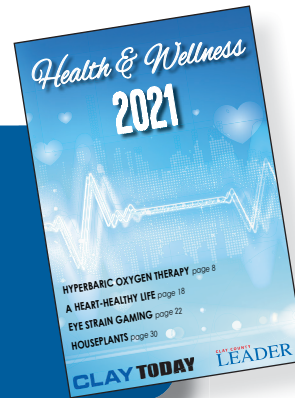


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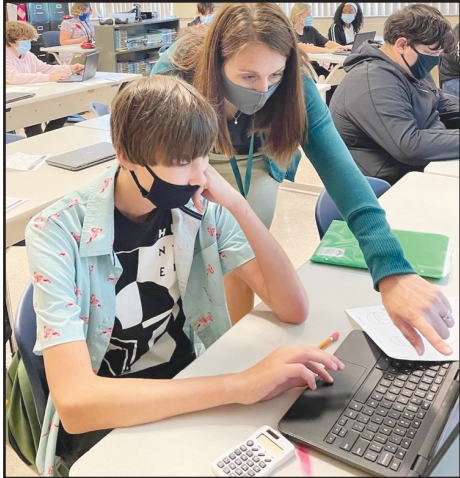


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Green Cove Springs Junior High principal Jennifer Halter is one of three finalists in the State of Florida's 2021 Principal of the Year competition. While the honor is hers, she said the real credit belongs to her amazing team of teachers and staff that work with her.

Halter: 'My passion is public education'

GCS Jr. 's Halter finalist for Florida Principal of the Year

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Green Cove Springs Junior High principal Jennifer Halter is one of the three finalists in the state for Florida's 2021 Principal of the Year.

It's the farthest she's ever made it in the

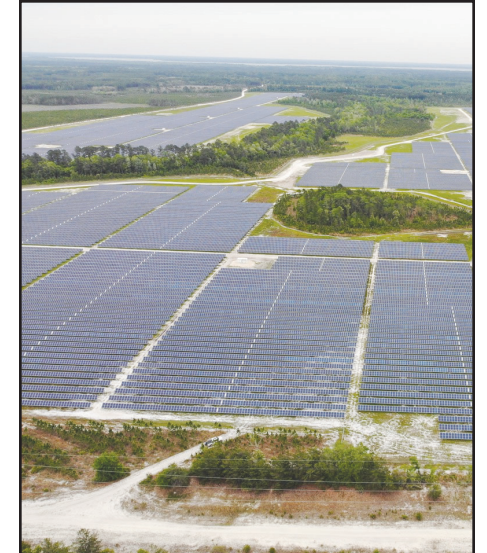
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Clay celebrates two weightlifting state championship teams

Keystone Heights High weightlifting state champions Kade Sanders on left and Zach Glover show off some medals and trophy after Indians won the Class 1A state championships on Friday in Port St Joe. Meanwhile, Fleming Island captured the Class 3A title. *See all weightlifting stories in sports on page 31.*



The Florida Power and Light Company's Magnolia Springs Solar Energy Center in Clay County is now open and it's a 74.5 megawatt center with 280,980 solar panels that generate enough clean, emissions-free energy to power 15,000 homes each year.

FPL solar power farm goes online in Clay County

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A Florida Power and Light Company solar energy farm now recently opened in the county, and it's capable of powering 15,000 homes each year.

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Celebrate Clay

Waste Not Want Not earns top award from Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation

For Clay Today

FLEMING ISLAND – The Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation, Inc. held its annual “Celebrate Clay” community service awards ceremony live online on April 27, during which the Foundation distributed \$100,000 and 47 community service awards to nonprofit organizations that provide services to Clay County residents.

Waste Not Want Not captured the top honor this year, earning the \$15,000 Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award.

A panel of five judges including three volunteers from the community and two representatives on behalf of the Reinhold Foundation voted on the best projects and volunteers of 2020 to determine the winners of the \$100,000 in cash awards. This year’s judges were: Irene Toto, CEO, Clay Behavioral Health Center and Kids First of Florida; Nina Waters, President, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida; Jeremy Johnston, Executive Director, Clay County Utility Authority; Cotton Bryan, Reinhold Family Member; and John Myers, Reinhold Family Member and Foundation Trustee.

Applications were open to all nonprofit groups active in the First Coast Area that provided services to Clay County residents in 2020. The 47 winners included Clay County and regionally based nonprofits, churches, and school programs.



The 2021 “Celebrate Clay” awards winners:

Paul E. Reinhold Community Service Award (\$15,000): Waste Not Want Not

Judges’ Choice Program Awards (\$7,000 each): Challenge Enterprises and The Way Free Medical Clinic

Extraordinary Executive Director* (\$7,000):

Don Fann, Executive Director, The Way Free Medical Clinic

Peggy Bryan Volunteer of the Year Award* (\$7,000): Jerry Kemp (posthumous award) and Clay County Habitat for Humanity

Judges’ Choice Volunteer Awards* (\$3,500 each): Lee Sackett BS CJ Acres Animal Rescue Farm and Allene Zvara of Seamark Ranch

(* Volunteer and executive director

awards recognize outstanding individuals for their community service. The cash awards are provided to the nominating nonprofit organization that they serve.)

Special Judges’ Awards (\$2,000 each): CJ Acres Animal Rescue, Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Clay County Humane Society, Episcopal Children’s Services, Hope Therapy, James Boys of Orange Park United Methodist Church, Mission of the Dirt Road, Project REACH Kids, Clay County School District, Quigley House and Seamark Ranch

Category Awards (\$1,000 each): Arts & Culture – Clamour Theatre Company, Concert on the Green, Oakleaf Village Elementary Music Program and Orange Park Community Theatre; Civic Programs

Clay County Agricultural Fair, Village Improvement Association GWFC Green Cove Springs, Community Programs, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, Hunger Fight, J.P. Hall Children’s Charities, McRae Elementary Weekend Food Program and Mercy Support Services; Education & Literacy – Clay County Education Foundation and Early Learning Coalition of North

Florida; Environment and Animal Advocacy, Safe Animal Shelter, Health and Human Services, Ascension St. Vincent’s Foundation, BASCA, Community Health Outreach, Community Hospice and Palliative Care, Senior Citizens’ Programs, Aging True Community Senior Services, Mobility Worldwide – PET Florida Penney Farms, Senior Champions Fellowship Hall, Shepherd’s Center of Orange Park, Women’s Empowerment Services Northeast Florida, Church Service Programs, Church of the Good Samaritan Anglican, The Clothes Closet of the Church Women’s Christian Ministries, Food Bridge – Middleburg United Methodist Church, St. Catherine’s Conference, Society St. Vincent de Paul, Accomplishments by Youth, Teen Court of Clay County, Service to Youth and Families, Orange Park Outfitters of Orange Park High School and Pace Center for Girls Clay

The Foundation created the “Celebrate Clay” awards program to honor the legacy of Paul and Klare Reinhold and to recognize, reward, and encourage community service within Clay County. The Foundation has awarded \$965,000 to Celebrate Clay award recipients in the past 12 years.

Orange Park Medical Center selects Pete Long-Innes as its new COO

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Medical Center, an HCA Healthcare affiliate, is pleased to announce that Pete Long-Innes has been selected as the Chief Operating Officer.

Long-Innes is joining OPMC with 12 years of experience within HCA Healthcare, starting as an Emergency Room Technician at Reston Hospital Center. He moved on to roles of increasing administrative responsibility at the HCA Capital Division office, starting with the Strategic Planning and Development team. Pete then transitioned to roles at both Chippenham and Johnston-Willis Hospitals where he led multiple capital improvement and growth projects, including the construction of the TriCities Freestanding Emergency Department.

Most recently, Long-Innes served as the Chief Operating Officer of Frankfort

Regional Medical Center where oversaw the creation of a Bariatric service line, multiple capital improvement projects, and partnered to improve clinical outcomes and patient experience.

“Pete has helped lead growth throughout HCA over the course of his career and we’re excited to have him on the team as we continue to expand and add new services for our community,” says Lisa Valentine, OPMC Chief Executive Officer.

Orange Park Medical Center recently opened a \$126 million expansion project housing 48 private patient beds for medical and surgical patients, as well as areas for patient registration, outpatient testing and imaging services. The expansion is adding more than 100 jobs for the community. The hospital is also scheduled to break ground on a 60,000 sq. ft. medical office building this spring.

Clerk of Court/Comptroller’s Office announces new public hours

CLAY COUNTY – Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Tara S. Green announces new public office hours that allow the community both earlier and later access to in-person services. This change is done at no additional expense.

Effective Monday, May 3, new public office hours for Clay County Clerk of Court and Comptroller Office locations are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Previously, offices were open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This change results in an additional hour of service accessibility at our two locations, Green Cove Springs at the main courthouse and the branch location at Orange Park.

Thanks to an increase in the number of citizens using convenient online/remote options for many court systems services (through www.clayclerk.com), Clerk’s Office personnel are now able to open their department doors sooner and keep them open later, instead of needing those pre-

and post work day time periods for preparation and close-of-day wrap up. This is a true win-win for our operation and for citizens who need to visit our offices in person.

One impact of the extended business hours is a change in when over-the-counter payments for child support are recorded. Beginning 5/3/21, all over-the-counter payments will be recorded by the state on the next business day, not on the same day. Individuals must take this into consideration to avoid making a delinquent payment.

Green encourages citizens to take advantage of these expanded public hours.

“As with most things in this post-COVID workplace environment, our organization will adapt to provide the best service to our customers while maximizing the skills and time of our staff,” she said. “It will be easier now to conduct business on your way to work or on your way home from work or errands during the week.”



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No-fault insurance repeal will result in higher rates

By Peter Schorsch
For Florida Politics

As the debate over repeal of Personal Injury Protection insurance continues inside the Capitol, legislators are on the precipice of making a costly error, resulting in higher rates and more litigation, and benefiting the state's trial lawyers at the expense of Florida drivers.

The fact is that PIP repeal will raise insurance rates for consumers. Period.

Why? Because auto related litigation will increase, the size of awards will increase, and because the coverage that would replace PIP will cost more. These are not speculative statements; they are the facts based on what's happened in other states where PIP has been repealed.



Peter Schorsch

Now, Florida insurers are on the record estimating more than 40% of Floridians currently purchase less auto insurance than the new proposed minimum limits. For these Floridians, insurers estimate premiums will increase by hundreds of dollars a year – in one estimate by \$320 a year; another estimated increases of \$580 a year – for a two-car, two-driver policy.

And these increases impact the most price sensitive consumers, for whom significant premium increases mean choosing between carrying the minimum limit, or simply driving without insurance.

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis spoke directly about the impact.

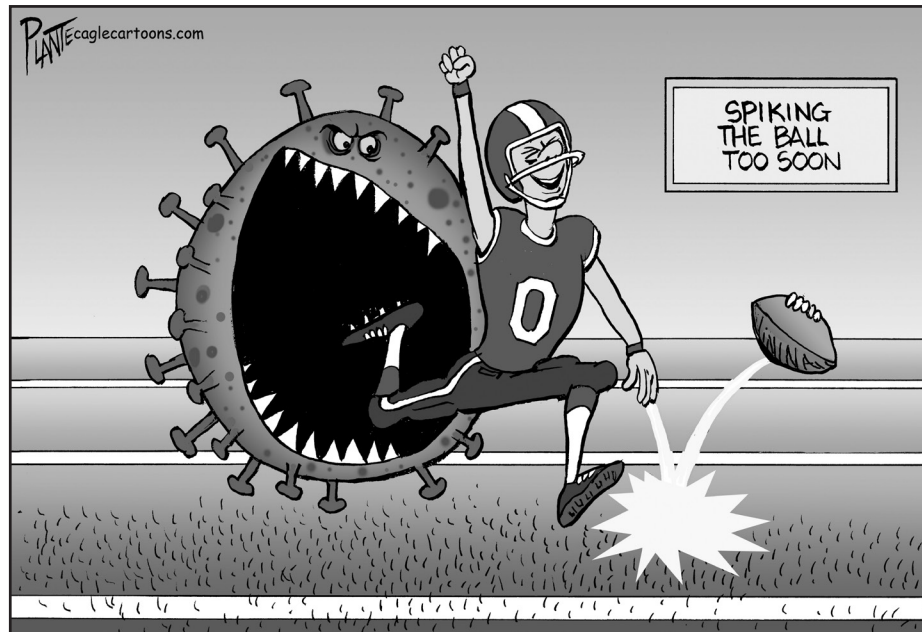
"When you go to the household budget, and you say I'm going to increase your insurance rates by x number of a state mandate, people will make choices. They're not going to stop paying their property tax bill because they don't want to lose their home. But they may go naked on their car insurance," Patronis said.

Others share Patronis' concerns.

Florida Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier, who directly oversees insurance matters for the state told House members in March that such a drastic change gave him pause, saying he was "not convinced" such a major overhaul to Florida's insurance markets is a good idea.

In voicing his opposition to the bill on the Senate floor, Sen. Jeff Brandes paraphrased House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's infamous

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Clay County Fair is a blueprint to a successful return to sold out public events

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry was quick to express his emotions after attending the sold-out Machine Gun Kelly concert April 23 at Daily's Place and sold-out Ultimate Fighting Championship 261 the next night at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena.

The posted three words on Twitter that said it all: "We are back."

MGK attracted more than 5,500 fans. The fight drew one of the biggest crowds in arena history – 15,269, including Tim Tebow, Myles Jack, Antonio Brown, Tom Brady, Megan Fox, Machine Gun Kelly, Gardner Minshew, Blaine Gabbert and UFC founder Dana White.

It wasn't just a big deal in Northeast Florida. The nation took notice of both nights.

Most celebrated it as a return to normal. After being shut down for more than a year by the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. Ron DeSantis leveraged his political career by opening restaurants, stores, schools and arenas. While most at the concert or fights weren't wearing masks, we hope DeSantis' vision still is proven correct – for the sake of all residents and not for political reasons.

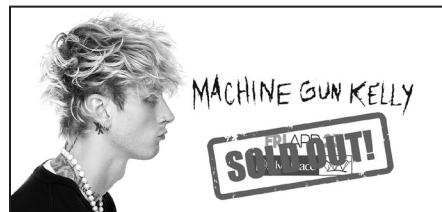
His faith in the numbers and insistence an "Open for Business" may be the best medicine to beat the coronavirus.

So far, it's hard to argue DeSantis' approach.

"Welcome to Florida: you guys aren't the only ones looking to come to this oa-



Don Coble



sis of freedom," DeSantis said. "This is going to be the first full-throttle sporting event since Covid hit, indoor, anywhere in the United States. I think it's fitting. We wanted to be safe, but there's a lot of stuff that comes at you from media, from social media, all this stuff. Some people don't like to handle that. Dana White goes right into the teeth of that."

The last seven-day average of positive COVID-19 tests in Florida was 6.1%. New York, California and Michigan have the same 6.1% mark, but all three of those states have varying degrees of lockdowns still in place.

UFC said more than 50% of the fans attending the fights came from out of state, primarily from states where bands can still only play virtual concerts and sporting events have no or a very limited number of fans.

Saturday night's fights were the first with fans in the United States for UFC since March 7, 2020. Florida is open and ready for business. And for now, it appears to be doing it safely.

While last weekend's events were a long-awaited, much-needed boost to the local economy – and mentality – it's still important we don't drop our guard with the virus. Many of us have been vaccinated. Others still know to keep their distance. Some of us still wear our masks. We can't stop now. We've come too far to start over.

We rejoiced hearing music and watch-

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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.

Chlamys: (KLAM-us) a noun that means a short mantle worn by young men of ancient Greece.

"Chlamys made of dark wool and draped over the left shoulder and fastened to the right shoulder were popular among Greek soldiers and messengers."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2016

- The county is shocked after Murray Leon Lancaster starts a shooting spree in Green Cove Springs. He killed his girlfriend, Valorie Shea Short, after kidnapping her from her hair salon. After that he shot her father, Robert "Buddy" Short at the entrance to Magnolia West. Lancaster then went to the Rosemary Hill Landfill and shot his ex-wife, Erica Green Lancaster, before shooting himself.

- The Clay County Planning and Zoning Commission rejects a plan after more than 200 petition signatures were presented against a proposed campground and recreational vehicle park at 3860 Doctors Lake Dr.

- Ascension St. Vincent's Clay County celebrates an expansion of its emergency department.

10 years ago, 2011

- The Green Cove Springs City Council votes to allow pets and bicycles at Spring and Vera Francis parks on a six-month trial basis.

- The second Annual Art and About was deemed a success in Orange Park, despite a drop in attendance from the previous year.

- ABC broadcasts the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" episode featuring the Middleburg High volleyball coach, Carrie Prewitt.

20 years ago, 2001

- The Clay County Sheriff's Office reported Terry Lynn Matthews of Orange Park is charged with strangling his wife to death.

- Federal indictments were issued for 11 more people as part of Operation Triple Threat. The Clay County Drug Task Force already has 12 in custody and has war-

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

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Opinions ...

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ing men and women savagely beat each other. Chris Weidman was carried from the ring when his right leg snapped when one of his kicks was checked by Uriah Hall just 17 seconds into their middleweight fight. We also marveled at UFC welterweight champion Kamaru Usman's thundering right hand in the second round that knocked out challenger Jorge Masvidal before he hit the floor.

Now we wait to see if our excitement was premature. It usually takes as much as two weeks for the COVID-19 virus to be identified. These next two weeks will be very important to Florida's future.

After opening its doors to a record crowd of 148,000 fans during the 11-day Clay County Agriculture Fair nearly a

month ago, health and emergency management officials have carefully watched the county's numbers since. According to Heather Huffman, the director of the Clay County Health Department, there were 30 possible cases reported that were linked to the fair. That's 30 out of 148,000.

White, who's railed against those who were against fans returning to the arena, was impressed by Florida's open-door policy. He even blasted one of his hometown newspapers in Las Vegas last week for warning people to stay away from Jacksonville for the fight. He also promised to return to the First Coast for future pay-per-view main events.

White told reporters after the fights, "People seem like they're happier down here in Florida than they are in some of these other [bleeping] states."

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quote, "We have to pass the bill in order to find out what's in it."

With PIP repeal, Brandes said, "In this case, we have to pass the bill to find out how much it costs. That's no way for the Florida Senate to do business."

Brandes then pointed out that although the bill has been around for months, the massive changes to the legislation at the last minute on the Senate floor made it impossible to know exactly how much more Floridians would have to pay for auto insurance.

Anyone who doubts Patronis, Altmaier or Brandes need only look to Colorado.

In 2003, Colorado ditched the no-fault PIP system in favor of the same type of mandatory bodily injury protection trial lawyers are pushing in Florida. Insurance rates are now rapidly rising as are the number of uninsured drivers in Colorado.

Florida's experience would likely mirror Colorado's longer-term experience – with a corresponding increase in auto insurance related litigation and the size of awards

also likely to grow. Today, Colorado is third in the nation for premium increases and sits in the top 10 for overall cost of auto insurance.

The bottom line: Florida's trial lawyers are putting their own interests above Florida consumers by inviting legislators and Gov. Ron DeSantis to become accessories in a scheme that will hit Floridians hard in the wallet, and leave them holding the bag, just as it did in Colorado.

Peter Schorsch is the President of Extensive Enterprises and is the publisher of some of Florida's most influential new media websites, including Florida Politics and Sunburn, the morning read of what's hot in Florida politics. Schorsch is also the publisher of INFLUENCE Magazine. For several years, Peter's blog was ranked by the Washington Post as the best state-based blog in Florida. In addition to his publishing efforts, Peter is a political consultant to several of the state's largest governmental affairs and public relations firms. Peter lives in St. Petersburg with his wife, Michelle, and their daughter, Ella.

to complete a connector between Argyle Forest Boulevard and Branan Field Road.

