Hampton. Long doubles, scores on error 1st (1-0), Long walks, Max Williams single, Logan Wilson RBI single (2-0), Hampton SAC fly, Williams scores (3-0) 3rd; Barrett hit by pitch, Wyatt Root singles, Blake Parker bunt for single, Long grounder RBI (4-0).

**Feb. 25** Beat Oakleaf 2-1 (CHS 2-0 in 5th-Alex Burke double, Blake Parker single, Max Williams RBI pop out (1-0), Parker steals third, Walks scores Parker from third (2-0). Steven Reiss 5Ks.

**Feb. 26** Beat Middleburg 9-0 (Mason Barrett 3RBIs; Doubles: Wyatt Root, Max Williams, Aidan Hampton RBI to 1-0. Logan Wilson 5Ks.

**Wed., March 3** vs. Ponte Vedra Won 11-1  
Thurs., March 4 vs. Bolles, Lost 1-0 off solo homer

**Mon., March 8** vs. Baldwin 7 p.m.

**Fri., March 12** at St. Johns Country Day School 7 p.m.

## Fleming Island Baseball Schedule/Results Record as of March 3: 6-0

**Feb. 16** Beat Paxon 10-0 (4 runs in third and fifth inning, 15 hits; HR Aiden Mastantuno; Jack Gidcumb, Abram Summers (2 Doubles each) Marcus Murray double; Dylan Dudones 9Ks 3 Inning)

**Feb. 18** Beat Nease 3-0 (Cody Carwile 12Ks, 1 Hit; Abram Summers 3RBIs, double; Aiden Mastentuno double)

**Feb. 24** Beat Episcopal 12-9 (5 runs in 4th; Drew Homitz 3RBIs on 3-3 double; Aiden Mastentuno 6Ks)

**Feb. 25** Beat St. Joseph Academy 9-2 (Angelo Sciotti 3RBIs, 2RBI double in 5th)

**Feb. 26** Beat Ridgeview 5-1 (Cody Carwile 12Ks, Justin Lebesch, Jack Gidcumb 2 Hits)

**March 5** Beat Colquitt Cy (GA) 6-1 (5 runs in third: Two errors singles by Sciotti, Lebesch, Gidcumb, Fielders choice SAC Fly Homitz; Dylan Dudones 5Ks five innings)

**March 5** Beat Colquitt Cty 8-2 (4 Runs in fifth; Drew Homitz 3RBIs; Cody Carwile 10Ks)

**Sat., March 6** vs. Lowndes Co. (GA) Won 6-1

**Tues., March 9** vs. Bartram Trail 6:30 p.m.

**Thurs., March 11** at Oakleaf 6 p.m.

**Fri., March 12** at Ponte Vedra

**Thurs., March 18** at SJCDs 7 p.m.



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island's Aiden Mastentuno slides in for run against Colquitt County in first of two wins in doubleheader for Golden Eagles on Friday.

# Eagles take doubleheader from Georgia powerhouses

By Ray DiMonda  
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - In high school baseball, doubleheader games are rare. When Fleming Island baseball coach Grant Bigilin committed to Colquitt County (GA) Packers Head Coach Matt Crews, that he would get them two games if they made the trip, he was a man of his words.

"They were willing to make the trip and we were willing to accommodate them," said Bigilin. "With COVID, and the schedules all getting interesting, if I couldn't find them a second game on Saturday, I'd play them twice. It worked out for everybody."

The Golden Eagles faced off with the Packers at 4:30, and again at 7PM Friday night and cashed in on opportunity. In the end, the Golden Eagles may have made the long drive back to Norman Park, Georgia just a little longer as Fleming Island took both games with a monster

inning in each meet. It just may be the shoes (read on).

In the 4:30 matchup, with each team not knowing anything about one another, it was like two prize fighters dancing in the ring for the first round or two. Where will they play the outfield, where do they shift when we hit short?

For Bigilin, it was sticking with what works with this crew.

"It's our MO. Throw strikes and let the defense work. Have some timely hitting and it will all work out," said Bigilin.

For the Golden Eagles, it was solid defense that kept the Packers at arm's length. For most of game one, the worst that happened were two Packer runners on, only to leave them abandoned on the bases with Fleming Island defense.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Golden Eagle bats sprung to life. Angelo Sciotti was safe at first with the help of a Packer error. That crack in the dam is all

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Fleming Island pitcher Carson Grimm stretches to fire fastball against Colquitt County.