- The Clay County High academic team advanced to the semifinals of the Florida High School Academic Competition.

40 years ago, 1981

- Donald Fullerton and Calvin Wilcox are sworn into office for the Green Cove Springs City Council, while councilman John Bradley is selected as the new mayor.

- Irene and Woodrow of Green Cove Springs earn first-place honors for the city's beautification project.

- The Board of County Commissioners hold a special meeting to the Housing Finance Authority can explain a \$2.5 million discrepancy.

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rants for three more suspects in the case.

- Black Creek Christian School fifth-grader Kimberly Atnip wins the top prize in the FDA's statewide Children's Dental Health Month essay month.

30 years ago, 1991

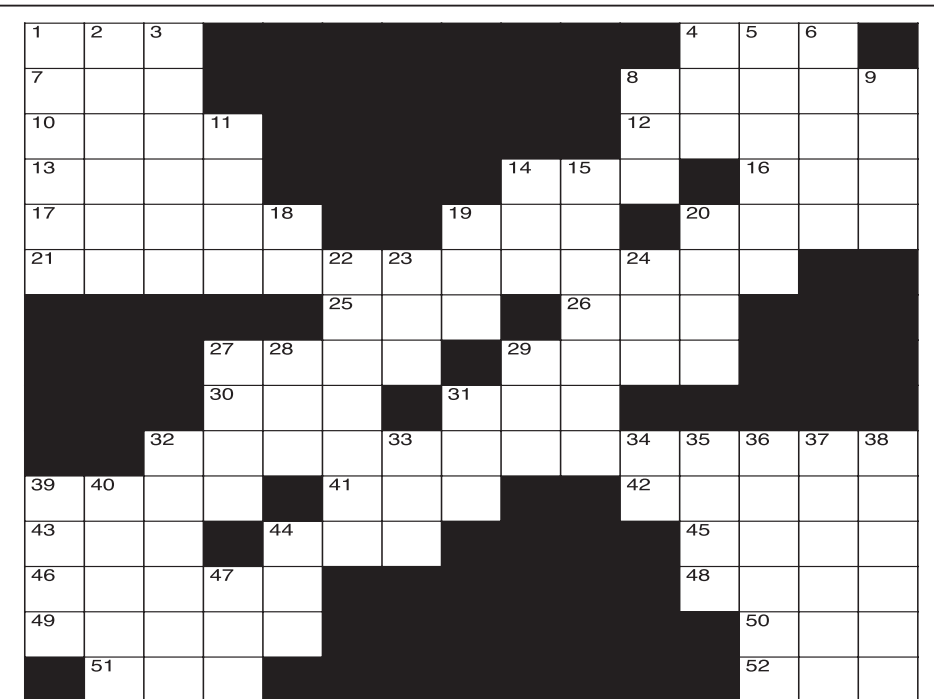
- Parents are given a chance to express their concerns about the proposed Human Growth and Development curriculum, commonly known as sex education, during a special meeting at Clay High.

- The Clay County Commission said it wants to know if an Argyle Forest developer will follow through with their agreement



Teen Court wins \$1,000 award in Celebrate Clay ceremony

CLAY COUNTY – Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, Clay County Teen Court managed outstanding results that earned the group a \$1,000 award from The Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation's Celebrate Clay online ceremony. From left, Deputy Clerk Tracie McRae, Teen Court Supervisor Stacey Smith, Clerk/Comptroller Tara Green and Teen Court Manager Michelle Taylor, accept the award after coordinating 81 teen volunteers and 155 juvenile offenders who were responsible for 3,120 volunteer service hours. The Court also won its second consecutive Sunshine State Showdown mock trial competition. For more on Celebrate Clay awards, see page 2.



CLUES ACROSS

1. They look out for kids
4. Play
7. Water (French)
8. Prayer leader
10. Small constellation
12. ___ Carta: influential royal charter
13. Pressure unit
14. Extrasensory perception
16. A symbol of 'Aloha'
17. Portion of the small intestine
19. Psychedelic amphetamine
20. Very long period of time
21. British overseas territory
25. Cereal grain
26. Car mechanics group
27. Wish harm upon
29. At a specific prior time
30. Peyton's younger brother
31. UK firefighters' union
32. Carroll O'Connor's screen partner
39. Popular show honoring musicians

41. Basics
42. Honk
43. Trent Reznor's band
44. Patti Hearst's captors
45. Long-legged wading bird
46. Specialized biological grouping
48. A coin goes in it
49. Of the wind
50. One-time measure of length
51. A very large body of water
52. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Boston hoopster
2. A type of bribe
3. SE England county
4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
5. 'Hotel California' rockers
6. Italian province
8. Mischievous child
9. Popular street name
11. Boxing promoter Bob
14. Snakelike fish

15. Break into pieces
18. The Bay State
19. Time zone
20. Port city in Yemen
22. In name only
23. 007's creator
24. No (Scottish)
27. Baseball's Gordon and rock's Snider are two
28. Pie ___ mode
29. Don't know when yet
31. Supervises interstate commerce
32. Make a ringing metallic sound
33. Helps little firms
34. Pound
35. Lilly and Manning are two
36. Put on the back burner
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Cuddle
39. Poker stake
40. Drinks to celebrate a birth (Spanish)
44. Pouch
47. Not around



Highway to Help Heroes is an annual charity drive where luxury vehicle owners and supercar drivers from all over the state drive down some of Northeast Florida's most beautiful roads to raise money for organizations like the Police Athletic League and K9s for Warriors.

Clay car enthusiasts encouraged to take a ride with Highway to Help Heroes

By Wesley LeBlanc
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ORANGE PARK— Clay County car enthusiasts are encouraged to register for the Highway to Help Heroes charity drive is open and there's no better way to see supercars while helping veterans and others at the same time.

What began as Accelerate Jacksonville morphed into an event called Skyfall which

then turned into the Highway to Help Heroes charity drive and for years, this event has raised more than \$200,000 each year to benefit organizations with local Clay County footprints like K9s for Warriors, the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation and the Police Athletic League. This year's event is on June 5, but registration now is open and will remain open until May 22.

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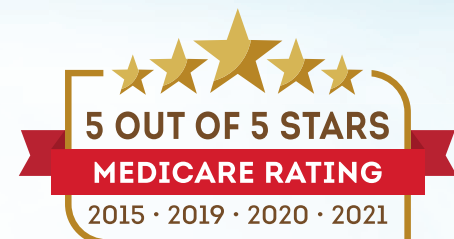
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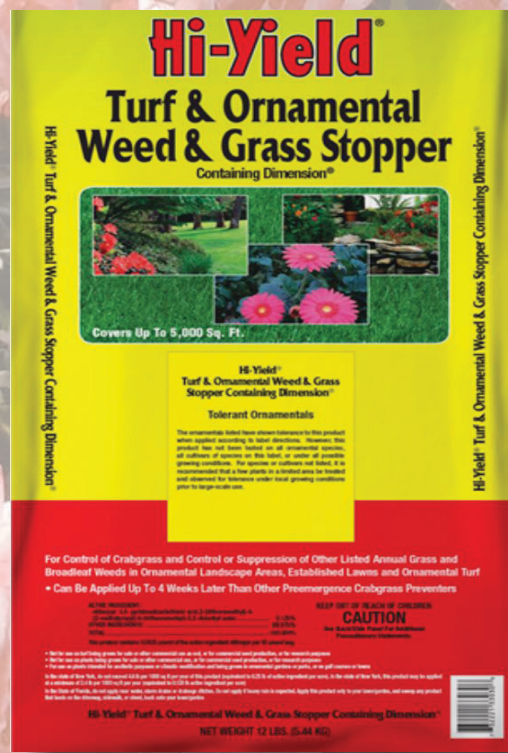
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Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas

Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas, born January 6, 1936 in Ocala, Florida passed away peacefully at home on April 1, 2021 at 3:16am

This is not an ordinary obituary because this was not an ordinary person. Our Mother grew up with an adventurous appetite of conquering the world, and everything in it.

She spent her early childhood in the area of White Springs, FL along the Suwannee River which provided many adventurous stories.

As an Army Brat, she traveled the world living in Germany and graduating from Nurnberg High School, becoming an independently strong woman. After living 4 years in the dormitory of the school it was time to return to the U.S., leaving many friends behind as she returned to the United States of America. As internet technology grew, she managed to find many of her classmates later in years through the Overseas Brats Germany Alumni group, attending reunions and traveling with the group.

She retired from Reinhold Corporation at Shadowlawn Farms in 1999 after more than 30 years, and from The Town of Penney Farms in 2018. Loving to travel and socialize volunteering in the community held a special interest in her life for many years, including, The Clay County Agricultural Fair, Clay County 4-H, Penney Farms Historical Society and Town of Penney Farms Committees where she also made many close friends.

Most dear to her heart, was her family and strong Christian Faith as a member of the Black Creek Church of Christ.

She is preceded in death by her Father, Lt. Col. Thomas "Tommy" James Thomas, and Mother Elizabeth McNeill Thomas.

She leaves behind 3 loving daughters, Mary Smith (Paul), Rene' Anderson, and Tina Green (Floyd); grandchildren, Eddy Hunter, Roscoe Smith (Rebecca), Chase Smith (Sara), Stacy Wase (Ben), and Bryan Green (Jasmine); great-grandchildren, Tyler, Madison, Freddy, and Honey Hunter, Landen and Eliana Smith, Lily and Matthew Wase, Camden and Jensen Green; Raymond Zerba, a special person close to



Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas

her heart; and countless loving friends she considered her family.

The family would like to thank all of the friends for their support during her illness. She loved you all.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in the name of Elizabeth "Betty" Thomas to one of the following organizations:

- Clay County 4-H
- Clay County Agricultural Fair
- Penney Farms Historical Society

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the Early Florida Village Church at the Clay County Fair, 2493 SR 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 with Minister Steven Atnip officiating. A graveside service followed at Penney Farms Cemetery.

Please sign the family's online guestbook at www.broadusraines.com

Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000



William Russell 'Rusty' Cummings

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, William Russell 'Rusty' Cummings, loving husband and father, passed away at the age of 71.

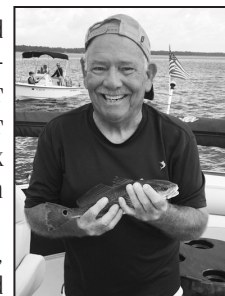
Rusty was born on October 19, 1949 in Birmingham, Alabama. He grew up in the Avondale/Wesconnett area. He attended Fishweir Elementary, Jefferson Davis Junior High, and Forrest High School where he graduated in 1967.

In high school, Rusty was the back-up quarterback to Buster Hagenbeck who became a Lieutenant General in the United States Army. He often relished about the 6-0 Forrest baseball victory in 1966 vs Ribault, in which he caught a perfect game pitched by his buddy Bill Hackelton. Rusty

was also incredibly proud of his time as a fry cook at Pritchett's Kitchen and his newspaper route with his brother Mike during his high school years. In 1968, Rusty joined the army as a US Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division where he served his country in the Vietnam War. After his military service, Rusty attended Florida Junior College where he later returned to volunteer his time doing tax work in the last ten years of his life.

On December 3, 1971, he married Katherine 'Kathy' Darrah, and this year they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. To provide for his family, Rusty worked at UPS, McLean trucking, and made his career at AT&T where he retired after 25 years of working as an electronic technician. He and Kathy raised two sons in Orange Park, William 'Travis' and Weston 'Todd' Cummings, and you could frequently find him at Orange Park Athletic Association coaching or acting as an umpire.

Rusty had a wicked sense of humor and enjoyed spending his time with his family, friends, and community. More than anything, he loved and cherished his beloved wife Kathy who supported him through every hardship of life. Rusty had numerous hobbies including fishing with his grandkids, boating, working in the yard, trips to Dairy Queen, grilling on his green egg, working as a handyman, and traveling to Biloxi with Kathy. He loved sports, especially Braves baseball and Gator Football, and frequently discussed sports statistics with his son, Todd. He was a huge supporter of Travis' political career, and the best campaign sign man around! He was a true patriot who loved his country, and as a veteran he proudly flew an American flag and would replace at any sign of wear. You could always find Rusty reading the paper or with a cold Coors Light in his hand.



William Russell "Rusty" Cummings

Obituaries

He loved, adored, and lived for his grandchildren. They were the light of his life. He taught them all he knew about his favorite things: fishing, boating, baseball, cars, and patriotism.

Rusty is survived by his parents, Tom and Inez Cummings, his wife Kathy, his sons Travis (Jessica) and Todd (Carrie), his siblings Marsha Smith (Wayne), Mike Cummings (Pam), and Karen Alexander (Dwight), his brother-in-law Don Darrah, his grandchildren Beckham, Fletcher, and Hattie, many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friend and fellow veteran Butch Amberger.

Funeral services were held on Friday April 23, 2021 at 1 p.m. at Grace Anglican Church located at 5804 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. Interment followed at Jacksonville Memory Gardens and Cemetery located at 111 Blanding Boulevard Orange Park, Florida 32073.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Rusty's name to support veteran causes at MercySupportServices.org or Orange Park Athletic Association, PO Box 313 Orange Park, FL 32067.

Marion Stahl Kerr

Marion Stahl Kerr, 83, of Penney Farms, FL, passed away April 21, 2021

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Celebrate Clay County History: The Roaring 20s

By Archives Specialist Vishi Garig
A Service of Clerk of Court and
Comptroller Tara S. Green

CLAY COUNTY – The month of May is celebrated annually as Clay County History Month. So, what better time to look back a full century.

A snapshot of Clay County, in the 1920s reveals a rural, agriculture-based community being discovered by a wave of land developers and settlers from the North and Midwest. Since it was the Prohibition era, illegal moonshine stills were rampant countywide. We have other vices today that keep law enforcement just as busy. The 1920s ushered in the development of Keystone Heights and Penney Farms. Today, we are no strangers to similar development and growth that will be equally historic.

The year 1919 brought Prohibition to the United States. Here in Clay County, it was old hat. Clay County was “dry” since 1904 when the citizens voted it so – and it was dry as a bone. In August 1922, Sheriff Elam Weeks and his deputies discovered a big moonshine camp in the back of Westberry Griffis’ field in Maxville. Jess Quigley, O.J. Murrhee and Constable J.D. Eddy came along for the bust. The operation had two 65-gallon stills, 53 barrels of “buck”, 23 empty barrels, 2 double-run copper worms, each 36 feet long, one barrel of cane syrup, tools, wood and 10 gallons of “shine”. A small creek nearby provided fresh water for the still. One of the stills’ fires was still burning when the sheriff arrived. It was apparent the moonshiners had a good lookout man posted somewhere to warn of the approaching danger. The Sheriff guessed that the still had the capacity of 50 gallons of moonshine a day. No one was arrested.

If you think moonshining went away with the official end of Prohibition in 1933,



Clay History Lawrence family house at 580 Lawrence Blvd. in Keystone Heights. It is a Sears kit home.

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you are mistaken. In the 1960s, two saddle horses were used as sentries at a Clay County still. That’s right – horses as lookouts. Sheriff John Hall said it’s not unusual for horses to be used as lookouts at the stills.

“In a heavily wooded area they use the horses to make a getaway in the event of a raid. The horses serve as sentries because they will lift their ears when they hear someone approaching,” Hall said.

It wasn’t a foolproof method, however. The raiding officers said these two horses sounded the alarm as they approached the still but the two men who were arrested were so busy brewing whiskey that they failed to notice the signal.

It wasn’t until 2012 that Clay County alcohol sale laws aligned more closely with those found in nearby Duval County, when

local government did away with the ban on selling alcohol before noon on Sundays.

In southern Clay County, it was the Florida Land Boom of the 1920s that changed that sleepy, largely uninhabited area into modern-day Keystone Heights. The benefits of Florida living were marketed to Northerners – a warm paradise where the land was cheap and the ground was fertile. Middle class people could afford cars for the first time and they traveled extensively. Florida was an obtainable dream for those wanting a piece of paradise to call their own, plant a citrus orchard, sit back and reap the rewards of year-round sunshine.

The founder and developer of the City of Keystone Heights was a man named John J. Lawrence. He was from Pennsylvania, the “Keystone State”, hence the name of the community. He was an ordained minister and he brought that experience with him when he developed Keystone Heights.



Lawrence also was an avid horticulturalist and that skill became an integral part of the development of the city. Lawrence was living in Pennsylvania when George Sebring, the developer of Sebring, asked him to come down and help him develop the area.

This was shortly after World War I. John, however, became dissatisfied with the platting for the Brooklyn Lake area. Agnes, his wife, showed him a lake she found on a walk. That lake was Lake Geneva. John moved the center of the new town he was forming to the shores of that lake instead. Lake Geneva and Lake Brooklyn were practically side-by-side.

Today, State Road 21 runs between them. The City of Keystone Heights was created for entrepreneurial northerners and the goal was for residents to be self-supporting with pecan and orange orchards. Bugs, poor soil and weather challenges kept the homeowners from being 100% self-supporting, but that did not stop folks there from planting trees and flowers that flourished. In 1925, the city incorporated with an original population of only 50 people. Today, Keystone Heights is still our least populated community, but retains its

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Clay History law enforcement with a confiscated moonshine still in Green Cove Springs in the 1920s.



Farmers and landowners at Long Branch City, which now is modern-day Keystone Heights. These are the smaller vegetable garden plots. Notice the new homes in the distance.

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Donna C. Kinlin

Donna C. Kinlin of Fleming Island, Florida, peacefully passed away while surrounded by her four children on April 26, 2021.

She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years Donald J. Kinlin. Donna is survived by her children Karen (Barb) Kinlin, Donald Kinlin II, Joseph (Lisa) Kinlin, Kevin (Pam) Kinlin; nine grandchildren Brandon Kinlin, Donald Kinlin III, Kelli Kinlin, Ryan Kinlin, Tanner Wilson, Kathleen Kinlin, Sean Kinlin, Jackson Kinlin, and Carter Kinlin; three great grandchildren Dale, Kole, and Patrick Kinlin.



Donna C. Kinlin

McGrath and Sarah Waters. While raising four children, she obtained several degrees, including two Master Degrees (in English and Business Administration).

Donna retired as an Air Force senior civilian in business and cost management, and worked for several Air Force programs, including the F-22 major acquisition.

Over the years she was a teacher, tutor for Russian immigrants, guardian ad litem for underprivileged children, as well as an avid reader and world traveler. Donna loved to dance.

Most importantly, Donna will always be remembered for her love of her family. Don and Donna will be buried together at the Dayton National Cemetery in Ohio.

In lieu of flowers please send a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.newcomercolumbus.com

Donna was born in Boston, Massachusetts on June 5, 1942, to the late Phillip

Calendar of Events

ELDERSOURCE CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: virtual webinar is May 18 from 1-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

CLAY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: will meet May 19 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Meeting

Room, fourth floor, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 19 from 2:30-3:30 p.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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Clay County Council on Aging gets \$250,000 from Reinhold Foundation

CLAY COUNTY -- Clay County Council on Aging, Inc. Board of Directors President, Tina Clary presents George M Egan, Trustee of the Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation Inc. a check in the amount of \$250,000 from the Clay County Council on Aging. The Reinhold Foundation will uphold their ongoing mission of benevolence to Clay County. Council on Aging has ended an era after serving Clay seniors for 47 years. The reins have now passed to Aging True Community Senior Services. Board members pictured, from left, are: John Powers, Leslie Rickabaugh, Ron Coleman, George M Egan, Trustee of the Paul E. and Klare N. Reinhold Foundation Inc, portrait of Paul E Reinhold, Board members: Tina Clary, John Boyles, Lynn Elliott and Joan Bazley.

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least populated community, but retains its charm and remote appeal. The lakes seem to be filling up again and the area still embraces the rural beauty that attracted Lawrence in the first place.

Many people are familiar with the story of JC Penney and the founding of Penney Farms in Clay County, but few know that Penney Farms was once an area known as Long Branch City. Long Branch City was part of the Florida land boom and land bust of the 1920's. Like the better-known Penney Farms, Long Branch City was also a planned farming community. Florida Farm & Industries, the developer, was founded in Ohio in 1921. It was a consolidation of the St. John's River Cattle Company, the Southern Cattle Feeding Company, the Dowling Shands Lumber Company and other real estate holdings in the Green Cove Springs area. It was capitalized at nearly \$6,000,000. There were supposed to be about three-hundred plots of 20-acre fenced farms, new houses, and out build-

ings. The town center was to be named Long Branch and plans included a school and grocery store. Advertisements for this Long Branch City development were placed in Northern and Midwestern newspapers, targeting the growing middle class and those wanting to cash in on the cheap land in Florida. Sunshine was equated with success.

Hopes were high in 1922, but the project declined and farmers began to leave. In 1923, the corporation went into receivership and by 1925 it dissolved and the property was sold. In 1925, the inevitable began to occur in the real estate industry. Land prices had reached such a zenith that new customers failed to arrive and old customers began to sell their land. JC Penney and Ralph Gwinn, general counsel for JC Penney and Company, formed the JC Penney-Gwinn Corporation to manage Florida holdings. This included 120,000 acres in Clay County, all of Long Branch and hotels in Green Cove Springs. Penney bought the Long Branch project for \$400,000 in 1925. In 1927, Long Branch City was renamed Penney Farms.



Civil War soldiers finally get their headstones

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Two Confederate soldiers from Clay County finally were recognized last week when the Sons of Confederate Veterans Kirby-Smith Camp No. 1209 provided them with headstones on their unmarked graves at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Headstones were provided for Andrew A. Allen, who served with the Third Georgia Infantry and Second Lt. Talbot A. Knowles, who served with the 10th Florida Infantry.

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Pace Center for Girls, State Farm donate 200 care packages to local seniors

Nonprofit's Service-Learning Program uses \$85,000 grant from insurance company

CLAY COUNTY – Pace Center for Girls, a nationally-recognized program that provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy, received an \$85,000 grant from The State Farm Companies Foundation which gives charitable grants to nonprofit initiatives that help build up and meet the needs of their communities. The funding supports Pace's service-learning program designed to help girls to engage in leadership development and give back to their local communities.

Local Pace girls and State Farm agents delivered more than 200 COVID-19 care packages to seniors across Clay and Duval counties through the service-learning program. This state-wide initiative took place across all Pace centers, totaling over 2,100 care packages.

"Working with Pace girls to give back to our community has been a rewarding experience," said Jose Soto, State Farm Corporate Responsibility Analyst. "Senior citizens are more vulnerable than ever due to the pandemic and are experiencing increased isolation and loneliness. While we've been able to brighten someone's day, our agents have also helped girls learn important life skills, such as organization, teamwork and the importance of giving back."

The Pace Center for Girls-Clay is located at 1241 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park.

State Farm is committed to helping build safer, stronger and better-educated communities. Local agents worked alongside Pace girls to give back to their community. In addition to developing and delivering the care packages, Pace girls were introduced to new career opportunities across a variety of industries including insurance, community service and elder care.

"At Pace, our girls' service-learning experiences are closely tied to their develop-



Pace Center for Girls, including a facility on Blanding Boulevard in Clay County, were dedicated to a project to give supplies and comfort to senior citizens throughout Northeast Florida. Money came from donations and a grant from State Farm.

ment and future success," said Tanya Hollins, Vice President Program Operations and Strategic Implementation for Pace. "Acknowledging the power of community and instilling the importance of community involvement supports girls' healthy development. Generous donations and grants like this one from State Farm make programs like this possible, teaching Pace

girls these valuable life lessons."

For more than 36 years, Pace has impacted the lives of more than 40,000 girls and young women, helping them heal from past trauma and create a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

For more information about Pace Center for Girls, please visit pacecenter.org.

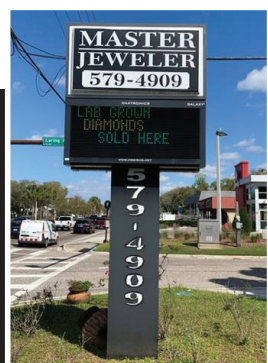
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- Reservations are required for lunches served at the center and Grab-and-Go.
- Participants may attend a maximum of two times per week and the centers will operate at a limited capacity.
- Face coverings should be worn except when eating, and guests should follow CDC recommended social distancing guidelines.



Please contact your local senior center to register or learn more!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2020-CA-730
DIVISION: A

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROLAND MASTANDREA, an individual,
Defendant.

ORDER ON MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

This matter is before the Court on the parties' competing Motions for Summary Judgment and Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. Having been advised in the premises and upon due consideration, the Court finds:

- The property development dispute underlying the ostensible defamation has been resolved in accordance with Defendant Mastandrea's position.
- Defense counsel's November 16, 2020 letter provides unequivocal assurances that a lawsuit will not be forthcoming. The assurance is given independent of, and not conditioned on discussion of proposed settlement terms (which the Court does not consider in its analysis).

- While the Defendant's assurances are not a guarantee and do not foreclose the possibility of legal action, under the circumstances, the prospect of a suit is unlikely.
- The prospect of a defamation lawsuit is too attenuated to satisfy the legal requirements of a declaratory action. See e.g., *Dixie Ins. Co. v. Gaffney*, 582 So. 2d 64 (Fla. 1st DCA 1991) (insurance company declaratory action in anticipation of bad faith claim too attenuated to satisfy "bona fide, actual, present and practical need" requirements); *Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. v. Burnette*, 177 So. 3d 1032 (Fla. 1st DCA 2015) (no actual and present need to determine whether statute of limitations barred enforcement of promissory note and mortgage where no enforcement action was pending or imminent).
- The Court finds *Strachan Shipping Co. v. Spigner*, 573 So. 2d 926 (Fla. 1st DCA 1991) factually distinguishable. In *Strachan*, one lawsuit had been filed and others were anticipated. Strachan had been sued by one injured employee and remaining injured employee suits were forthcoming, all arising out of the same accident event. *Strachan*, at 926. Here, a defamation suit is not imminent nor can one be anticipated with any degree of certainty.


- There is no genuine issue of material fact; Plaintiffs' action is tantamount to a request for an advisory opinion, and Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due to be granted as a matter of law.
- Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is deemed moot. The Court does note that the complaint, while describing Defendant's official capacity, does not allege facts overcoming individual immunity. See e.g., *Hauser v. Urchisin*, 231 So. 2d 6 (Fla. 1970).

Therefore, it is;

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

- Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is **GRANTED**.
- Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment is **DENIED**.
- Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is **moot** and therefore **DENIED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida this 5 day of April, 2021.


MICHAEL SHARRITT
Circuit Judge

Copies to:
Robert Aguilar, Esq.
Jack A. Krumbein, Esq.

The latest development in Orange Park council member Roland Mastandrea's lawsuit with residents Pete and Shirley Johnston is that the council member has been granted a summary motion in his favor.

Much ado about nothing:

Judge rules Mastandrea was allowed to sue two residents

Orange Park's councilman's victory pointless since he never filed lawsuit

By Wesley LeBlanc
wesley@opcfla.com

ORANGE PARK – A judge granted council member Roland Mastandrea a summary judgement that said he was allowed to sue two Orange Park residents.

Mastandrea was suing the residents for defamation after they criticized his support for the Orange Park Plaza Development project on Kingsley Avenue. The councilman claimed their comments defamed him.

The couple believed Mastandrea couldn't sue, but the judge eventually ruled against them. However, Mastandrea had already told the court he wasn't suing the couple, but he then turned his attention toward the rest of the Town Council.

The councilman wanted the town represent him in court and provide him an attorney. Mastandrea said at the time it was the town's obligation as part of the town's insurance. Mastandrea also threatened legal action against the residents suing him.

The town council voted not to represent Mastandrea in court.

Mastandrea said the judge's ruling also proves the town was responsible, but the

attorney representing the couple said it only said Mastandrea's suit was allowed to move forward.

Once Mastandrea decided not to sue the residents, the ruling actually was "anti-climactic," the couple's attorney said.

"The threat of suit expressed in writing by Defendant [Mastandrea] is a real threat of immediate injury to Plaintiffs," court documents read. "Plaintiffs deny making any actionable defamatory statements as alleged by Defendant, but Plaintiffs are in doubt as to their rights not to be dragged into baseless litigation by Defendant over the assertions in Defendant's correspondence."

Mastandrea continues to hold the belief that a legislator, in this case himself, acting on Town Council cannot be sued, something he expressed to the council in previous meetings.

"Even though I provided council with the State Statute clearly showing that a councilman should be represented by the Town, this Council chose not to do so," a letter from Mastandrea reads. "In fact, I forced the town to get an outside legal opinion. The staff chose the attorney and he wrongfully supported the [Town's decision not to cover Mastandrea in court]. The court saw the facts as they were in my favor and ruled on my behalf."

A letter written by Mastandrea earlier this month directed at council reads: "Yesterday, an Order was filed by the Judge in that case granting my Motion for Summary Judgment and was granted because of what my attorney Jack Krumbein told you

should be held as the basis for affording me coverage in that defense. Mr. Krumbein told you all that as members of a legislative body we have immunity from individual liability when a lawsuit is filed against any one of us personally when the lawsuit arises out of legislative functions."

However, the judgment only pertained to whether Mastandrea's potential lawsuit could proceed against the two residents.

"There is no genuine issue of material fact," a court document titled Orders on Motion for Summary Judgment reads. "[The resident's] action is tantamount to a request for an advisory opinion and [Mr. Mastandrea's] Motion for Summary Judgment is due to be granted as a Matter of Law. The Court does note that the complaint, while describing [Mr. Mastandrea's] capacity, does not allege facts overcoming individual immunity."

Mastandrea says this court filing indicates that the residents in question did not have enough facts to override the immunity Mastandrea is granted as a member of a legislative board.

"The Town of Orange Park should have voted to afford me that defense coverage," a letter from Mastandrea intended for the Town Council reads. "I state this here...because I am concerned that the Town Council is not following the law correctly and is allowing itself to be moved by emotions, personal interests or just fear. The law is clear and has been for a long time. Legislators, including local ones like ourselves, have immunity from personal liability when lawsuits arise out of legislative functions.

"Sometimes doing what we think is in the best interest of the broader population in the town can make us hated or targeted. To be effective as local legislators, we have to be prepared to take a tough task and overcome it for the greater benefit of everyone living in our town."

Mastandrea said he wants future council members to be afforded legal representation.

"The Judge basically said '[Mastandrea] is a public official and anything [Mastandrea] says is protected under law,' Mastandrea told Clay Today. "[It also says] that the Town had an obligation to defend me, but they didn't. They're opening the door to something really dangerous... when a public official can't state what he wants to state."

Mastandrea lost his re-election bid for Seat 3 on April 13 to John Hauber, in the Municipal Super Tuesday.

Clay Today attempted to reach out to Krumbein on multiple occasions to ask if and how the judge's ruling affects the town's decision not to pay Mastandrea's legal bills. The attorney didn't respond to any of the requests.

The residents' attorney, Bob Aguilar, said the case was just a matter of competing motions for summary judgements.

"My clients sued Mastandrea for declaratory judgement and both attorneys – [Mastandrea's lawyer] is a great lawyer – filed for motions of summary," Aguilar told Clay Today. "Normally, at trial, a judge

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annual “competition.” Although it’s competitive by default, and more a celebration of the state’s great educators, which includes her years of time as a teacher in Clay County – a career that started as a teacher at Orange Park Junior High, which eventually led to a phenomenal tenure at GCSJH.

Halter said she owes it all to the excellent teachers and staff surrounding her.

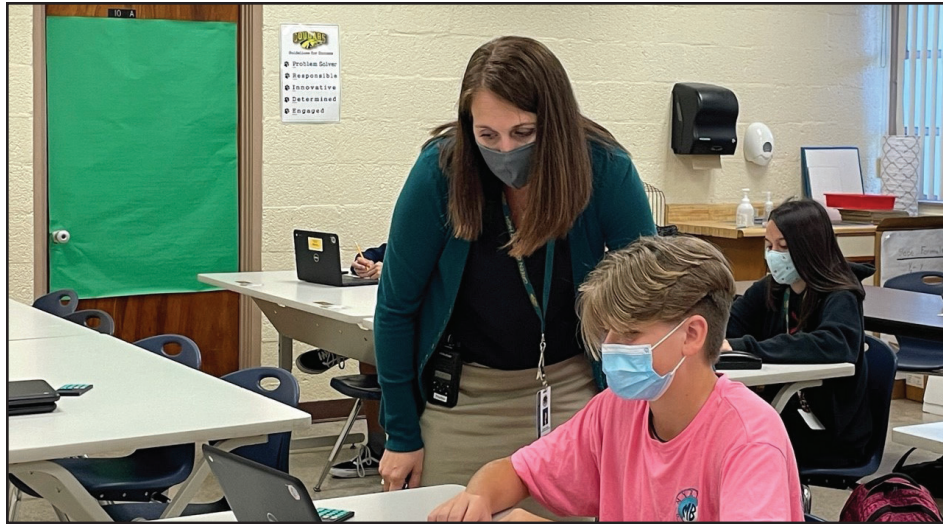
“It’s an honor,” Halter said. “Every decision I make, though, I make with a team. My success is not just based on me. It’s everyone I learn from, the networking with other junior high administrators, the teachers in these halls, and everyone who’s ever helped me get to where I am today.”

Halter taught English at Orange Park Junior High for eight years and she’s been the principal of GCSJH for six years. Her motivation throughout her entire career, be it as a teacher or as a principal, has always been the children and making school a positive experience.

“I believe that we should provide positive learning experiences for kids, especially in public education,” Halter said. “My passion is public education. If we can make sure all kids look back fondly on their experience learning here, that will help them become lifelong learners and it helps for when they have kids.”

Halter said it’s important to establish a positive relationship between children and school because when the children grow up and have children of their own. Parents then will be more open to partnering with schools and taking education more seriously.

“It ultimately opens more doors for ev-



erybody,” she said. “If the parents didn’t have a positive experience in school, they’re less likely to come to the school or be involved with what we’re trying to do here and then, all of a sudden, the narrative of the importance of school is different. If we can change that narrative, or make it a positive one to begin with which is what I believe we’re doing here, then that can change our entire educational system. It’s why I do what I do.”

What Halter and her team at GCSJH does is clearly working as Halter is just weeks away from finding out if she is selected as the Florida 2021 Principal of the Year. There are two other, and Halter said she’s talked to each. It’s an honor to be among them, she said.

One of the things Halter said that’s been extremely helpful in helping her run GCSJH, an “A” school in the Clay County School District, is the parent organization.

“We didn’t have a parent organization here when we started,” she said. “Having it now, it’s been fabulous. We call it the Parent Volunteer Organization. They’ve helped me grow as a leader and it’s an amazing voice for the school and the parents. They

talk to others, too, about what’s going on here and they truly are a part of the Green Cove Springs Junior High community.

“That work doesn’t stop within these walls. All that we do is a community effort and ... the school’s greatness is way bigger than any one person.”

Halter has the unique challenge of being a principal at a junior high, a type of school where she and her staff only see students for two years whereas high school staff sees students for four and elementary at least six.

“Knowing that we have them for two years, it makes junior high such a sweet spot in their lives,” Halter said. “There’s so much going on at this age for children. It’s an awkward age, you know, but even though it’s awkward, it’s about navigating it alongside them and letting them know we’re here for them.”

One of her favorite parts of the job is seeing where students from her school or years teaching end up in the county or district. Her children play soccer in the county, and she might run into a former student who’s now coaching children the same age as her children.



“In Clay County, the relationships go beyond just those years we see them and I think that’s because of the emphasis this district puts on making education a positive experience,” Halter said.

Junior high makes Halter’s job unique, but COVID-19 has affected it, too, just as it has for thousands of teachers around the country.

“It’s been tough, of course, but we’re still doing school at the end of the day,” Halter said. “It’s just different now. The big thing is that you have to really take the time to understand people’s comfort levels and what their individual fears are with everything going on. I lead by helping people, helping them feel noticed, helping them feel heard, and when we as educators continue to do that despite a pandemic, the children feel safer and ultimately, they’ll want to continue to be in our buildings to learn.

“I’m empowered by an amazing team around me and a district that’s always encouraging and I’m so honored to be a finalist for the year,” Halter said. “We’ll see what happens next, but I’m so excited to even be a finalist.”

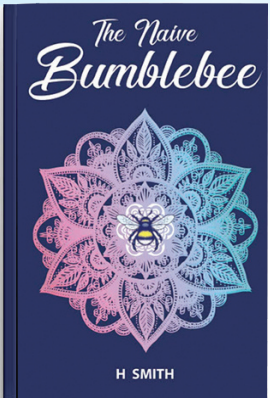
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GCS to unveil renovated Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The City of Green Cove Springs will hold a dedication ceremony for its work on the Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex, including the new Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building and renovated Green Cove Springs Food Pantry at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 3, at 1107 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Dedication ceremony will include remarks from City of Green Cove Springs Mayor Van Royal, Clay County Board of County Commissioners Chairman Mike Cella, Father Christopher Martin on behalf of GCS Food Pantry, and Green Cove Springs City Manager Steve Kennedy. There will be a tour of the GCS Food Pantry and Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building after the dedication ceremony.

Since July 2020 the City has worked on a complete renovation of the Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex, which encompasses the GCS Food Pantry, construction of the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building, and construction of a new parking lot and a circular driveway to both the GCS Food Pantry and Augusta Savage Museum and Mentor-

ing Building. Total cost of construction and renovation work was \$952,926.

The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building was built through partnership with Clay County, who contributed \$300,000 as a cost share of the total \$476,826 in construction costs. The remaining cost, including \$20,000 in site and utility work by city personnel, was funded through the city surtax fund. Built where the Dunbar High library formally stood, the building will include an art museum displaying works of Augusta Savage and other artists, classroom space for small group or one-on-one tutoring, a dance studio, and a music studio.

The City spent \$250,000 from its CARES Act funding for a complete interior renovation of the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry space in the Complex and constructing a paved driveway and portico over the food pantry entrance to better facilitate donations.

The renovations and additions enable the Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex to become a hub of resources for the community, from providing groceries to families in need to instilling a passion for the arts and a foundation for the future for younger generations.



Years of planning and construction led to the grand opening of the Augusta Savage Social Services and Culture Complex on Monday at 10 a.m. in Green Cove Springs.



Facebook question of the week

What's your favorite way to support the Clay County economy?

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – The county is known for a lot of great things, including its dedication to local businesses and especially restaurants.

Restaurants are in many ways the lifeblood of a community. They speak to the culture of a place and they quite literally feed people day in and day out. A great restaurant will have a long life in Clay County because the people here love to support good food and excellent service. Clay Today asked its readers what their favorite restaurants were and what they liked best about it for this week's Facebook Question of the Week. Here's what they had to say

"We love going to Vito's Pizza on Blanding for lunch," reader Margaret Panik said. "No one can beat their special: two hot slices of pizza with one topping and a drink for \$2.99 [or] three slices for \$3.99. They are friendly and family-owned!"