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## Cale Hoskinson

### Clay, Wrestling, Senior

Cale Hoskinson bettered his third place finish in Class 1A from last year with a state title at 160 pounds for the Blue Devil wrestling team. Hoskinson finished at 43-2.



## Ema Martin

### Clay, Softball, Power Hitter

Clay High softball bat basher Ema Martin has been key factor in Blue Devil's season opening 3-0 run with a grand slam and a two-run double among her big hits with Clay beating district rival Menendez 2-0 with Martin's double.

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# Soccer

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the goal where Sadler finished off the play with a header to the net as the Canterbury stood stunned by the absolute speed of the ball from the 50 to the net.

"Their job (Sadler, Pontieri and Weiss) is to just run like nobody is on the field in front of them; don't look at the other players, don't look at the other team," said Pickett. "The goal is to kick it as far into the corner as we could, one, because we knew their right defender had a shorter throw-in than the left one, and, two, or get a ball kicked back upfield from the defense. For us, the second wave is there to collect the second ball if they head it back. The 15 second goal was shocking because that play has not worked well for us this year."

Pickett noted that the play's intention is to kick it deep out of bounds to the corner to set up the potential short throw-in by Canterbury.

"Bella tracked down a great ball from Hannah (Lemieux), beat three people and hit Mia," said Pickett. "Mia absolutely annihilated that shot for the goal. I think that goal shocked the Canterbury team."

Canterbury would get the ensuing kick-off and drill a ball to the top of the 18 yard box to St. Johns goalie Alexis Agromonte.

Agromonte started the return formation for the Lady Spartans with Maddy Moody getting a throw-in from about the Canterbury 40 yard line. Moody attempted a loft over the Canterbury defense, but the throw was short and booted out of bounds about 20 yards closer.

"Don't let Maddy get closer," said Pickett.

On her second throw-in of the offensive thrust, Moody found Lauren Mateo on the corner of the goalie box just a foot or so behind the Canterbury defender for a backward-targeted header that Crews pounded in, also with a header, just 75 seconds later; 90 seconds into the game.

"Lauren Mateo has been doing that; flicking, since sixth grade and is probably the best at it since Tyler Law," said Pickett. "The goalie is in a very difficult position because she has to protect the front side of the goal. Paige had noone standing near her when she hit the ball; it was wide open."

Ready for goal three? Wait about 25 minutes.

"The two quick goals crippled them," said Pickett. "I told them at one point in the season to quit serving the ball in the air because we are not getting them. That's funny that we had three header goals." Ooops! Third goal hint.

Canterbury would try to establish some forward offensive motion with deep lobbs into the Spartan zone, but Moody, Pontieri and Weiss split the 50 into three zones and kept pressure on the Canterbury offense about 10 yards inside the midfield stripe.

"We were playing a 3-2-3-1 to cover their Perez girl, the 42 goal scorer," said Pickett. "We didn't want to mark her with one player, but surround her and keep the ball moving."



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY NICOLE ARDEN WEISS

St. Johns Country Day School will graduate 10 seniors from the past half decade of state champion soccer teams; back row, from left, Alexis Agromonte, Natalie Wilson, Maddie Moody, Lexi Drumm, Paige Crews and Chloe Crews, and, bottom, left to right, Brook Remolde, Lauren Weiss, Ellie Rosenau and Mia Sadler. Eight of the 10 will continue playing college soccer next year.

With 28 minutes left to the half, with Julia Boaventura penetrating the Canterbury defensive edge, St. Johns kept the ball inside the 50 for numerous plays inside the 18 yard line, but a strike from about 45 yards out from Hannah Lemieux got Boaventura deep, but unable to catch up to the ball giving Canterbury a throw-in deep in their own territory.

With Crews, Weiss and Lemieux triple teaming the throw, Lemieux launched a ball deep that caught Sadler just outside the goal box. Sadler twisted, found Boaventura in stride, but the blast went up and off right.

Just seconds after Canterbury goalie Aiden Smith punched the ball down the sideline, another triple team defensive formation got the ball bouncing around and setting up Moody with a throw-in from the opposite side of the field from her first goal-scoring throw.