"Family-owned" is seemingly the key to many of residents' favorite restaurants as the replies Clay Today received all mentioned restaurants owned by local families – not large companies that franchise their property to whomever wants to buy in.

For reader Karen Fey, her favorite restaurant in Clay County isn't a restaurant, but a local coffee shop. However, this coffee shop does serve delicious food, desserts, and more as Fey pointed out on Facebook.

"Not sure you can classify it as a 'restaurant,' but Spring Park Coffee," Fey said. "They do really good desserts and breakfast foods ... as well as coffee."



Local businesses are the lifeblood of any community. Many in Clay County said eating at restaurants is their favorite way to support the local economy.

Fey also said La Casita, a Mexican restaurant right by Spring Park Coffee in Green Cove Springs is one of her favorite spots. She said they have tasty Mexican food — and plenty of it — and great prices.

Kimberly Shadrock said some of her favorite places include G's Slow Cooked BBQ, a locally-owned BBQ restaurant on Blanding Boulevard, Just a Pinch, a diner-style restaurant in Fleming Island and Sweet Sensations, a deli-style restaurant in Green Cove Springs.

Kristen CH agreed with Shadrock and said her favorite thing to get at Just a Pinch is the pineapple upside down pancakes and hazelnut coffee. They also said they love Irie Diner's jerk chicken, which is available at their Orange Park location, Dunya's chicken shawarma, which can be purchased from their Blanding Boulevard location and Saigon Wok's pho, which is served daily at the business's Fleming Island storefront.

Terry Phillips said Salsa's Mexican restaurant right at the intersection of County Road 220 and College Drive is her favorite place to eat in Clay County.

"[They have] great food, service, a friendly staff and they're always clean and quick," Phillips said.

What are your favorite local restaurants in Clay County? Let us know by responding to last week's Facebook Question of the Week and then make sure to follow the official Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page so you don't miss this week's question.

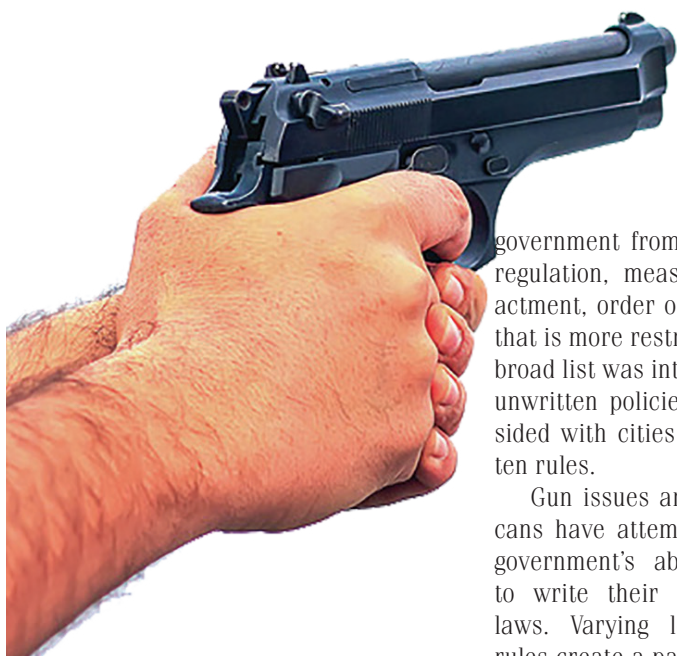
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Bradley supports legislation to keep cities, counties from creating unwritten gun laws

By Renzo Downey
For Florida Politics

TALLAHASSEE – The Senate has passed legislation to stop cities and counties from creating unwritten gun policies and preventing them from circumventing punishment.

By a 23-16 party-line vote, senators approved Estero Republican Sen. Ray Rodrigues' bill (SB 1884) to clarify that the state's preemption over local firearm and ammunition laws applies to unwritten rules. Additionally, local governments couldn't bypass a court case by scrapping the gun law in question.

State law expressly prohibits a local

government from creating an "ordinance, regulation, measure, directive, rule, enactment, order or policy" relating to guns that is more restrictive than state law. The broad list was intended to show it includes unwritten policies, but some courts have sided with cities and counties on unwritten rules.

Gun issues are just one area Republicans have attempted to "pre-empt" local government's ability to write their own laws. Varying local rules create a patchwork of regulations, some contend.

Sen. Jennifer Bradley (R-Fleming Island), who represents the Fifth District, which includes Clay County, voted in favor of the bill.

Senate Democratic Leader Gary Farmer argued this bill continues the "steady, slow march of preemption."

In particular, Republicans believe local governments have gotten away with ending their unwritten gun policies when facing lawsuits. The bill would require local governments to pay for the attorney fees

in those cases.

"We've had some locations with unwritten policies that have led to lawsuits, and then during the suit, the government entity will drop enforcing the policy that they had, and ask the court to dismiss the case as moot," Rodrigues said last week. "And when they do that, the plaintiff is obviously able to get their weapons, but they are stuck with paying the attorney fees."

Florida has barred cities and counties from passing regulations that are stricter than state firearms laws since 1987. Under the existing law, municipalities that break the state preemption law face up to \$100,000 in damages. However, they are normally only asked to pay for the plaintiff's attorneys fees and to repeal the local policy.

Farmer told senators he believes the legislation "goes too far" on reserving gun laws for the state.

"I don't know that any cities really have unwritten policies with regard to firearms, but what can happen is they can react to a situation and give a directive which might be interpreted as an unwritten policy," Farmer said.

Earlier this month, the First District Court of Appeal rejected a challenge to a 2011 law meant to stiffen penalties for vio-

lating the preemption law. A Leon County circuit judge in 2019 found that parts of the law were unconstitutional, spurring Attorney General Ashley Moody and Gov. Ron DeSantis to appeal.

That followed a separate court case last month in which the Fourth District Court of Appeal sided with the gun-rights group Florida Carry over Broward County, which in 2014 created ordinances to prevent people from carrying weapons at airports and in taxis. In an opinion, Chief Judge Spencer Levine said the ban on "weapons" included guns.

Groups in support of the bill include the National Rifle Association, the Unified Sportsmen of Florida and Gun Owners of America. Meanwhile, the Florida National Organization for Women opposes it.

Farmer added that he believes the bill will have a chilling effect on local governments' abilities to "do the right thing." However, House sponsor Rep. Cord Byrd, a Neptune Beach Republican, has specifically said he hopes the bill would limit unwritten gun policies.

Byrd's version (HB 1409) is ready for a vote on the House floor. The House was expected to consider it Thursday but postponed it, likely to pick up the Senate version.



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Community Briefs

Clerk's Office selects Hamilton as its second-quarter All-Star

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Traffic department clerk Susie Hamilton personifies the qualities the Clay County Clerk's Office looks for in all members of its staff – pleasant, professional, patient, effective, hard-working and kind.



Susie Hamilton

Hamilton has a skillset her manager describes as superior. She has helpful relationships with judges, local attorneys and law enforcement agencies due to her depth of knowledge. Her co-workers describe her as a colleague who helps her surroundings evolve into a better

workplace for everyone, exemplifying the office's core values along the way.

Susie's co-workers describe her as a ray of sunshine.

For all of those reasons, Susie earned the second-quarter Clerk's All-Star Award.

Garnett and Gold Scholar Society inducts 236, including Orange Park's Elene Lake

TALLAHASSEE – Florida State University welcomed 236 new inductees, including Elene Lake of Orange Park, into its prestigious Garnet and Gold Scholar Society this spring.

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Pandemic, shortages, shipping delays, ice storms and demand lead to historically low furniture inventories

Local stores often have to wait months to fill their orders

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – The telephone at Orange Park Furniture on Park Avenue never stops ringing. One customer may be checking on the status of an order placed months ago. Another may be in a desperate search for a particular piece. Another may be checking out prices.

Many aren't happy with the answers. Neither is company president Olen Markum.

Shipping delays, ice storms, increased costs and shortages of raw materials, along with the county's record new home construction have created delays – and headaches – for the furniture industry.

"I'm on the phone with people all day," Markum said. "We give them the best information, honest information, we can. It's not easy to tell a customer something may be on backorder for six months. When they hear that, they don't always use their Sunday School words."

The COVID-19 pandemic forced many to stay home during the past year. Because people couldn't travel or weren't allowed to eat at restaurants, especially in other parts of the country, many spent their money on their homes. That not only led to a resurgence in lawn and garden projects, but home improvement projects and remodeling. An increase in demand, coupled with a reduction in production caused by the coronavirus and other factors, eventually decimated the industry.

Furniture stores now are scrambling to explain delays. And to find new pieces.

"Everyone knows the real estate market is booming but we are in the biggest furniture boom in modern history," said Matthew Thomas of Quality Bedding and Furniture in Orange Park. "There is a shortage on furniture because of COVID. We are getting tons of people coming to buy furniture daily and the backlog goes back three to six months."

Customary delays before the pandemic were usually six-to-10 weeks before COVID-19. A current order now may be delayed until Christmas.

Ice storms in Texas and Louisiana in February only exasperated shortages – and created even more delays.

Polyol, one of two chemicals required to make foam, is made primarily around the Gulf of Mexico. A second chemical, toluene diisocyanate, is made at one of two plants. One is in Texas; the other in Louisiana, and both were shut down by the power outages from one of the most-devastating ice storms in the region's history. Neither plant has been able to catch up or to keep pace with demand since.

The shortages were so severe, both chemical companies had to ration foam to furniture manufacturers.

"Prices went through the roof [after the ice storms]," Markum said. "There's been a constant change in dynamics since."

New home constructions are suffering with the same shortages of raw materials and ever-increasing prices. The cost of building a new home can be as much as \$30,000 greater at completion than from the start," Markum said.

A buyer from New Smyrna Beach called Orange Park Furniture Tuesday looking for a specific piece of furniture. After spend-



Olen Markum at Orange Park Furniture

ing hours on the phone, their patience and perseverance were reward when they learned Markum had the piece in stock. As soon as they hung up they made the 110-mile, five-county trek to pick it up.

"Right now, if we have to order something it will take six months, give or take," Markum said. "It's a global issue. There are problems with raw materials and shipping. There are cargo ships that have been sitting outside of port for weeks waiting to unload. It's particularly tough on the West Coast. Things still aren't opened up completely in the rest of the country."

While some furniture components are produced in the United States, other parts, particularly electronics, are manufactured in other countries where delays still are commonplace. Until the world completely reopens, there will be demands – and shortages – of furniture.

"Things are starting to come around, but nobody's sure when we can catch up," Markum said. "There was a piling on affect. It's not easy to explain why there can be so many delays."



The showroom at Quality Bedding and Furniture at 1045 Blanding Blvd. in Orange Park



Orders often take six months to fill at Quality Bedding and Furniture



Orange Park Furniture is located at 1329 Park Ave.

Police Briefs

CCSO: Man caught after having online relationship with girl, 13

ORANGE PARK – A 20-year-old man was arrested April 20 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office determined he sent explicit photos of himself during an online relationship with a 13-year-old girl.

Daniel Charles Raymore Jr., of Green Cove Springs, was charged with in-state personal transmission of an image, information or data to a minor and using a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.

According to the arrest report, Raymore met the girl online while playing "Among Us." The two then started communicating on Discord, and the conversation became sexual, CCSO said. The mother reported



Daniel Raymore

the virtual relationship, which CCSO happened last December.

Raymore wrote he wanted to "kiss, cuddle and have sexual relations" with the girl. He also sent nude pictures of himself to her, CCSO said. Investigators were able to match a photo of Raymore's blanket sent to the girl with a blanket in his bedroom.

Man charged with stabbing man during robbery of backpack

ORANGE PARK – An Orange Park man was arrested on April 22 after a man was stabbed in the back shoulder with a knife during a robbery of his backpack, the Clay County Sheriff's Office said.

Richard Lee McGuffie II, 28, was charged with sudden snatching with a weapon, aggravated bat-



Richard McGuffie

tery with a deadly weapon, as well as possession of methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

According to the arrest report, CCSO was called to the Parkland at Orange Park Apartments on Wells Road by a man who had just been stabbed. The interviewed witnesses who identified McGuffie as the assailant. The found McGuffie sitting in the driver's seat at a house on Lexington Drive in Orange Park.

The victim suffered a 1.5-inch gash and required surgery, CCSO said.

His bond was set at \$125,006.

Man busted for trafficking nearly one-third pound of cocaine

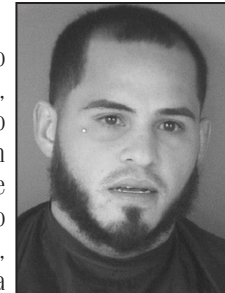
ORANGE PARK – Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies found an unlicensed gun and cocaine in a car after they pulled over a man on Blanding Boulevard after drivers called 911 and reported him driving recklessly.

Wesley O'Neal Estrada Vasquez, 27, Orange Park, was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of the handgun and cocaine on April 24 after K-9 Ory alerted deputies of the presence of illegal drugs during the traffic stop.

According to the arrest report, Vasquez appeared to be impaired when they stopped him. He refused to submit to a field sobriety test, but he later took a breath analyzer test at the Clay County Jail. His samples were .116 and .113, CCSO said. The legal limit is .08.

When deputies searched the car, they found a loaded gun near the center console, and a bag containing nearly one-third pound of cocaine.

Vasquez's bond was set at \$176,008.



Wesley Vasquez

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, April 27

Daylan C. Thomas, 22, Green Cove Springs, FTA (Duval)
Kenneth J. Mullins, 44, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
James D. Perry, 34, Middleburg, two counts FTA
Jonathan M. Nelson, 35, Middleburg, VOP
Leroy S. Brown, 38, Green Cove Springs, battery on person 65 or older
Tavarius B. Watkins, 27, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-DWLSR
Joseph A. Bowen, 51, Green Cove Springs, VOP-resist/obstruct/oppose police, VOP-violation of injunction for domestic violence
Migdelio L. Torres, 30, Orange Park, trespassing
Terraunce L. Owens, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Kelly C. Bridgman, 42, Green Cove Springs, two counts FTA-battery on police/firefighter/EMT, FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Monday, April 26

Destiny C. Sears, 25, possession-fentanyl
Manuel Q. Pugh, 26, Fleming Island, possession-marijuana, DWLSR-habitual offender
Jacqueline M. Cribbs, 47, DUI
Nicholas C. Hamilton, 31, simple domestic battery
Michael E. Doyle, 60, Middleburg, DUI with BAL .15 or higher
Tanner C. Griffin, 21, Green Cove Springs, VOP-burglary
Matthew A. Kerr, 26, Orange Park, dealing in stolen property, giving false information to pawn broker

Jimmy L. Morgan, 24, Oakleaf, FTA
Kristen D. Van Wingerden, 38, Fleming Island, child abuse
Daniel L. White, 38, Orange Park, simple domestic battery
Steven R. Martin, 45, Fleming Island, violation of injunction for domestic battery
Jimmy Gonzales, 21, Middleburg, DUI

Sunday, April 25

William W. Boudreaux, 30, Orange Park, simple battery, tampering in proceeding
Adrianna R. Guerrero, 31, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance
Daniel F. Vera, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Bryan K. Truett, 29, Middleburg, aggravated battery on pregnant woman, grand theft, simple battery
Lindsey C. Hunley, 39, Orange Park, battery on person 65 or older
Larris Boston, 18, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm
Victoria M. Dacosta, 30, Orange Park, aggravated assault with deadly weapon
Alisa A. Alberto, 29, Orange Park, domestic battery
Debra A. Kirkman, 59, Fleming Island, DUI with property damage, refusal to submit to BAL, leaving scene of accident with property damage
Daylan C. Thomas, 22, Green Cove Springs, altering/destroying/concealing/removing physical evidence
Editha A. Redman, 70, Orange Park, DUI

Saturday, April 24

Krystal K. Miles, 30, Keystone Heights, simple domestic battery
Daylan C. Thomas, 22, Oakleaf, possession-cocaine, possession-controlled substance, driving without valid license
Brandon W. Wilkerson, 44, Orange Park, VOP-community control
Derrick D. Whittier, 44, Orange Park, DUI-fourth offense, refusal to submit to BAL
Mark E. Orbe, 50, Green Cove Springs,

possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, two counts possession-controlled substance, DWLSR-habitual offender
Larry J.M. Dillavou, 41, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, two-counts possession-controlled substance
Eugene V. Felt, 57, Green Cove Springs, failure to secure workman's compensation
Wesley O.E. Vasquez, 27, Orange Park, possession-unlicensed firearm, trafficking cocaine, DUI

Friday, April 23

Scott G. Johnston, 62, Green Cove Springs, DUI
Lawrence A. Boyle, 34, Orange Park, grand theft auto, possession-fentanyl, possession-THC, possession-methamphetamine
Lacey J. Long, 27, Orange Park, possession-cocaine
Devin J. Cook, 23, Orange Park, domestic battery
Terrell M. Henderson, 22, Middleburg, grand theft
Nathan S. Vangorder, 21, Orange Park, domestic battery
Nino J.J. Perez, 38, Orange Park, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Xanax, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Roger K. Burmeister, 68, Middleburg, DUI
Anthony D. Rossie, 20, Orange Park, two counts burglary
Jeannie M. Faamatau, 42, Keystone Heights, obtain property by false personation
Donald F. Chase, 26, Keystone Heights, FTA, possession-marijuana

Thursday, April 22

Jordan T. Vanwingerden, 18, Fleming Island, child abuse
David P. West, 50, Fleming Island, grand theft, VOP-grand larceny
Kevin L.B. Thompson, 32, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Richard P. McGriff, 23, Green Cove Springs, three counts FTA-grand larceny
Jennifer T. Hamilton, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-criminal mischief
Melissa A. Hanson, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA
Crystal A.B. Billings, 29, Middleburg, sale/delivery of narcotics, use of two-way communication device to facilitate felony, possession-fentanyl, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Cherokee N. Drafts, 20, Green Cove Springs, delivering methamphetamine
Kristy L. Shankland, 41, Middleburg, DUI, possession-controlled substance
Veronica D. Williams, 40, Orange Park, retail petit theft
Isaac L. Wilson, 25, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, FTA
Richard L. McGuffie, 28, Orange Park, sudden snatching with firearm/weapon, aggravated battery with deadly weapon
Anthony Rosario, 28, Middleburg, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Wednesday, April 21

Alyssa S. Hickey, 29, Orange Park, retail petit theft
Richardo R.E. Ozuna, 24, Orange Park, sexual battery of child between 12-18
Jessica M. Bercich, 35, Green Cove Springs, VOP-felony child abuse
Belinda B. Hall, 56, Middleburg, possession-prescription medicine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, FTA-DWLSR
Floyd C. Guy, 47, Orange Park, trespassing
William T. Boyette, 31, Fleming Island, possession-cocaine, possession-ecstasy/molly, DWLSR
Holly N. Hamilton, 45, Middleburg, FTA
Shawn D. Alexander, 45, Orange Park, FTA
Lorie M. Clarke, 44, Orange Park, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Colt H. Rousseau, 20, Orange Park, FTA

Garden Club of Orange Park

Gulf Fritillary butterflies like the hot weather

By Carolyn Warren

Birds, Bees and Butterflies Chairman

ORANGE PARK – The Gulf Fritillary Butterfly is one of the most common butterflies in Florida. It is now flying from southern Florida, where it spends the winter, to northern Florida to recolonize for the summer. My yard/flower garden is already attracting them. The primary host plant for this butterfly is the passion- vine.

In the past three weeks, the butterflies have laid eggs on the vines, caterpillars have emerged, and I have chrysalis that have formed. These look

like dead leaves, so use caution when removing dead leaves from plants. It is advisable to plant several Passion Vines as the caterpillars will devour a plant very quickly. Other nectar plants that these butterflies like are Black-eyed Susan, zinnias and lantana.

The upper side of this butterfly is rich orange in the male and a slightly duller brown in the female. The underside is shiny silver spotted. The caterpillar is shiny black, with reddish-orange stripes on its top and sides and four rows of spines which are harmless to humans. This warning coloration tells birds it is a toxic caterpillar.



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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – A medical marijuana dispensary was approved within 500 feet of the private Christian Home Academy on College Drive in Orange Park.

Approval for a marijuana dispensary normally wouldn't be presented to the Board of County Commissioners, but it did Tuesday, April 27.

That's because there's a county statute that states dispensaries can't be built within 500 feet of a school. Josh Cockerel, one of the people behind the dispensary, convinced council.

The body voted, 3-2, with Wayne Bolla, whose district the dispensary will be in, and Mike Cella dissenting.

"Governments should not get in between doctors and their patients' care," Cockerel said. "Governments should make it easier to open businesses. The distance from the door to the school is more than 600 feet, but it's based on parcels."

He argued the statute, which bases its distance parameter around parcels meaning a dispensary's parcel can't be within 500 feet of a school's parcel, should take into account more detailed measurements. While the potential dispensary's parcel location to the school is within 500 feet, going to the front door of the dispensary is 600 feet.

Cockerel said they reached out to Christian Home Academy to discuss this and their thoughts on it, but they never heard back.

Commissioner Betsy Condon said she'd prefer a medical marijuana shop over multiple vape shops as the latter pose a much bigger threat to children and teenagers



Josh Cockerel, one of the people behind the dispensary who spoke to the BCC about it last night.

due to the ease of access. She argued that despite possible public perception, medical marijuana dispensaries are more sterile and "less cool" than one might think. They're also extremely protective and run more like a doctor's office than something you'd see at a recreational marijuana dispensary in Colorado, where marijuana in all forms is legal.

"I just don't think we should be in the business of picking and choosing where businesses go," Condon said. "The control around these dispensary facilities...they're more like doctor offices and pharmacies than they are a store you can just go into. They're stark, clean facilities."

Condon also mentioned the proposal the company behind the dispensary is opening a 5,000-square-foot shop in Putnam County, saying "that's how secure this



A new medical marijuana dispensary soon will be opening in the future near Christian Home Academy after it was approved by the BCC, 3-2, despite being within 500 feet of the school – something not usually allowed by statute.

company is" in what they do. She talked about how these dispensaries can often bring a lot of jobs to an area.

She specifically referenced Gadsden County where a dispensary manufacturing center created more than 1,500 jobs.

"They were one of the poorest counties in the state and that company came in and provided 1,600 jobs for that community that otherwise might have not had much hope," she said, citing what medical marijuana can do for a local economy in terms of jobs.

"To the applicant's point, if this were measured a little differently, they wouldn't even have to come to us."

Many on the council agreed with Con-

don's point and nobody was against the construction of the dispensary. Bolla and Cella voted to disapprove allowing the building of it within 500 feet of a school due to precedent, however. Cella argued he felt the need to stick to the statute.

"There isn't another space available within the 500 feet," Cockerel said, explaining that his team looked elsewhere, too. "The statute states [that it should be followed unless] you, the body, determines that the location promotes the public health, safety and general welfare for the community."

Cockerel argued this dispensary does just that as its products are sold to those in need.

Arts4All Florida partners with Tynes Elementary, The Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery, Exhibit Hall

For Clay Today

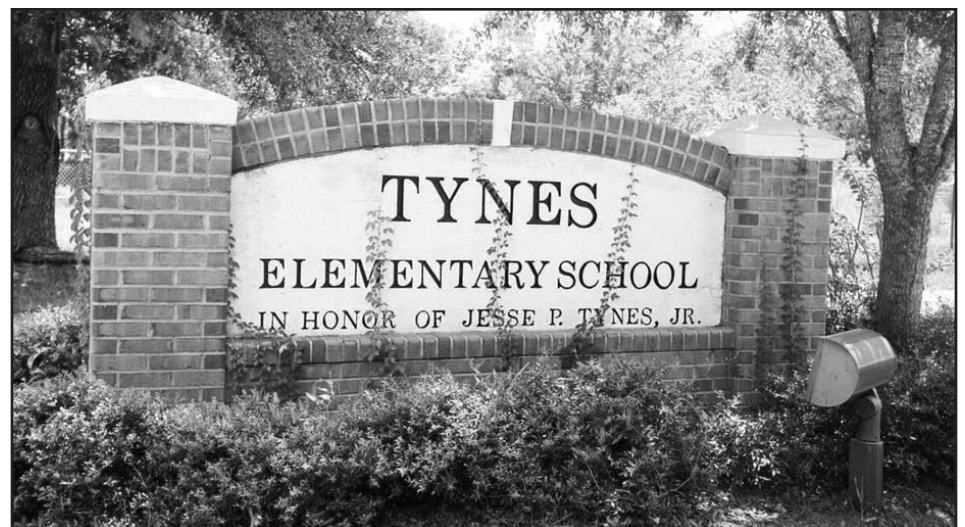
CLAY COUNTY – Arts4All announced a partnership with Clay County Public Schools, The Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery and Exhibit Hall in Broward County. Arts4All Florida, a not-for-profit organization, coordinates a statewide My Art My Way artist in residence program for students with and without disabilities in public schools. The residency in Clay County was a unique opportunity to extend the traditional My Art My Way program. Teaching artist Raymond Jimenez taught visual art lessons at Clay County's Tynes Elementary for six hours over the past few months.

After an introduction to the museum's exhibitions, the very talented student artists from Tynes will be hosting an exhibition entitled Camouflage and Collabora-

tion. Their inspired artwork will be online on both websites of The Frank C. Ortis Art Gallery and Exhibit Hall www.thefrankgallery.org and Arts4All Florida www.arts4allflorida.org. The online exhibition can be viewed from June to August.

For more information on the My Art My Way artist in residence program, visit www.arts4allflorida.org or contact Dee Miller, Director of Education, at (813) 957-1772.

The Frank Art Gallery is named after Pembroke Pines Mayor Frank C. Ortis for his decades-long commitment to the cultural arts. Located at the Charles F. Dodge City Center in the heart of Pembroke Pines, Broward County, this contemporary art gallery showcases multidisciplinary inclusive exhibitions that foster connections, facilitate collaborations and initiate cultural



change.

Arts4All Florida provides, supports and champions arts education and cultural experiences for and by people with disabilities. A private not-for-profit organization, Arts4All Florida conducts art education programs in schools, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and community centers; promotes the accomplishments of

artists with disabilities through our artist registry, exhibitions, and performances; and increases access to the arts through professional development workshops. Arts4All Florida is headquartered in the College of Education at the University of South Florida.

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will hear testimony and receive witnesses and then they can make a decision on who the court believes and that's made not just on what was said, but how it was said. In a non-jury trial, the judge has two jobs: they're the trier of fact and the decider of law."

Aguilar said the reason his clients were looking for a declaratory judgement is that they were looking for the court to take a look at the letter sent on Mastandrea's behalf last year when he threatened the residents with a lawsuit of defamation unless they rescinded their critical statements.

"The Town of Orange Park should have voted to afford me that defense coverage," a letter from Mastandrea intended for the Town Council reads. "I state this here...because I am concerned that the Town Council is not following the law correctly and is allowing itself to be moved by emotions, personal interests or just fear. The law is clear and has been for a long time. Legislators, including local ones like ourselves, have immunity from personal liability when lawsuits arise out of legislative functions. "Sometimes doing what we think is in the best interest of the broader population in the town can make us hated or targeted. To be effective as local legislators, we have to be prepared to take a tough task and overcome it for the greater benefit of everyone living in our town."

"We wanted the judge to take a look and declare that my clients could not be liable under the things the letter stated they said," Aguilar said.

The residents essentially wanted the court to say they couldn't be sued for defamation. Shortly after that, Mastandrea also provided a letter saying he wouldn't sue the residents.

"[Defense Mastandrea] counsel's November 16, 2020 letter provides unequivocal

assurances that a lawsuit will not be forthcoming," the judge's order on motion for summary judgment reads. "The assurance is given independent of, and not conditioned on discussion of proposed settlement [which the Court does not consider in its analysis].

"While the Defendant's assurances are not a guarantee and do not foreclose the possibility of legal action, under the circumstances, the prospect of a suit is un-

likely. The prospect of a defamation lawsuit is too attenuated to satisfy the legal requirements of a declaratory action."

In speaking to Aguilar, Clay Today asked if the entire circle of legal action was void of purpose due to the outcome. Aguilar said despite it being anti-climactic, it was a great exercise in law for all parties. He said it wasn't a moot point case because questions of law were asked and questions of law were answered.

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Calendar of Events

CLAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

REVIEW COMMITTEE: will meet April 29 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 April 29 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE: virtual webinar is April 29 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.

SAFE ANIMAL SHELTER: will conduct an estate sale on May 1-2 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 228 River Reach Road, on Fleming Island. Holiday items, books, large-size clothing and knick-knacks will be offered, with all proceeds benefiting the animal shelter.

ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB THRIFT STORE: is open May 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 130 Kingsley Ave.

ELDERSOURCE CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: virtual webinar is May 3 from 9:30 a.m.-noon 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.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 3 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ELDERSOURCE TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS: virtual webinar is May 3 from 9:30 a.m.-noon for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET: is

May 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL: will meet on May 3 at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 321 Walnut St.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on May 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 4 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.

CLAY COUNTY FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: will meet May 4 at 3 p.m. at the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room, fourth floor, 477 Houston St., Green Cove Springs.

SAFE ANIMAL SHELTER BINGO NIGHT: is May 4 from 6-8 p.m. at O'Charley's Restaurant and Bar, 1609 County Road 220, Fleming Island. Cost is \$25 for 10 bingo sheets. Register online at safeanimalshelter.com.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 5 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ORANGE PARK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: will meet May 6 at 4 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 6 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.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet May 6 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

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

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

COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE: will offer an online support session "Bereavement Education and Support" on May 7 from 3-4:30 p.m. To sign up, visit engagement@communityhospice.com or call (904) 407-6464.

ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB THRIFT STORE

is open May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 130 Kingsley Ave.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 10 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 10 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.

ELDERSOURCE TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS: virtual webinar is May 10 from 9:30 a.m.-noon for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE: will host a virtual support session "Understanding grief: a virtual program for the newly bereaved" on May 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. To register, visit Eventbrite.com/e/understanding-grief-workshop-tickets-131940452445 or call (904) 407-7001.

ELDERSOURCE CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: virtual webinar is May 11 from 1-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 12 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

LAKE REGION KIWANIS: will meet May 13 at the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, 88 DE 75th St., Starke, at 7:30 a.m.

ELDERSOURCE MATTER OF BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 13 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.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY: is May 14 from 5-9:30 p.m. at Spring Park, 106 St. Johns Ave., Green Cove Springs.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE: will offer an online support session "Bereavement Education and Support" on May 14 from 3-4:30 p.m. To sign up, visit engagement@communityhospice.com or call (904) 407-6464.

ORANGE PARK WOMEN'S CLUB THRIFT STORE: is open May 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 130 Kingsley Ave.

THIRD SATURDAY MARKET IN THE PARK: is May 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Spring Park, 106 St. Johns Ave., Green Cove Springs. Market includes local produce and hand-crafted goods.

THE SOUTHEAST CALMER CON: is May 16 at 9 a.m. at the Thrasher-Horne Center St. Johns River State College campus, 283 College Dr., Orange Park. For tickets, call (904) 276-6815, extension 1, or visit thcenter.org.

ORANGE PARK FARMERS MARKET

is May 16 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall at 2042 Park Ave.

THE HERITAGE COMMISSION: will meet May 17 at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Heights City Hall, 555 Lawrence Blvd. For more information, call (352) 473-4807.

ELDERSOURCE TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS: virtual webinar is May 17 from 9:30 a.m.-noon for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ELDERSOURCE GENTLE JOINT-SAFE EXERCISE FOR STIFFNESS/BALANCE: virtual webinar is May 17 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. for seniors 60 and older. To sign up, call Northeast Florida Area Health Education Center at (904) 482-0189 or (877) 784-8486.

ELDERSOURCE CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: virtual webinar is May 17 from 9:30 a.m.-noon 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.

COMMUNITY HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE: will host a virtual support session "Understanding grief: a virtual program for the newly bereaved" on May 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. To register, visit Eventbrite.com/e/understanding-grief-workshop-tickets-131940452445 or call (904) 407-7001.

ORANGE PARK TOWN COUNCIL: will meet on May 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Council Meeting Chambers, 2042 Park Ave.

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Green Cove Springs, Attn: Kim Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, until **10:00 a.m. local time, May 25, 2021** at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the following City of Green Cove Springs project:

ITB 2021-05, Design/Build ASACC Classroom Building Renovation.

Proposals shall comply with the conditions, instructions, specifications and terms as described in the bid package. Bids shall be mailed or delivered in person to City Hall, Attn: Kim Thomas, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. Faxed, electronic, telephonic, website or oral transmittals will not be accepted. Any bid received after the designated closing time will be immediately rejected. Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and plainly marked:

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Solar

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The Magnolia Springs Solar Energy Center is a 74.5-megawatt center with 280,980 solar panels that creates clean, emissions-free solar energy. It's another stone laid in FPL's pathway to its big 30-by-30 goal, which is its name for its initiative to install 30 million solar panels by 2030.

"It really is a beautiful site," FPL external affairs manager Jim Bush said. "It's something the entire county can be proud of. Florida is in the midst of largest solar expansion in history...and [Clay County] is a part of that."

FPL is anticipating being 30% complete with its 30-by-30 plan by the end of this year, bringing it one step closer to reaching its goal. Florida will be home to 11,000 megawatts of solar energy when that happens, which is enough energy to power two million homes, Bush said.

"Once 30-by-30 is complete ... 40% of our power will be generated from emission-free sources and 20% of our fuel portfolio will be from solar energy," Bush said. "Florida will be a world leader in solar energy production."

Bush said Clay County became part of its power portfolio after taking a look at the "geographical dispersity" of the company. Basically, the power company needs to spread its solar centers throughout the state and Clay County had a perfect 425-acre spot about five miles south of Green Cove Springs and west of U.S. Highway 17 near Leno Road.

The energy produced by the sun and the solar panels at the Magnolia Springs ties directly into FPL's wider power grid and serves customers in the surrounding area for customers all over the state. Bush said



a solar center isn't just for providing power to those in the close proximity, but to those all around the state.

"We also have a program called Solar Together," Bush said. "Those that want more of their power to be solar can subscribe to this program. We build the solar and they receive the credits, which will overtime outweigh their usage and help lower their overall energy bill."

Anyone who's a customer of FPL has access to the company's "clean, emissions-free energy."

"Solar energy has been around for many, many years," Bush said. "People have been using it since the 1950s. The same [solar power] technology is powering

NASA satellites in space. It's become more efficient to generate solar and it's cost effective to add it to our system. There's no net cost to our customers.

"That's why there is a larger adoption rate of solar now than in the past – it's a win-win all around. It's great for the environment and it helps us meet our growing energy needs."

Bush said solar energy offsets carbon emissions greatly – the new Clay County center is the equivalent of removing 14,000 vehicles from the road each year – and by design, it doesn't generate waste.

"It's great for the environment and it's great for the economy," Bush said. "[Magnolia Springs] created 200-something jobs

at peak, local and regional, during construction. It also has the lasting impact of adding to the county's tax base with little to no demand for public service. It's a great win all around."

One thing that makes Magnolia Springs so efficient is its sunflower-like design.

"The site has just under 281,000 panels and it's actually a trapping system," Bush said. "The panels follow the sun throughout the day, like a Sunflower does, which adds to its efficiency."

There are currently 37 solar centers in Florida, including Magnolia Springs, with another seven more under construction which are expected to be operational by the end of the year.

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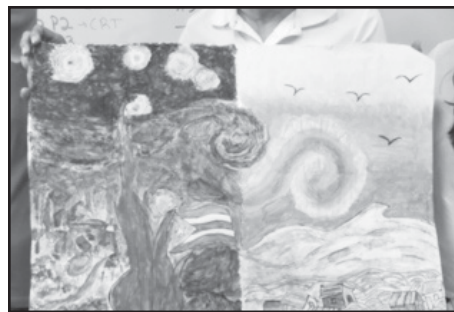
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CLAY COUNTY – A local nonprofit has received a \$10,000 grant to build “coping backpacks” for children enduring emergencies like hurricanes, police activity, pandemics and floods.

Child Life Disaster Relief is a nonprofit organization focused on Northeast Florida, including Clay County, and it’s been making these coping backpacks for years. That’s because they’ve proven to be highly effective

both by behavioral studies and word of mouth. Even more backpacks will be made since the charity received a \$10,000 grant.

“We are going to be able to make 150 backpacks with quality items,” Child Life Disaster Relief manager of Northeast Florida Danielle Eaves Hernandez said. “I have everything in an Amazon cart right now and ... these backpacks will have instructions for caregivers inside, therapeutic toys, and more meant to help children cope with whatever emergency situation they’re going



When Eaves Hernandez visited Puerto Rico, after the hurricane, children painted the rising sunset of the new day in the style of a Vincent van Gogh painting.

through.”

The grant is part of a wider \$215,000 initiative of grants for Region 3 of Florida, which includes Clay, and Child Life is one of many organizations receiving grants. Child Life is using their grant to build additional coping backpacks, but other organizations are using grants for respiratory equipment, to fund COVID-19 training for culinary staff and more. At the heart of each grant use though is the same ideal: helping others.

Eaves Hernandez was attending training through the Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition and there, she met people that understood the psycho social support children needed after enduring natural disasters and other emergencies. Things like shootings, accidents, hurricanes and flooding are the primary focus but there are more beyond that. Eaves Hernandez said this “beautiful network of people that she met” evolved from there and she continued to meet amazing individuals who run local programs like Child Life. “They [regional council] announced they were taking applications for grants and we wrote one for our coping backpacks,” she said. “Last January, right before COVID-19, we responded to a hurricane in Puerto Rico and we brought backpacks filled with toys and books and more...everything we do has intention for the children and these backpacks, each of them, are created with a purpose.”

She said it’s easy to write off “toys” as not necessary during an emergency, but according to Eaves Hernandez, “play is the language of children.” These therapeutic toys are how the organization helps children discuss their feelings, thoughts, concerns and worries when going through something potentially traumatic like a hurricane that’s flooded their home. They might give a child a set of toys to act out what they’ve gone through to get a better picture of what exactly that child has gone through – it’s play for the child, but informational for the adults trying to help. It’s also therapeutic for the child, even if they don’t exactly understand what it means.

There’s also the logistical side of what happens after an emergency. Eaves Hernandez recalled being in North Carolina after a large hurricane. She was in a school gym with 300 residents, including dozens of children running around, going stir crazy.

“They were anxious and doing what kids do and that in turn made parents more anxious and stressed,” she said. “We went to

Walmart when it opened with the backpacks [they had already given the children] to fill them up with more toys.”

They had children walk them through their evacuation process with the toys. It became clear to Eaves Hernandez following Puerto Rico and North Carolina that children needed something of their own to process the feeling they have when they’re left with nothing after something like a hurricane. That “something” was the coping backpacks Child Life still makes to this day, the same backpacks now further funded by the \$10,000 grant.