Moody picked up the ball near midfield, but was instructed by officials to move up the sideline where she gained another 10-15 yards before again finding Mateo on the goal box stripe with a header into the grass in front of the goal. Sadler, this time, got a head on the ball and rifled in goal three.

The 3-0 score stood to the half.

"I told them to not let up because 3-1 is doable with a team like this," said Pickett, noting his halftime directive. "I've seen a two goal lead evaporate very quickly and especially with a team that can score like them."

At the very start of the second half, again, Moody nearly got a third assist with a throw-in to goalie Smith that Mateo arrived almost simultaneously.

With three minutes off the clock, Pontieri and Lemieux forced a turnover to Pontieri just above the 18 yard box where she used some deft footwork to keep the ball in play and find Boaventura on a slash in from midfield. Boaventura captured the ball in stride, tapped it right to avoid a defender and the referee and launched her shot as Smith was attacking out of the goal to put St. Johns up 4-0.

"Any time, as a coach, you don't want to give up goals in the first five minutes of



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY JAMIE FREE GRASTON

St. Johns Country Day School boys soccer got a ticket to the Class 2A championship game, but lost a 4-0 match to Canterbury. Here forward John Linge battles for head ball in game action.

the game and the last five minutes of the half," said Pickett. "The mental side of that is crushing."

After Mateo got knocked to the turf, Pontieri made it 5-0 off a free kick play just off the 18 yard line that found Lemieux bending off the free kick and a service pass in front of the goal that got rejected out, but to the foot of Crews. Crews quickly fired in to Moody all alone in front of Smith.

Moody crushed the ball, but Smith deflected it out back to the top of the box where Pontieri captured, took one step around a defender and launched the goal shot.

With 24:19 left in the game, Moody made good on a second shot on goal off a corner kick from Kamryn Towers that first hit Crews who's tap hit a defender in front of Moody who captured the errant ball and smashed it for the final goal of the contest.

The corner kick came by way of a free kick for St. Johns off an aggressive play on Pontieri by Canterbury's defense. Lemieux fed Weiss on a sprint toward the baseline stripe where Weiss pounded her service shot off Canterbury to get the corner kick.

# Fast times highlight early track scene

## KHHS Williams, FIHS Keester rocking miles

By Randy Lefko  
Sports Editor

PONTE VEDRA - After whipping through a solo mile win of five minutes, 24 seconds at the Ron Riddle Track Invite at Clay High School on February 26, Keystone Heights High senior distance runner Camryn Williams upped the ante on her status as a top north Florida distance runner with a scintillating 5:10.83 split for second place at the Bolles Bulldog Classic on March 5. Williams was second to Cambridge Christian School's Mary Ellen Eudaly's 5:04.01 top time.

"She has definitely found her stride on the track after a not so good cross country season," said Enoch Nadler, an elite running coach at the Florida Track Club and a former Keystone Heights High and University of Florida track standout. "She worked really hard for cross country, but things didn't work out like we thought. Track is her real passion."

Williams posted a 5:14 at the spring 2020 Bolles Classic mile just before the COVID shutdown.

"That motivated her to work hard during the down time," said Nadler. "We are trying to get her into some bigger meets to get ready for the state meet run."

Over at Ponte Vedra's Craig Speziale Invite, Fleming Island unloaded a bit of distance firepower with freshman John Keester IV dipping under 11 minutes in the 3200; 9:56.66, and teammate Michael Lyons dropping in with a 4:36.02 1600; both wins for the Golden Eagles. Keester and senior Kameron Wallizada both finished 1600s in the 4:35 range at the February 26 East Coast Classic at Flagler Palm

Coast High School to set up a record setting distance medley finish for Fleming Island earlier in the season.

"John (Keester) just loves this sport," said Fleming Island coach Chris Otero. "Bottom line is the entire team has been doing some phenomenal training and the kids have bought into coach Dave Allen's program."

Otero pointed out junior Alex Bendig's 1:59.23 split to win the 800.

At Pedro Menendez's Falcon Friday Invite on March 5, St. Johns Country Day School junior Matthew Stratton, straight from the Class 2A soccer championships on Thursday, ripped a 4:32.11 mile win by 11 seconds. St. Johns also got a 21'-2.4" long jump from junior Stanley Cowherd.

In the Ponte Vedra sprints, Fleming Island and Orange Park got to tango with Sam Singleton and Markez Sermons duking out the fast stuff.