“We [Northeast Florida Regional Council] are the funding agency so we run the Northeast Florida Coalition where Child Life got the grant from,” Northeast Florida Regional Council CEO Beth Payne said. “We’re the regional government agency and the health care coalition is one of the many things we do. We loved their [Child Life] fantastic mission of trying to help prepare the whole community for disaster.”

Payne said that’s in line with her organization’s entire mission. One thing they offer every year is their grant cycle and while it’s competitive, all of the grants go to organizations devoted to helping the community.

Payne and Eaves Hernandez’s organization also works toward bettering the behavioral lives of children in many ways.

“We are really encouraging healthy play and emotion for self-preservation,” Eaves Hernandez said. “It’s about asking the direct questions: ‘What are you scared about,’ for example. It’s about being honest with children by explaining how something like this COVID-19 pandemic works, when it might end, how much longer they need to wear their masks and so on.”

COVID-19 has been an emergency for children around the world, Eaves Hernandez said, and while it’s not as direct as something like a hurricane or a flood, it’s still an emergency nonetheless.

“It’s become this shift from watching them play actively with one another to more virtual play and watching others play on YouTube and places like that,” she said. “They’re really lacking the social interaction they have directly with one another. They crave going back to school. They crave human touch.” That’s something Child Life tries to help parents with as well. Eaves Hernandez said, pointing out how the organization also works with parents to help them help their child cope during times like these. More information about that can be found at cldisasterrelief.org. There’s even a resource tab that takes you to a specific page about COVID-19 where informational handouts can be found alongside videos of activities that parents can do with children and more.

“It’s been different this past year, obviously, but children are resilient and our job is to allow for outlets to promote that resilience and encourage families...to do so.”

To help Child Life Disaster Relief or for more information, visit <http://cldisasterrelief.org>.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO TRANSMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE GREEN COVE SPRINGS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Green Cove Springs, Florida proposes to transmit amendments to the Green Cove Springs Comprehensive Plan to amend the Future Land Use Map for property consisting of approximately 560.52 acres in size and to provide a site-specific text amendment for the same property:

ORDINANCE NO. O-03-2021

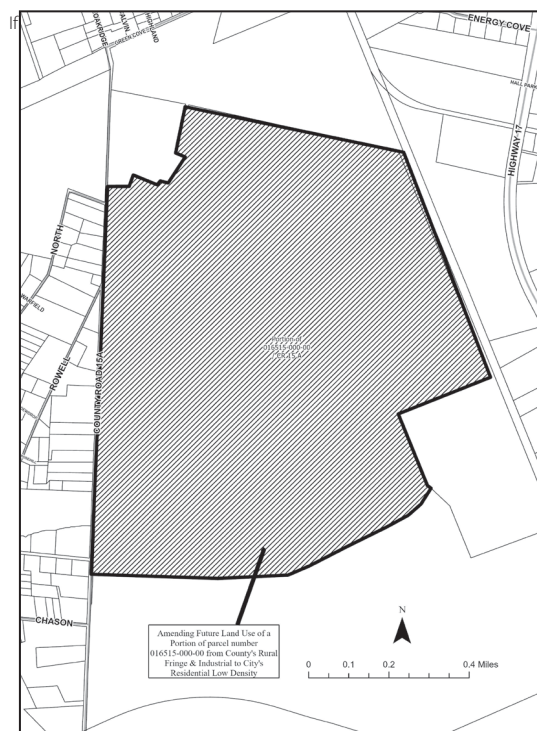
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR ±560.52 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED EASTERLY OF OAKRIDGE AVENUE / COUNTY ROAD 15A; IDENTIFIED AS A PORTION OF TAX ID # 016515-000-00 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”, FROM RURAL FRINGE & INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY) TO RLD – RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. O-04-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, BY ADDING FUTURE LAND USE OBJECTIVE 1.14 TO ADD SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND ADDING FUTURE LAND USE POLICY 1.14.1 REGARDING SITE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS RELATED TO FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT (ORDINANCE NO. O-03-2021) CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM RURAL FRINGE & INDUSTRIAL (COUNTY) TO RLD- RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE AYRSHIRE DEVELOPMENT (A PORTION OF PARCEL#016515-000-00) IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT “A”; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Hearings to consider the consistency of the proposed amendments with the City’s Comprehensive Plan will be held by the Planning and Zoning Board on April 27, 2021 at 5:00p.m. or shortly thereafter, and the City Council will hold public hearings to consider transmittal of the proposed amendments to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity on May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, in the Council Chambers, Green Cove Springs City Hall, 321 Walnut St, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

The proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are on file in the Development Services Department, 1st Floor, City Hall, Green Cove Springs, Florida, and may be examined by interested parties prior to said public hearings during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. All parties having any interest in this change will be afforded an opportunity to be heard at the public hearings.



a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board and/or City Council with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purposes he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

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

All interested individuals are invited to attend these public hearings.

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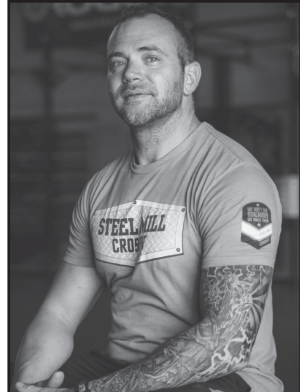
Tips for eating healthy food on a budget

By William Davis
Steel Mill Fleming Island

CLAY COUNTY – As someone who works with hundreds of clients a year on both fitness and nutrition, I see a lot of different circumstances when it comes to budgets and food. I have some clients who are very well off and can order extremely high-end food products for their diet. I also have clients who are on a budget that is so tight, any mistake can throw the family budget into disarray.

One thing I've heard since I started training clients was that it is "too expensive to buy healthy food." Now on the surface without much work or investigation this seems to be the case. Unhealthy food is usually highly processed, with long shelf lives and is cheap. However, I have always lived on a budget and there were many times where that budget was razor thin and yet I remained able to eat healthy foods. So, it occurred to me there was a disconnect between perception and reality.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the average American family spends roughly \$3,000 a year on dining out. This boils down to just less than \$58 a week. So just in this statistic alone you can save money by going out once a week less than you currently do. Now let's focus on tips to get you saving money at the store, including:



William Davis

- Buy protein based on sale prices. If chicken is on sale, then buy more of that. If certain cuts of steak are cheaper this week pick it up. Price will change depending on date, supply and demand, and quality of the meat product. Local butchers can have great pricing depending on their supply. You can also save money by buying in bulk. One way is to have a membership to a store such as Costco, Sam's or BJ's. Another way is to invest in large portion buying. This could be done as a family or with multiple families in co-op fashion like buying a quarter or half of a cow for instance.

- Buy your carbohydrates in bulk. Many carbs such as rice, potatoes, oats etc. have a longer shelf life. Buying these items in large bulk at wholesale stores like Costco can save you tons of money and trips to the store. The more trips to the store you make the more likely you are to impulse buy things you don't need. A five-pound bag of rice lasts a long time and saves money over buying smaller bags more often.

- Be smart with fruits and vegetables. Buy items that are in season such as berries and fruit. Fruits and vegetables can also be bought at reasonable prices from local farmers markets. These items don't last awfully long so you have to be smart with them. Rather than letting fruit and berries go to waste, freeze them and eat them at a later time. You can also grow veggies in a small garden in your backyard. Choose veggies your family likes and buy those items.

- Don't buy unnecessary items. A lot of buyer's budget issues revolve around buying the wrong things. Cutting out access sugar and impulse buys not only saves money, but helps you on your way to a healthier lifestyle. Most people could trim 10% off their weekly food budget just by passing on the items they don't really need in the first place.

Eating healthy doesn't have to break the bank. You just must think the process through and realize you are replacing unhealthy items with healthy ones. You are not adding healthy items onto an already inflated grocery bill.

William Davis has been in the fitness industry for 10 years and he's run Steel

Mill Fleming Island for seven years. He's also a USA weightlifting sport performance and USA powerlifting club coach, a CrossFit Level 2 trainer, PN nutrition coach, CrossFit powerlifting trainer, aerobic capacity trainer, movement and mobility trainer and rowing trainer.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. O-02-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 560.52 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY; SAID PROPERTY BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING SOUTHWESTERN CITY LIMITS, EASTERLY OF OAKRIDGE AVENUE/COUNTY ROAD 15A; DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY BY METES AND BOUNDS IN EXHIBIT "A"; FINDING THAT ALL THE OWNERS OF SAID PROPERTY HAVE PETITIONED THE CITY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO VOLUNTARILY ANNEX SAME; FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING CITY LIMITS AND REASONABLY COMPACT; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearings have been scheduled and will be held in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, Florida, to hear comments, if any, regarding said Ordinance:

Planning and Zoning Commission:	Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 5:00 pm
City Council:	Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7:00 pm
City Council:	Tuesday, August 17, 2021, 7:00 pm*

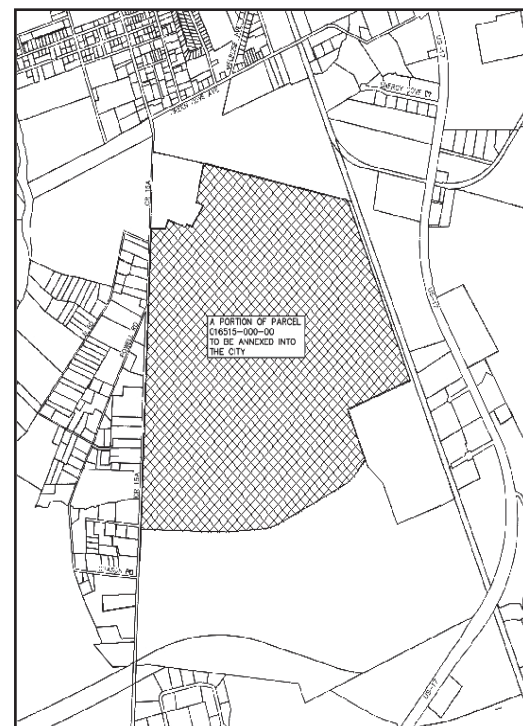
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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact City Hall at (904) 297-7500 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Hearing impaired persons may access through Florida Relay – Dial 7-1-1.

A Map clearly showing the area proposed to be annexed is provided below. The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the ordinance can be obtained at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall for review during the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday.

All interested individuals are invited to attend this public hearing.
City of Green Cove Springs
Heather Glisson, Planning Technician City Hall, 321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043



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classroom in at least three of five areas: international experience, internship, leadership, research and service.

The induction ceremony was held virtually this spring due to COVID-19.

"We are proud to welcome this new group of inductees to the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society," said

Amy Hecht, vice president for Student Affairs. "They are a wonderful representation of the university, and we are pleased to give them recognition for their involvement



Elene Lake

bettering the campus and community."

Lake studied nursing.

To become an inductee of the Garnet and Gold Scholar Society, students must meet the engagement criteria and submit a synthesis reflection project in their final semester before graduation. Participants are recognized during graduation and receive a designation on their official university transcript, both of which make the students more marketable to potential employers or graduate programs.

"As Garnet and Gold Scholars, your achievement speaks to your desire to make the most of your Florida State education and reflects well on the values of this university," said President John Thrasher. "You have set a shining example for your fellow students and for all those who will follow in your footsteps. I am so proud of you."

Heroes

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“One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to charities,” Sissine’s Office Systems enterprise account manager and Highway to Help Heroes co-creator Greg Leb said. “I think one of the biggest differences between this event and most others [like it], is that it’s all paid for by us so 100% of the proceeds go to the charities.”

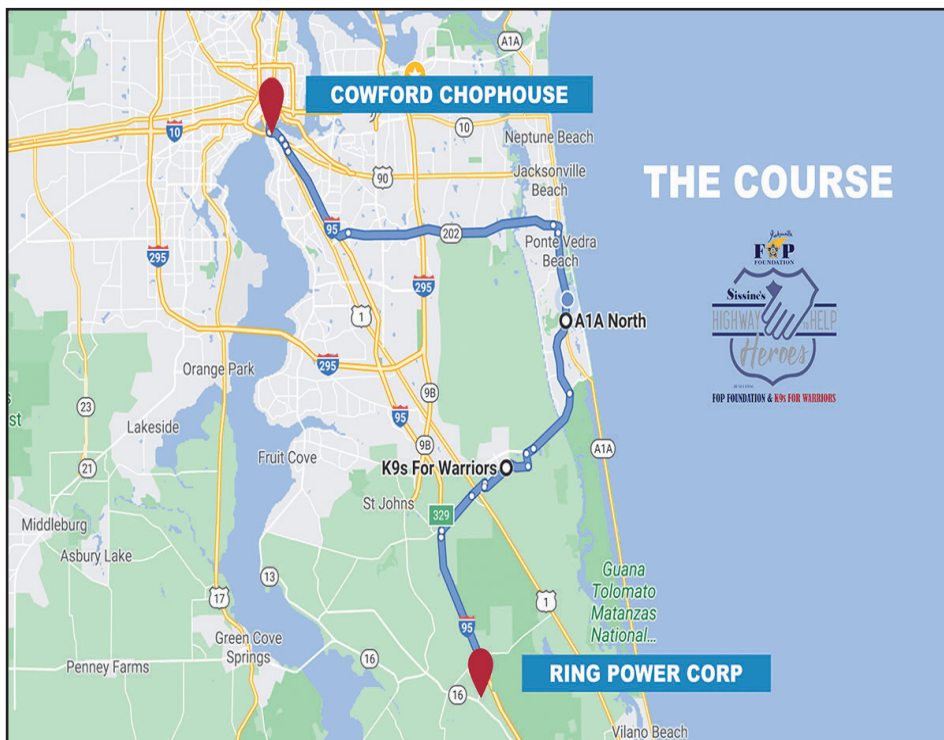
The event began as a charity drive to support PAL and the FOP. Before K9s for Warriors got involved, Leb said after the success of the event during the years, they wanted to help out veterans and K9s for Warriors was a perfect fit.

“Since inception, the FOP Foundation has been dedicated to honoring and remembering the heroes of our law enforcement, and advocating for the protections of officers and their families,” FOP Foundation immediate past chairman David Stevens said. The event is a 45-mile drive that starts at the Ring Power Corporation headquarters in St. Augustine. It begins with a breakfast at the site where people participating or people who have donated money to the event can meet the people benefiting, something Leb said is unique.

“You don’t often get to meet the people being helped directly,” he said. “They’ll be at Ring Power checking out the cars and people can talk to them.”

Local companies like Vallencourt Construction in Green Cove Springs helps with the event in Clay County, as it does for several other areas around Northeast Florida and the state. Clay County residents might even recognize a driver or two but being able to see these cars up close and in person requires a ticket that can be purchased at highway2helpheroes.com.

“As one of the largest employers in Clay



County, we’re committed to making a positive impact in the communities where we live and work. With more than 420 employees across Northeast Florida, we’re proud to sponsor the Highway to Help Heroes event that honors our nation’s heroes for the work they do to keep our communities safe,” said Daniel Vallencourt, Vice President, Vallencourt Construction. “A first time sponsor this year, we’re excited to bring car enthusiasts across our communities together for a significant cause.”

After the breakfast at Ring Power, police will escort all of the luxury vehicle and supercars participating through Ponte Vedra past K9s for Warriors through Nocatee up A1A before switching over to a police escort by Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office, who will then escort the “speed-limited” drive down State Road 202 onto I-95. The drive will end at Cowford Chophouse in Jack-

sonville where a Studio 54-themed disco party will follow.

“It was a disco that was in the 1970s that was very popular,” Leb said. “We’ve got lookalike entertainers of Cher and Andy Warhol coming in and it’s a very high-end party we throw each year with food, drinks and more. Everyone hangs out, there’s a live band...it’s a really great time. We basically turn Cowford Chophouse into the famed Studio 54.”

Tickets can be purchased at highway2helpheroes.com, and anyone who buys a

ticket will be able to attend the Ring Power breakfast and the Studio 54 party. They’ll also be contributing to the total funds to the charity, which reached nearly \$250,000 in the past. Leb hopes to raise more this year, although he recognizes that this year is a particularly weird year for fundraising due to COVID-19. Those wishing to sponsor a vehicle or register their own supercar or luxury vehicle to be in the drive can do so at that website and at highway2helpheroes.com/sponsorship.\

Sam Sissine, another co-creator of the event, said people from all over the state drive to Northeast Florida for the event. People can expect to see \$2.5 million Panini vehicles, Lamborghinis, Bentley’s, Aston Martins, Rolls Royces, Porsches and more supercars. “It’s a great way to see a lot of cars you don’t always see on the road,” Sissine said.

Leb and Sissine said they’ve always loved cars and melding their love of cars with their love of charity is why they love doing the Highway to Help Heroes each year.

“It’s about giving back to the community...in a way we know how,” Leb said. “The Sissines are always giving back to the community and this drive is the premiere event we’ve always done. We’re very fortunate to have the support of the companies involved. We’re really happy that this event is something communities from all over support...and we can’t wait for this year’s drive. “We hope that this year is our biggest yet. These organizations deserve it.”

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Weightlifter Alex Maier reacts after landing second place lift at Class 3A championships. Maier finished second.

Stephens, Maier, Joseph lift Eagles to 3A title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ST. CLOUD - An emotional finish to a topsy turvy season was the reward for persistence for Fleming Island High weightlifter Will Stephens who powered to a Class 3A title at 154 pounds then watched his upper weight teammates; Alex Maier and Rickey Joseph, add dramatic finishes to second place to give Fleming Island it's first state team weightlifting title Saturday at St. Cloud High School.

Fleming Island pulled away in the second session; the upper weight divisions, to score 24 team points for the win with University High second at 18 and perennial contender Spruce Creek third at 16.

"We figured on paper we could get

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STAFF PHOTO BY RANDY LEFKO



Keystone Heights High's boys weightlifting team shows off their Class 1A championship trophy after Indians got two state champions and the team title on Friday.

Indians run table at 1A tourney

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ST JOE - Caleb Moncrief was given the green light to attempt to secure a state weightlifting title from Keystone Heights High boys weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery, but only after one stipulation.

"The greatest thing about this team all season is that they all competed to make the team great," said Lowery, after his Indians powered their way to the Class 1A team title Friday night in Port St. Joe. "Caleb was 20 pounds away from a personal best and a possible individual state title and I asked him what he wanted to do. He asked me, "Will it cost the team the title if I miss?"

Lowery, who returns 11 of his 13 state lifters next year, answered no because his Indians had already secured their second team title in school history behind two state champions; Zach Glover and Kade Sanders. Moncrief missed

on that final attempt at 325.

"He went for it, but did not make his clean (on the clean and jerk), but to have a kid want to be sure that the team was okay if he did not make it was as big a moment for me as winning the title," said Lowery. "That's special."

Keystone Heights, ironically, has been winning team titles at big meets all season; the Suwannee High Invitational prior to the Christmas break, the Clay County championship in their home gym, a district title and a dominant region title to propel the team to the state meet as a clear top three finisher.

"The guys stepped up in big moments at the meet; Moncrief, Sanders, Glover and, in the biggest lift of the day, Kaleb Vojnoski, in the 183 weight division" said Lowery. "They have been doing this all season."

With Keystone Heights and Mount

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Clay High's 129 pound lifter Isaiah Jones gets thumbs up for clean and jerk en route to Class 2A title at state.

Jones, Beaufort earn gold as expected

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

PORT ST JOE - Clay High's Isaiah Jones and Ridgeview High's A.J. Beaufort had the momentum wave on their side heading to the Class 2A weightlifting championships with dominant totals and high-point district and region titles and both answered with decisive state championships in Saturday's championship meet in Port St. Joe.

"There is really not much to do or say at a meet of this caliber, especially with an athlete like Isaiah," said Clay coach Kyle Kennard. "He got great coaching from Rodney Keller before I took over last year and he has been a machine for the last four years to get here."

Ridgeview, with 15 team points, would finish third to Pace and Char-

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Lady Broncos pick off Clay a second time; Eagles win title

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Middleburg High flag football speedster Megan Bonsor put the final kaibash on a second win over Clay High with a game-sealing interception return for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter as Middleburg (11-0) again beat Clay 12-0; this time for the district 4-1A title. Clay (9-2) has just two losses; both to Middleburg.

The Bronco win, under coach Jay Stilianou and assistants Zolt Takacs and Alexis Stilianou, puts Middleburg (11-0) in the region playoffs with a game against Andrew Jackson (9-2) on Wed., April 28 while also knocking Clay out of the playoffs.

Clay, with Stilianou head coach the past four years prior to the COVID shutdown, had been a perennial Final Four team with a 13-0 loss in the state semifinal in 2019 to eventual champion Tampa Robinson. Clay also lost in 2018 to Robinson 24-0 with Robinson winning the Class 1A title. Choctowhatchee beat Clay in the region finals in



Alana Kennedy, Orange Park High flag football quarterback, sets up for pass in Raiders district semifinal loss to Middleburg.

2017. On the opposite side of the bracket, Choctowhatchee (13-3) will play Florida A & M High School (9-3).

With both teams teetering on the brink of breakout plays and both teams providing fireworks with sterling defensive efforts; Clay stopping Middleburg two yards from the goal line and Middleburg getting a pick six interception early in the game from defensive back Cheyenne Jenkins, the expected defensive slugfest ensued with little offensive fanfare. In the district 2-2A championship final, Fleming Island withstood a hard-fought 9-0 win over a resilient Oakleaf High team in the semifinal to cruise to a 26-6 championship win over Mandarin to advance into the region playoffs. Fleming Island lost a 13-18-12 region final to Martin County in 2019. Fleming Island (10-1) advances to play Navarre (12-3) on Wed., April 28 in their region opener. In the opposite bracket, Timber Creek (13-2) hosts Spruce Creek (15-2).

Against Oakleaf, Fleming Island's vaunted passing offense got stymied by three interceptions from the athletic secondary f



Middleburg High center Jewel Taylor sets up at line of scrimmage in Lady Broncos 12-0 district championship win over Clay at Orange Park High School.



Middleburg High quarterback Brooke Swenson crashes forward for gain in Broncos 12-0 district championship win over Clay.



Fleming Island ball carrier Elizabeth Edwards breaks through middle of Oakleaf defense in Golden Eagles 9-0 district semifinal win.

Oakleaf High School to keep the scoring on defense. Meadow Mitchell snagged the first interception for Oakleaf on the final play of the first quarter to stop a drive inside Oakleaf territory.

In the second quarter, Oakleaf's second interception came from Alyssa Gallarolo on a pass again inside Knights' territory.

Fleming Island had persistent rush pressure on Oakleaf quarterbacks Isabella



Middleburg High safety Megan Bonsor crosses goal line with fourth quarter interception touchdown that sealed Broncos 12-0 win for district title over Clay.

Jackson and Demyon Jackson from Bryani-sha Maddox and Musa.

In the third quarter with the score locked at 0-0, Fleming Island got a pick six interception touchdown Amelia Sailing who also caught the point after pass to put Fleming Island up 7-0. With defense on both sides prevailing, Oakleaf stopped Fleming Island at their own one yard line in a highlight moment of the game only to be victimized by a sack in the end zone from rusher Gabi Musa with just a minute in the contest for the final 9-0 score. In semifinal action throughout the county, Clay beat Ridgeview (4-8) in a thriller 14-6. Ridgeview beat Westside 6-0 to advance. Orange Park (5-7) lost to Middleburg 27-0 in their district tournament opener. The Lady Raiders beat Englewood 20-0 to advance to the semifinal.

Keystone Heights (5-7) had to travel to Pine Ridge High in the district 5-1A semifinal only to lose 45-0.



Flag football coach John Stilianou, with daughter Alexis, an assistant coach, to his right, and Zolt Takacs, right, an assistant watch final seconds of Broncos 12-0 district championship win over Clay.

STAFF PHOTOS BY RANDY LEFKO

Eagles lacrosse heads to region semifinal

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

FLEMING ISLAND - The Class 2A Regional Semi-Final hosted at Fleming Island did not get off to a raving start as the visiting Ocala Forest Wildcats won the opening faceoff, drove the net and beat Goalie Paul Walter in just 19 seconds.

The proverbial ice water down the back was all the home team Golden Eagles needed for some self-motivation as Fleming Island went on a tear. "Our offense played well, played with poise" said Fleming Island Head Coach John Hawley, now in his 10th season with the team. "We wanted to play fast in transition" and fast it was as the Wildcats got rocked back on their heels as the Golden Eagles quickly recovered from the snap goal and scored three times in less than three minutes, getting out front 3-1 at the end of the first quarter.

The Golden Eagles would have sophomore Will Krupsky go his second game in a row with a double hat trick, notching six goals on the evening. "They were giving me my left hand all night" said Krupsky, during a post-game cookie celebration. "I'm predominant on my right hand, but shoot equally well lefty. When they gave me my right side, I kept hitting the ground shots, or went up top."

It was like watching a marksman call his target and hit it every time. Twice Krupsky went low on the Wildcat Goalie, but instead of a high-powered blast, he simply slow-rolled the ball past the Goalie, who was looking for a speed shot and was way out in front of the ball.

"In those scenarios, I just shoot by instinct," said Krupsky. "Honestly, I just shoot and hope for the best."

One of Krupsky's off net shots that electrified the crowd happened as he came from the goalie's top left side and was double teamed by defenders. As he crossed in front of the net and seemed to pass a shot opportunity, he whipped the ball behind his head, and it went wide.

"I should have kept it simple and passed the ball to one of my open guys," Krupsky said.

With the high-power offense backed by the ground ball-hog defense snagging up 37 balls, topped with Paul Walter's eight saves, the Golden Eagles stayed perfect over their now last 11 games with the 12-7 victory.

With the 3-1 first quarter lead, Krupsky went unassisted at 9:19 from a broken Wildcat play.

As the fresh mid-fielders entered the field, the defense transitioned the ball like lightning, getting Krupsky the ball. He went straight to the net and fired for the score, 4-1.

Shaffer Clark bagged a hat trick of his own with one each in the first three quarters. Zack Lesrtange added a pair of goals to the heap with one each in the first and third quarter. With just over a minute to play, while just trying to work



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Fleming Island High lacrosse midfielder Hayden Spiller looks for seam for pass in Golden Eagles region playoff win over Ocala Forest. Fleming Island travels to Lake Mary for round two region playoff on Friday.



Fleming Island's Zach LeStrange peels around Ocala Forest defender.

the ball around and kill off the clock, Alex Bergin found himself all alone, looking at nothing but the Goalie as Forest was changing up players. The open lane shot found its way home to finish the scoring. The Golden Eagle's only had two penalties on the game, both :30 second hold calls which the defense worked masterfully, and notched two of Walter's saves.

Next up are the Lake Mary Rams for the Class 2A Regional Final. The Rams are MaxPreps ninth ranked in the US, and fourth-ranked in the state. Fleming Island lines up ranked at 25th in Florida.

"We'll need a ton of possession and a world-class night of defense" said Hawley. Krupsky said his focus this week will be "working on off-ball movement, cutting off the ball, forcing slides, and drawing defenders to a double team to allow someone else to get open."

Fleming Island goalie Paul Walter is about to capture shot on goal against Ocala Forest. Walter shut down Ocala after early goals in Fleming Island playoff win.

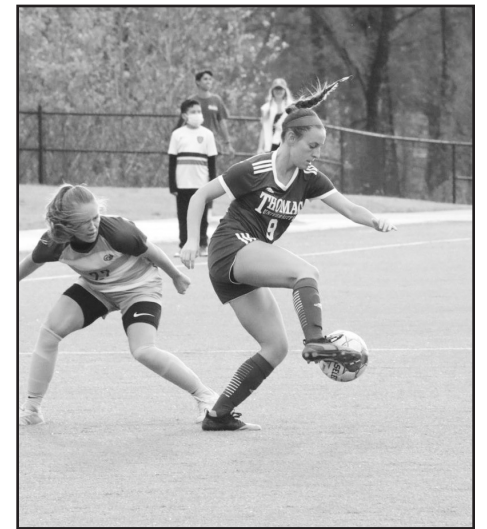


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Former St. Johns Country Day School forward Payton Walton is conference tournament first teamers at Thomas University in Georgia.

SJCDs Walton selected to all conference soccer

By Angelo Pontello
Sports Information Director
Thomas University (GA)

THOMASVILLE, Ga. – The Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) announced its 2020-21 Women's Soccer All-Conference team Wednesday afternoon, as Sophomore Ayla Aiduck was selected A.I.I.'s Women's Soccer Player of the Year.

This year has been a memorable one for the Night Hawks, as TU participated as an A.I.I. affiliate for the first time in 10 years after electing to play soccer in the spring.

Aiduck has played a paramount role in TU's attack, scoring eight goals and tallying three assists in 14 total matches. The Orlando, Fla. native received the A.I.I.'s first Player of the Week honors earlier this season for starting the season with three total goals and an assist against (then) #1 Keiser and #19 Georgia Gwinnett. Aiduck also helped guide the Hunter Green & White to an A.I.I. Final appearance with a goal in a 2-0 win over RV Viterbo.

Joining Aiduck on the All-Conference team are Senior Taylor Hulst, Sophomore Payton Walton, and Freshman Jade Slaybaugh.

Walton is a St. Johns Country Day School graduate and state soccer champion. Hulst played at Creekside High School, also in Florida.

The majority of Hulst's goals came early in the season that contributed to key wins over GGC and Dalton State. The captain led the defense's effort to limit the opposition's scoring chances that included a recent 377-minute span of no goals allowed. Walton was an instrumental piece in controlling the flow of the Night Hawks' attack during the A.I.I. Tournament.

Since the opening match, Slaybaugh has made an instant impact for the Night Hawks, dispossessing some of the better strikers in NAIA while helping to fortify the defense. The Navarre, Fla. product would occasionally be a part of scoring opportunities, recording three assists on the season.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



A.J. Beaufort Ridgeview High Weightlifting

Alex A.J. Beaufort won the Class 2A boys weightlifting title at 154 pounds on Saturday to become Ridgeview High's first boys state weightlifting champion.



Megan Bonsor Middleburg High Flag Football

Megan Bonsor had a career game in the Broncos district 4-1A championship 12-0 win over Clay High on Thursday with a game-sealing interception for a touchdown late in the game.

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27 points if everyone did their job," said Fleming Island coach Damenyum Springs. "We had a few slips, but everything went almost perfect to the plan. The team executed the plan almost perfectly. Will winning the title and Alex and Rickey getting second were our big players."

Maier, Joseph and Tim Thomas; the 238, Unlimited and 219 for Springs, figured on being in the mix at the end.

"We knew that the other teams had great lifters in the lower weights and that we would need to be the edge for the team," said Maier, who will play football at Furman University next year after a stellar senior season for Springs. "The bonus was guys like Musthafa, Nolley and Will winning the title. Those were key points to make the second session to our advantage."

For Stephens, a senior weightlifter, consistency was the winning formula as his two bests for the meet were 275 in both the bench press and the clean and jerk.

"Will had his mind right, his body right and he just locked in," said Springs. "He went in thinking like a champion."

Stephens had to chase the leaders after the bench press with three lifters opening with higher lift totals than Stephens; a 305 by Kevin Vannice of Tate, and 275s from two other lifters with Stephens opening at 260. Stephens would eventually finish his three lifts with a 275 best that had him sitting in fourth place with two lifters just five pounds off his mark.

"We went big on the first lift at clean and jerk to set the tone," said Stephens, also a wide receiver for the Fleming Island High football team. "We were confident of the 275 that it would shake things up and it did."

In the clean and jerk, Stephens opened at 275 to shake the 154 lineup and the move prevailed as his 275 stuck as the top lift for the discipline. Stephens' opening salvo stunned the field; especially Vannice who could only manage 215 to give Stephens the title by just five pounds.

"Will put the pressure on the field and made the other guys change their strategy I think," said Springs. "That's his mentality."

Springs also got bonus points in the 154 division with Nicolas Bethea finishing sixth for two point getters in the one division.

"That plus Musthafa Marshall fourth at 169 gave us a big jump before the session break," said Springs. "We did not score points in the next two weights to set up Timmy Thomas, Alex Maier and Rickey Joseph to bring home the trophy. All three of them had a shot to win their division title."

Stephens' win combined with Justin Nolley's fourth place finish at 129 gave Fleming Island some hope for at least a medal position for the team as the event surged toward the break. In 119, Austin Allred added a ninth place finish though not for points, was momentum.

"To get guys battling into the top 10 spread into whole team," said Stephens. "As a team, we were coming together as one to get the job done."



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY LAURA ANDERSON/FIHS

Three key figures in Fleming Island High's first state weightlifting title; from left, Alex Maier, second in 219; Will Stephens, state champion 154, and Tim Thomas, eighth place in 199.

In the 169 weight session, just before the break to the upper weight session, Marshall got the ball rolling with a 305 opener on the bench followed by increases to 325 and a tie with eventual champion Sean Acevedo of Lakeland for the top lifter heading to clean and jerk.

Marshall got to 225, but missed at 235 as Acevedo finished at 270 and the title. Lakeland finished with a first and third in the division and surged to the top of the team scoreboard.

In the second session, Fleming Island struggled to stay close to the top three teams with no points coming from 183 and 199 with just Jhoel Robinson in 183 lifting but finishing out of the top 10.

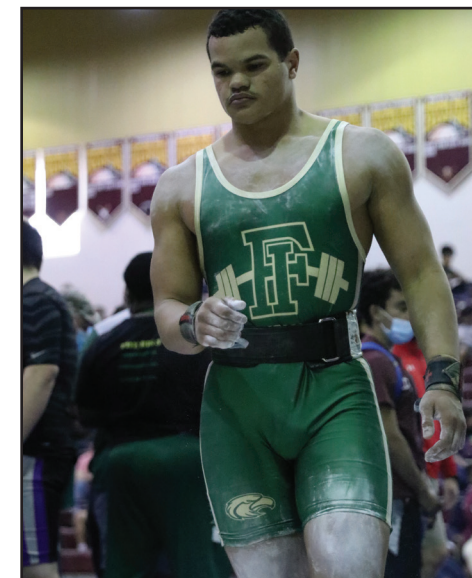
"We expected that it would come down to our big guys," said Springs, head coach for 14 of his 18 years at Fleming Island. "Timmy maybe should have placed higher, but Marshall's finish kind of balanced the score."

At 219, Timothy Thomas snagged some team points with his eighth place finish, but Fleming Island still needed a bunch more to steal the title.

Alex Maier, in 238, and Rickey Joseph, in Unlimited, would surface as the heroes for Springs with second place finishes from both whisking the team lead to Fleming Island.

"After Timmy finished eighth, Rickey and I knew we had some work to do," said Maier. "We lifted at the same time and the gym was going nuts around us. For me, I feel my best is when the pressure is on. It was a little distracting, but we were able to shut it out and do our job."

Maier, who opened at 320 and finished at 335 on the bench press was in the top five heading to clean and jerk with Damon Wilson of Venice hitting 370 to lead the field and put Maier in a precarious position to score points. Maier stormed the field on his first clean and jerk at 300 then pushed to 315 to gain some points back on the bench press leaders. Jordan Moon of Navarre, who benched 340 to get five pounds on Maier, would get to 315 on the clean and jerk to give Maier one shot at 320 and a tie, but Maier missed the attempt to finish in second place. Daniel Libow of Boca Raton had the best bench at 385, but got just 265 and a miss at 275 in the clean and jerk to



give Maier a window to go top three; eventually second.

"When Alex hit his second clean and jerk, he was celebrating big, but the other guy hit his and took the lead which surprised us and put Alex in second," said Springs. "Alex got back to lift but was huffing and puffing and could not get the lift. He kind of lost focus, but still lifted great."

Maier admitted feeling shocked he missed the lift, but then got emotional about the finish. "I could not believe I missed it and that was a shock at first, then I got real emotional about finishing as one of the best lifters in the state," said Maier. "I never imagined competing at this level in weightlifting, but I just worked hard."

For Joseph, who was steadily improving his totals as the season progressed, the Unlimited was won by a massive 700 pound total from Yosbany

Gonzales of Seminole who crushed the bench with a 430 finish.

"Him and I kind of feed off each other and do some high fives and stuff to keep our heads straight," said Maier. "I know he's got my back and he knows I got his."

Joseph, with a 360 bench, was 70 pounds off the lead of Gonzalez but maintained his technique to take 35 pounds back from Gonzalez with a 305-270 best lift in the clean and jerk. Joseph's 305 was second best clean and jerk of the day with Ocoee's Jordan Phillips tops at 315. Phillips, with just a 320 bench, would finish sixth.

For Oakleaf, Paul McGee top finisher at seventh in 129 with a 400 pound total.

Clay vs. Keystone Heights

Season finale goes to Clay

By Ray DiMonda
Correspondent

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - Staying with a decades old tradition started by then Clay Head Coach Rob Thompson and Keystone Heights Head Coach Alan Mattox, the Blue Devils and Indians bookended their regular seasons by playing each other to begin and finish, concluding last night at Clay High after a modified, socially distanced team dinner. Fellowship and bonding start the afternoon off, but once on-field, it is all business. The Blue Devils took a couple innings to get out of the start gate before being the first to light up the scoreboard.

"The Keystone team you play in February is never the Keystone team you play in April," said Clay Head Coach Josh Persinger.

The Indians came right back with some fireworks of their own and the crowd knew this was not going to be a rollover.

Out at Keystone Heights, Clay put a damper on a senior night ceremony for the Lady Indians; Piper Pescara and Megan Green with Clay batter Casie Carlisle lashing a three run triple in the first inning off Keystone Heights pitcher Madi Mittel.

Both softball teams are expected to make deep playoff runs in the upcoming district and region tournaments after Final Four seasons to both two years ago.

At Clay High School, after an unproductive two innings, in the bottom of the third, Clay's Blake Parker was hit by an Evan Andrews pitch the start warming the bases. With no outs, Parker stole second to get into scoring position, then watched teammate Rich Long get walked to have two on with no outs. Max Williams was next with a blistering grounder to right field that scored Parker, 1-0. Logan Wilson laid down a perfectly executed third baseline dribbler for a sacrifice RBI bunt to score Long, 2-0. Wyatt Root went down the third baseline as well with a hard-to-handle grounder that scored Williams, and

saw Root safe at first, 3-0. The Indians closed the inning and knew it was time to wake the bats up. Battling right back, the Indians swung their way back in with a C Williams RBI single to score C Guy. M Moreland dropped a sacrifice bunt to score T Glenn to close the gap to a single point as the inning closed 3-2.

"I hate when you tell someone the team you're getting ready to play, and they tell me you should take them easy. We have to play everyone the same. It seems like almost every year we split with the Indians," said Persinger. "Coach Mattox is one of the best and he doesn't get the credit he deserves."

Clay would add another run in the fourth, and pile on three more in the fifth to amass seven runs. In the top of the do-or-die seventh, Keystone could do no better than add one more Carson run before the two-out rally was canceled by Brady Greene striking out the last Indian to close the match 7-3.

Keeping things close until the fifth seemed promising to Keystone as they never played like they were out of the game.