In the 100, Sermons split at 10.94 to edge Singleton's 11.09 with Raider teammate Larry Thomas third at 11.41 and Fleming Island's Devin Grind fourth at 11.48. Orange Park's William Restall completed the Clay County one-two-three-four-five sweep with an 11.81.

Sermons also won the long jump at 20'-2.5". In the 200, Singleton upended both Thomas and Restall with a 22.90 split with the Raider duo in at 23.95 and 23.96.

For the girls, in the 200, Lily Amsden, Fleming Island, won 27.36 over Demia Harris of Orange Park's 27.53.

Orange Park's Joel Child had fast times in the hurdles with a 15.88 third place in the 110 hurdles with the top three hurdlers under 16 seconds. Childs returned to



CORRESPONDENT PHOTO BY LAURE ANDERSON

Fleming Island High sprinter Sam Singleton battles with Orange Park's Markez Sermons in 4 x 100 relay. Both sprinters dominated the sprints at the Craig Speziale Invite at Ponte Vedra High.



STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO

Keystone Heights High distance runner Camryn Williams is running into championship form with a 5:24 mile at Clay's Ron Riddle Invite and a 5:10 mile last week at the Bolles Classic.

win the 300 hurdles in 42.28.

Orange Park's boys beat Fleming Island in the 4 x 100 relay. Fleming Island's girls beat Orange Park in the 4 x 100 relay.

At Menendez, Oakleaf High's sprint

girls; led by junior Arianna Eason got a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 and a 2-3-4 finish in the 200 with Interlachen senior Reva Godbolt besting Eason at the tape by .03 seconds; 26.94-26.97.

## Eagles

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the Golden Eagles needed to blow it wide open. Abram Summers went for the fence to sacrifice fly, but the ball was dropped and the Golden Eagles were poised to strike with two runners on. Aiden Mastantuno singled on a line drive to right field, scoring Scionti. The RBI's continued with Justin Lebesch, Jack Gidcumb, who had Justin Corfield come in and run for him all night, getting down and dirty several times, and Drew Homitz with a sacrifice fly RBI that had Fleming Island up by five. "It's always good to have a crooked number inning. You can't be upset when you have a big inning like that." The Packers would cross the plate once in the top of the fifth, but Fleming Island put some icing on the cake in the bottom of the sixth with an

RBI single by Gavin Billingsley that scored Drew Homitz. Dylan Dudones captured the win with help from Divine Valle and Carson Grimm on the mound. Game one final, 6-1.

After a break in the action, dressing the field, and time for everyone to get some calories, game two began with Big Lefty Cody Carwile on the hill.

In game two, Bigilin had a little more of what he wants from his offense.

"I like when it is consistent. One here, two there," Bigilin said.

The Golden Eagles went up a run earlier in game two. In the bottom of the second, Gidcumb would be hit with a pitch, which brought Corfield back out to run. Corfield stole second, and was brought around when Homitz again slapped the horse hide on the ground to left field, one-zip. In the fourth, Mastantuno gets on base with a center field grounder, and is joined on the

bases when Gidcumb walked. Marcus Murray logged an RBI single with a grounder back to the Pitcher, scoring Mastantuno, 2-0. The Packers scored in the top of the fifth inning which seemed to light a fire in the Golden Eagle dugout.

Caleb Simmons took a walk to start the engine with no outs. Mastantuno pounded a shot to right field that gave the Packers a ton of trouble. Simmons made the trip all the way around to add another. Justin Lebesch grounded into a fielder's choice, was safe, but with two outs, would the rally continue? No problem as Gidcumb stayed red hot with an RBI single to score Lebesch. Enter duty runner Corfield once again, and again he goes into theft mode grabbing a steal to second. Murray gladly accepted a walk to first, and advanced with a passed ball. With Corfield on third, Homitz singled to center to again score Corfield for the

sixth Golden Eagle score. The Packers could only best the score by one as they added a run at the top of the seventh to finish six-two. Carson Grimm saw some late action on the hill, getting the save with the last four outs.

"Three runs over 14 innings, we'll take that," said Bigilin.

Now at seven straight wins, Bigilin was asked about his unique white shoes having anything to do with the string of victories, chock full of silver glitter and gold. "It's the shoes. The boys love the shoes. I've worn these shoes every game. They are unbeaten. We were only on the road once, and that was at the Baseball Grounds at Jacksonville against Ridgeview. They wore Blue, we were white on white, so I wore the shoes. We'll see what happens when we have to go on the road and I have to switch to the gray ones. We'll see..."

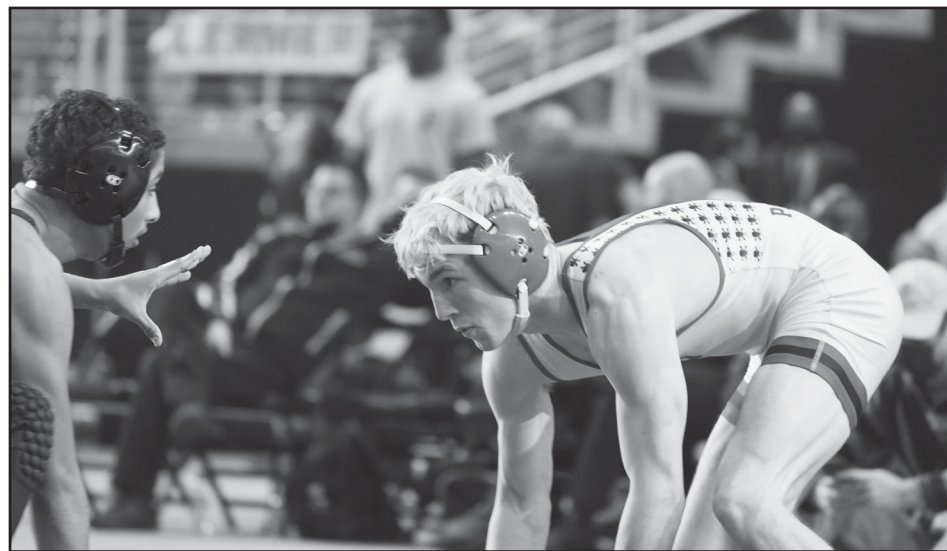


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left: Clay High senior 160 pound wrestler Cale Hoskinson reacts after his 9-3 win over Terrell Taylor of Coral Springs Charter in the Class 1A championship held Saturday in Kissimmee. In background, in red, is Hoskinson's dad Jim, an assistant coach at Clay, also celebrating. Hoskinson finished at 42-2. RHS Rodriguez: 132 Champion. Ridgeview High senior Matthew Rodriguez completed an unbeaten, 57-0, season with a pin in the Class 1A 132 pound championship match against Ronald Theilacker of Palm Bay. Here, Rodriguez, left, sizes up Theilacker in early moments of his match. Rodriguez pinned Theilacker in the second period with the score at 4-0.

## Wrestling

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that Hoskinson went into a bloodied overtime to defeat in the Clay Rotary final.

"He looked very similar to Ahmahd and I know that that match would be good for my confidence for the rest of the season," said Hoskinson. "I just relied on my craft work and wrestled my guy."

Clay coach Jim Reape noted that Hoskinson has faced off against few strong, athletic wrestlers in the past years and was set to take on Taylor in a good mindset.

"The Clay Rotary guy was just a big, strong kid with a lot of horsepower and Cale has wrestled the Camden County guy a bunch over the summer and he's built the



Ridgeview High's 285 wrestler Derrick Mosley finished sixth in Class 1A with an ankle injury halting his final match.

same way," said Reape. "He just does the work, prepares and doesn't flinch on the mat."

In their match, Taylor was getting caught with possible single leg takedowns by Hoskinson, but relied on the sideline to avoid the two point awards. Taylor executed a very rugged and high-flying double leg takedown on Hoskinson right off the opening whistle, but finished the move out of bounds.

"In the match, I didn't worry about what he was doing or where he was going," said Hoskinson. "I just stayed my plan and kept wrestling him wherever he went."

In the final period, Taylor showed off some frustration with a head slap on Hoskinson that cost him a point, but Hoskinson stayed focused.

"He, and the Ridgeview guy, have both been laser focused on today," said Reape. "They are both quality champions and quality athletes."

Rodriguez, who went the entire season without a point scored against him, scored

pins of 17 seconds, 34 seconds and a third period flat to get to the final.

"All season, we have been working a lot on turning stall tactics to our advantage," said Matthew Rodriguez, who finishes at 57-0 and has signed to continue wrestling at NCAA Div.I power Lehigh University. "I worked on the things I needed to get back to this place and finish. The two runnerup matches showed me some things I needed to be able to do to win and that was what we focused on."

Also medaling from Clay County, Fleming Island got two fourths; from Hunter Herrington at 113 and from Hunter Williams at 195. Both lost to eventual state runnerups in their semifinal matches. Clay High got a sixth from Dominic Martin at 152 with a quarterfinal loss to eventual champion Darian Estevez of Somerset Academy who finished at 42-1. Ridgeview 285 Derrick Mosley suffered an ankle injury and wrestled through to finish fourth.

"I knew he would have kept going, but I pulled him from his last match to avoid

further injury," said Bart Rodriguez, Ridgeview High coach. "He has been so instrumental in being a great teammate of Matthew and the rest of the boys and I wanted him to be able to return here next year."

In team scores, in Class 1A, Somerset Academy won with 196.0 points with Palm Bay second at 140. Clay finished 10th with 45.5 points with Ridgeview 13th with 41.0.

In Class 2A, Charlotte unseated three time team champion Lake Gibson with 153.5 points with Palmetto Ridge also besting Lake Gibson with 145.0 points to Lake Gibson's third place total of 141.5.

In Class 3A, South Dade won the team title with 164.0 points with Southwest Miami second at 130.5 and Fort Pierce Central third at 129.0. Fleming Island, the state runnerup for five years, finished 10th with 49.5 points with Oakleaf finishing 51st with two points.



Fleming Island got a fourth place finish in Class 3A at 113 from Hunter Herrington. The Golden Eagles, 10th in 3A, also got a fourth at 195 from Hunter Williams.

### State Wrestling Results

#### Class 1A

**Clay:** 113-Marvin Rainwater 1-2; 132-Chandler Thomas 0-2; 138: Luke Boree 0-2; 145-Dominic Martin 3-3 6th; 160: Cale Hoskinson-4-0 1st; 170: Ethan Larsen 1-2; 285: Ethan Daniels 1-2

**Ridgeview:** 132: Matt Rodriguez 4-0 1st; 285: Derrick Mosley 3-3 6th

#### Class 2A

**Orange Park:** 106: Ryder Pimienta 0-2; 120: Davon Bailey 0-2; 285: Gabe Hecht 2-2

**Middleburg:** 113: Grady Woodard 0-2; 126: Riley Girgis 1-2

#### Class 3A

**Oakleaf:** 120: Kevin Gilley 1-2; 126: Marcus McGee 0-2; 138: Trevor Owens 0-2; 195: Isaiah Shevchuk 0-2

**Fleming Island:** 106: Joseph Forte 1-2; 113: Hunter Herrington 3-2 4th; 126: Riley Holton 1-2; 132: Xavier Logan 0-2; 160: David Parkes 1-2; 170: Joshua Sandoval 1-2; 195: Hunter Williams 3-2 4th; 220: Grant Travis 1-2; 285: Ethan Hoffstetter 2-2



Fleming Island's Clint Gillen and his wife, Pam, are happy to be part of Putnam Raceway Grand Re-Opening Friday night. The track will resume operations after being closed for six years.

# Putnam Raceway emerges from ruins to racing again

By Don Coble  
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SATSUMA – During the past six years, the Putnam Raceway had deteriorated into mess of splintered grandstands, peeling and blistered paint, broken lights, vandalized walls filled with graffiti and overgrown weeds.

Instead of being knocked down and being replaced by an apartment complex, storage facility or another mini-mart, progress continued to ignore the 3/8-mile dirt track. Neglect quickly turned into indifference. Soon, motorists simply ignored the dilapidated property on the drive between Palatka and Crescent City on U.S. Highway 17.

But Tracy Cantley refused to forget. He raced there as a teenager and still fondly remembers the dusty nights and ear-piercing sounds of untamed horsepower.

"The place had a lot of sentimental value to me," he said.

So he bought it.

While other local short tracks are closing around the county, the Putnam Speedway has risen from ruins. The track that was little more than an eyesore months ago, will host its first full night of racing on Friday. The program is appropriately named, "The Resurrection."

Based on the car counts from a previous open practice session, Cantley expects at least 80 cars.

Keystone Heights' Clint Gillen will bring one of them.

"I grew up in it, but I'm brand new to racing myself," the owner of the CarQuest Auto Parts store in Keystone Heights said. "It's something I've dreamed about my whole life. The good thing for me is, I don't

have any bad habits to break. I'm really blessed to be part of it."

Gillen bought a Late Model racer. He practiced there a week ago and found the tight turns to be challenging. The speedway is shaped like the Martinsville Speedway on the NASCAR circuit – long straight-away with paperclip-like tight turns.

It's one of the reasons why Cantley also refers to the track as "The Clip."

Opening night includes five classes – Florida Late Model Challenge Series, E-Mods, Street Stocks, V-8 Thunder Stocks and Real Stocks. The winner of the featured season-opening 75-lap Florida Late Model Challenge Series will earn \$2,000.

The last race at Putnam was in late 2015, Cantley said. There have been more than 100 track closures around the county in the past 20 years, but despite being abandoned for nearly six years, Putnam really was resurrected.

The track was leased to several promoters, but each one left the property in a bigger disarray.

"The last person who had the track didn't pay the light bill," Cantley said. "He had to run races during the day because he didn't have lights."

Most of the equipment was either missing or so heavily damaged, Cantley essentially had to start from scratch. Buildings were repaired and restrooms were upgraded. Many of Cantley friends helped with the remodeling, trading sweat for the thrill of getting back on the track again.

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION  
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Plaintiff,

vs  
**SHORELINE HOA, LLC, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST #09-04-25-007868-011-95, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2014, et al.**  
Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 19, 2019, and entered in 10-2019-CA-000208 1D20-177 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4 is the Plaintiff and SHORELINE HOA, LLC, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE CLAY COUNTY LAND TRUST #09-04-25-007868-011-95, DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2014; CHIEKEZIE O. IBEH; SONYA D. IBEH; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; 1450 CANOPY OAKS DRIVE LAND TRUST; UNKNOWN TRUSTEE OF 1450 CANOPY OAKS DRIVE LAND TRUST; OAKLEAF VILLAGE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). Tara S. Green as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [www.clay.realforeclose.com](http://www.clay.realforeclose.com), at 10:00 AM, on **March 24, 2021**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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As Deputy Clerk

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at [crintrp@coj.net](mailto:crintrp@coj.net) or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before you scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

CASE NO.: 2019-CA-000707-

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**ELIETZER RONDON; SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; ARLYNE RONDON; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,**  
Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 24, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2019-CA-000707-, of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff, and ELIETZER RONDON SILVER CREEK OF CLAY COUNTY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. ARLYNE RONDON; and UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. TARA S. GREEN as Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash electronically at <https://clay.realforeclose.com/> at 10:00 AM on May 25, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 564, SILVERCREEK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 44, PAGES 52 THROUGH 72, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

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

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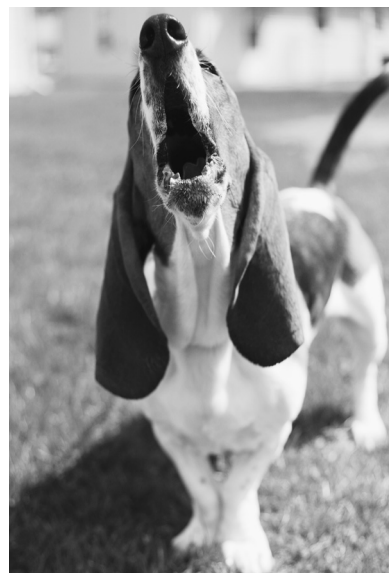
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TARA S GREEN  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: Kayla R Beard  
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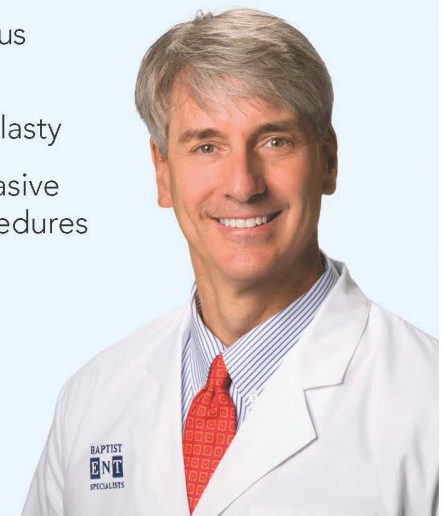
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