"They played hard, I'm proud of them, and have done that all year long" said Keystone Head Coach Alan Mattox. "We try to get better every game, played against a really good team tonight that is well coached and I'm tickled to death with our players. We have to catch better and execute a little better from the mound, and not waste any AB's (at bats)."

In the end, the Indians could not cash in on the nine runners they left out on the bases.

"That's baseball. You have to take advantage of opportunities. Their guys executed pretty good on the mound. If we execute a little better, a lot of things change. It's not a game of "ifs" though."

Keystone Heights, statistically out-hit the Blue Devils 8-7. Tonight, the number of runners abandoned on the bases made all the difference as Clay had the hot bats at



CORRESPONDENT PHOTOS BY RAY DIMONDA

Clay High senior Blake Parker slides head first into home plate in Blue Devil season final win over Keystone Heights.

the right time.

"This tradition goes back to when Coach (Rob) Thompson was here. It's a great tradition and a great rivalry. The kids play real hard on the field and after it's all over, they're back to being normal friends. It's a great rivalry and great baseball."

In the top of the seventh, Coach Persinger did something he thinks could become a Clay tradition. Assistant Coach Andy Toelken gave Persinger an idea. The Blue Devils started the inning putting all the seniors on the field. "I waited until the very last possible minute" and with two

outs, he called time. Persinger gathered all the seniors at the pitcher's mound and gave each player a handshake, then pulled them all in the dugout, as if to pass the torch to next year's team. "It was pretty emotional and I told them to get out of here. I think that moment will mean a lot more in 10 years than that last out."

With the end of regular season play, both teams look forward to the playoffs with Keystone entering ranked number two, and Clay number one in the respective divisions.

District Softball Update

3-3A: Baldwin 12 Keystone Heights 2; West Nassau 13 Bradford 2

1-7A: Oakleaf 12 Nease 2; Bartram Trail 3, Mandarin 2
Final: Oakleaf vs. Bartram Trail

3-6A: Fleming Island 8 Atlantic Coast 7; Creekside 10 Fleming Island 0; Fletcher over First Coast
Final: Fletcher vs. Creekside

3-5A: Middleburg 20 Englewood 0; Gainesville 10 Columbia 0; Middleburg 7 Ponte Vedra 1
Final: Middleburg vs. Gainesville

4-4A: Clay 1 Menendez 0; Orange Park forfeit over Westside; Ridgeview 10 Orange Park 0
Final: Clay vs. Ridgeview

2-2A: St. Johns Country Day School 11 First Coast Christian 1;

Final: St. Johns Country Day School (8-4) vs. Trinity Christian Academy (14-6)



Clay High coach Matt Lewis give high-five to Casie Carlisle after three run triple in 6-0 win over Keystone Heights in season finale.



Keystone

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Dora jockeying for the top team score throughout the meet, with Keystone Heights slightly ahead after the early morning session which included the lower weight divisions, the score started to sway to Keystone Heights as the bigger lifters registered their attempts.

"Kaleb and the guy from Mount Dora (Eddie Romero) started the clean and jerk with Kaleb holding a five pound gap off his 300 pound bench press," said Lowery. "That put Kaleb in third."

In the opening bench press, 183 champion, Quinn Raulerson of Union County, set the bar high with a 375 bench press to shock the field.

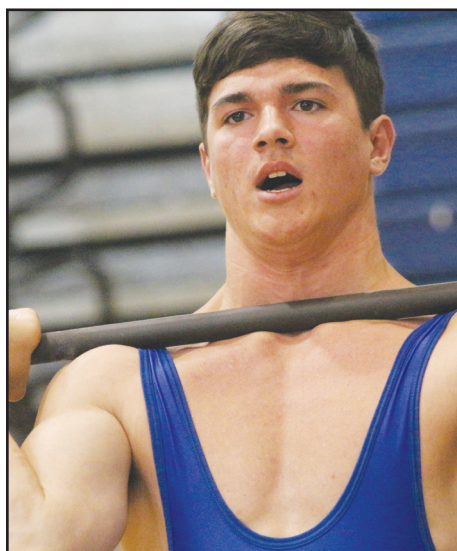
"We knew then, it was going to be a battle for the top five points," said Lowery. "Voj opened at 245, but Romero hit 250, then 265. Voj went 20 pounds up and made his own 265 to keep the five pound gap and that was when he jumped over Romero for a seven point shift that probably won the meet for us. Voj almost hit 270, but he had secured our team points."

Vojnoski finished fourth with Romero fifth in a jump of places that came down to the wire.

In the final point tally, Keystone Heights finished with 37 with Mount Dora at 30 and Union County at 24.

Within the drama of Vojnoski and Moncrief, Lowery got state titles from Zach Glover at 139 and Kade Sanders at 169. Sanders and Mount Dora's Evan Shore tied with a 565 total with Sanders awarded the title via his body weight; 164.20 to Shore's 168.20.

"The guys did a great week of training and weight control and we went to the meet, I think, the lightest we have all



Kade Sanders, left, dominated the 169 weight class to Class 1A title in Indians championship while Colton Tibbetts and teammate Nathan Tisdale finished third and fourth at 154 for big team points for Keystone Heights.

season, and that's an advantage when the meet is close," said Lowery. "That was just another way this team came together. They helped each other to stay trim and stay strong."

Both Glover and Sanders opened the competition with big bench presses to set the tone up as a chase to catch them later in the meet.

"We wanted to establish some pressure by getting big lifts on the first lift," said Lowery. "That gives us a mental edge."

Glover, with a 250, then 260 bench, held a 15 pound edge into his clean and jerk while Sanders was chasing Shore after Shore's 320 upped Sanders' 310 in the opening stanza.

"The Mount Dora kid answered and made us think strategy and we knew where Kade could go on the clean and jerk," said Lowery. "Zach had the top total for the region so he was confident."

Shore would again get a slight gap; 235-225, in the first lift, but Sanders went



big on lift two.

"We needed a punch," said Lowery.

Sanders went 25 pounds up on his second clean and jerk to hit 250 with Shore going just 10 up. Shore still held the edge, but both lifters went for 255 with a Sanders green light tying the duel. Shore would miss to get the tie for Sanders and the title based on body weight.

"I lost my voice on that one," said Lowery. "Kade is a special athlete; very tough minded. He did not go there to lose close and he did what he had to do."

Glover's win, by 25 pounds over Union County's Arthur Brown; 460-435, was not a surprise.

"He's been just under the radar all season, but our most consistent guy," said Lowery. "We go as he goes because he sets the tone going forward with the meat our our lineup. None of these guys wants to fail the team."

In the other weight classes, Lowery got second place finishes to Wyatt VanZant at 119 by 10 pounds with Reid Begue also getting team points with a seventh place finish.

At 139 Glover's win got added team points with Sam Ulsch's eight place finish.

In 154, Lowery scored major team points with a third and fourth place finish for Colton Tibbetts and Nathan Tisdale.

"Those two guys push each other all season and today it has paid off," said Lowery. "We scored two guys in two divisions and that's the difference."

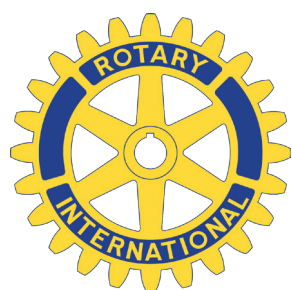
At 183, Tyler Jenkins was sixth just behind Mount Dora's Romero to sandwich team points.

"That was a gamechanger at that point because Mount Dora went ahead a little," said Lowery. "We were up by two after the first session, then they took the lead. Tyler and Voj moved the needle for us."

After no lifters scoring top 10s in the 238, Lowery looked to his wild card choice for a big meet; Mason Dicks in Unlimited, as a final point getter for the Indians.

"He has gotten better and strong each day," said Lowery.

Dicks delivered with a third place 670 total.



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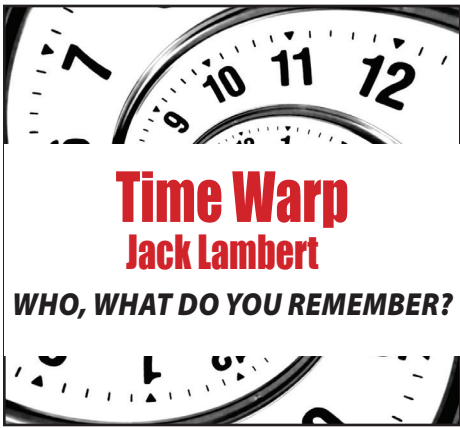
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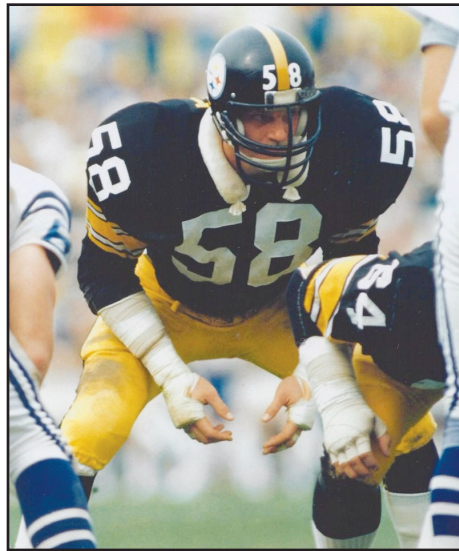
Old School era of NFL: Toothless monster

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High athletic director Travis Cunningham, himself a standout football and wrestler for Orange Park High School and The Citadel, would have liked to have seen Hall of Fame linebacker Jack Lambert of the Pittsburgh Steelers as his Clay Today Time Warp moment.

Note: Clay Today Sports Editor Randy Lefko is asking area coaches and athletes about their Time Warp moment; Who or what game they would like to see live on the field if they could take a Time Warp back in time.

"Guys like him would not have lasted many games in today's NFL because their



Pittsburgh Steeler Hall of Fame linebacker Jack Lambert terrorized enemy offenses with his hits as part of four Super Bowl seasons.

intent was to hurt people," said Cunningham, a Pittsburg native who, though his dad followed the Steelers and attended games, never got to see Lambert play live. "Jack Lambert was the kind of guy that just wanted to take your head off."

Lambert, a hard-nosed, toothless-grinned middle linebacker for the Steel Curtain defense, was recognized by the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990 as the greatest linebacker of his era. Lambert was starting linebacker for four Super Bowl champion teams with the Steelers in his 11 years in the NFL.

"He was just plain scary, but a very

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Election day In-Person voting will be Saturday, 8 May 2021, 10AM - 3PM. Must show current membership card to vote. Absentee ballots will be available only by request and must be returned to the Post prior to date of election. Membership number on absentee ballot will be verified prior to being counted. Absentee ballots can be returned via Email attachment to alpost250@yahoo.com, via USPS, or dropped off at the Post and deposited into the Commanders Suggestion Box located inside the East Side Bldg. entrance (Bartender Entrance). Absentee ballots must include Post 250 membership number. All members nominated below must also have current Post 250 membership card.

Candidates nominated for 2021-2022 are as follows:

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- 1st V. Commander:** Clint McFarland and Cindy Anderson
- 2nd V. Commander:** Dale Hotaling and Donna Rosales
- Finance Officer:** Russ Kimmey
- Chaplain:** Robert Lucas
- Sgt. At Arms:** Shawn Beal and John Rosenau
- Executive Board Members:** Denna Price, Charlie Price, and Mike Stungis
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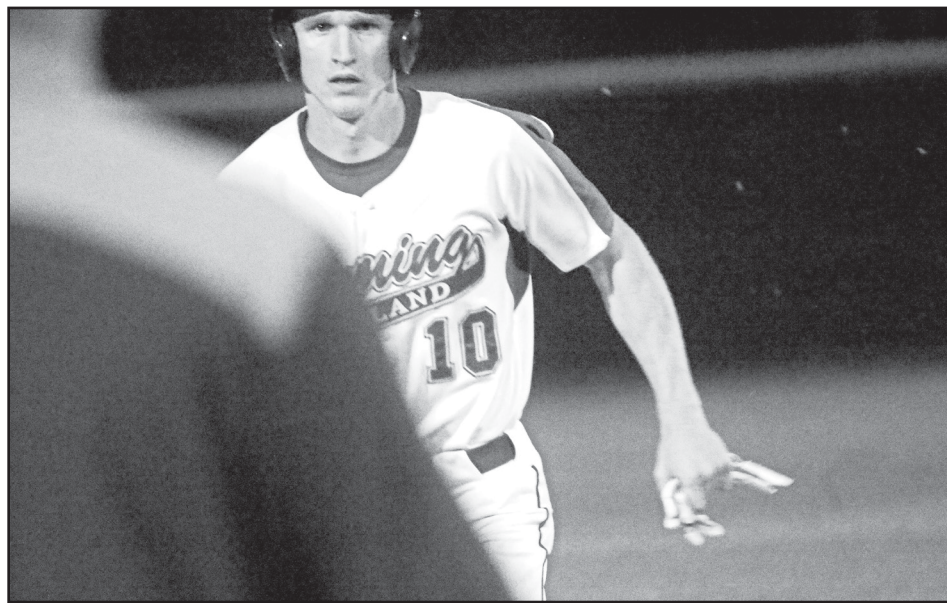
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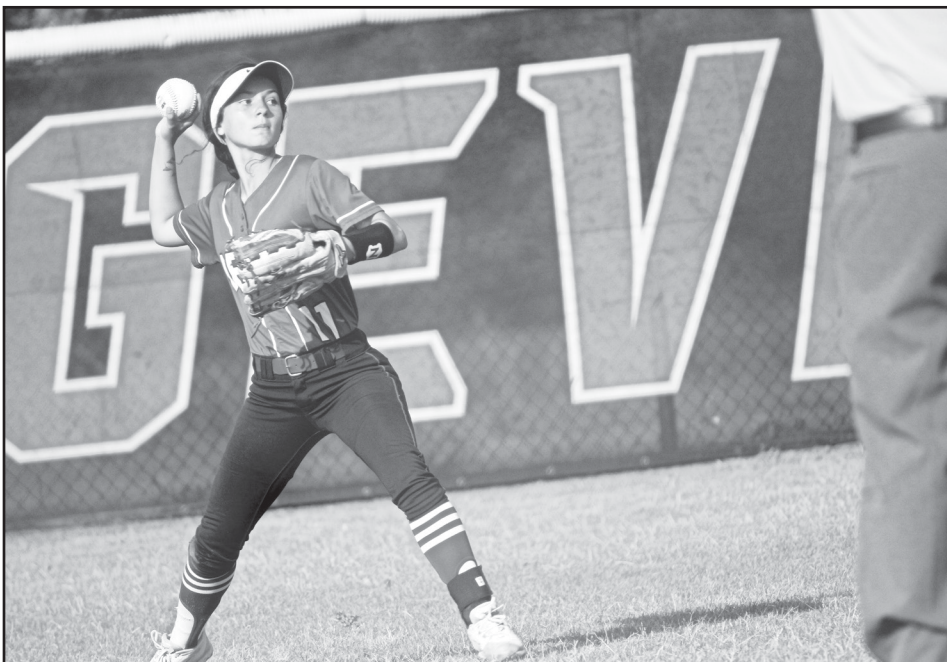
**Green Cove Springs Jr. High
Orange Park Elementary**



Ridgeview High senior Brittany Michael, right, sets up on second base behind Orange Park pitcher McKenna Bejarano after hitting a double in Panthers 10-0 district 4-4A semifinal win on Tuesday. Michael, the Panthers' pitcher, also pitched the shutout and hit a first inning triple. Panthers play Clay in the championship final on Thurs., April 29 at Ridgeview.



Fleming Island High baserunner Justin Lebesch makes his way to third base in Golden Eagles' 7-0 district 3-6A semifinal win over Fletcher. Fleming Island will play Creekside on Thursday for the title.



Clay High outfielder Ashley Bouchie retrieves and throws back in during Blue Devils' 1-0 win over Pedro Menendez in their district 4-4A semifinal. Blue Devils will play Ridgeview for the district title.

District Baseball Results

3-2A: Eagles View 19 First Coast Christian 0; Christ's Church Academy 7 Parson Christian Academy 0; St. Johns Country Day School 18 Eagles View 0; University Christian 3 Christ's Church Academy 0
Final: St. Johns vs. University Christian

1-7A: Oakleaf 4 Nease 3; Mandarin 6 Flagler Palm Coast 3; Bartram Trail 2 Oakleaf 1; Mandarin 5 Sandalwood 4
Final: Mandarin vs. Bartram Trail

3-6A: Fletcher 4 Atlantic Coast 3; Fleming Island 7 Fletcher 0; Creekside 5 First Coast 1
Final: Fleming Island vs. Creekside

3-5A: Orange Park 12 Westside 3; Englewood 1 Parker 4; Middleburg 13 Lee 3; Middleburg 4 Terry Parker 1
Final: Stanton vs. Middleburg

4-4A: Baker County 9 Ridgeview 6; Baker County 3 Clay 1; Santa Fe 2 Suwannee 0
Final: Baker County vs. Santa Fe



Orange Park High sports coach Mike Bowman got his big fish early in spring with this 21 pounder caught off a dock in Putnam County. Bowman claimed a 30 second water to dock battle.



Three Fleming Island High football players signed scholarships last week with, from left, offensive tackler Evan Sheets heading to Warner University in south Florida; defensive back Devin Grind heading to Ava Maria University in Miami, and defensive back Darryl Nesmith heading to Concord University in West Virginia.



Ridgeview High volleyball and softball athlete Ashlyn Halford is headed to Williston State College for volleyball. Williston, the Tetons, is North Dakota and plays in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Clay

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lotte, who tied at 23 team points as co-champions. Ridgeview, New Smyrna and Arnold all had 15 points with Suwannee at 14 in one of the closest top five finishes in meet history.

Jones, who won a district title by 100 pounds and a region title by 40 pounds, secured his 129 title by 20 pounds with a massive 470 pound total with Beaufort holding court at 154 by 30 pounds with an equally impressive 570 total.

Jones finished third with Beaufort fourth as the best aggregate lifters of the meet.

"I really went in focused on getting to the 470 total," said Jones, who has had unfortunate luck with previous seasons with a COVID cancel last year and a five pound miss two years ago. "Everything this season has been according to plan."

Beaufort hit 325 on the bench, but it was nullified by judges and he stuck at 315.

"He got to 570 and the Arnold kid took two shots at the title, but missed," said Matt Knauss, Ridgeview High coach. "He dropped both to give A.J. the win."

Middleburg had just two lifters; Jonathan Floyd, who finished ninth in 169, and Stone Newsome, who did not clear a clean and jerk in 183. Newsome had battled toe-to-toe with eventual 183 champion Jaquez Moore of Suwannee in previous meets; a region runnerup finish only by body weight last week. Orange Park got a seventh place to Joe Penagos in 119 and a 13th to Cam Griffith at 129.

Ridgeview stayed close to the top three team points with Beaufort's title and top finishes from Joe Reed at 199 and Prince Savea at 238, both fourth places in weight classes with dominant lifters at the top.

"We were close at the break, but moved a little in our heavier weights," said Knauss. "It was going to be the 219 guys for our chance to win. We were three lifts away from winning the title."

At 199, Fort Walton Beach's Walker Robinson won at 710 with Reed at 630. At 238, Winter Springs' Marvin Collins hoisted a top total of the day 750 pounds to Savea's 630.

"That 750 is 100 pounds more than the Class 3A winner," said Knauss. "I have said



Ridgeview High's A.J. Beaufort has been untouchable all season and proved his mettle with overwhelming 30-pound state title in Class 2A at 154 pounds.

our class was brutal this year."

Jones, who dabbled in football and baseball in his freshman and sophomore years at Clay, proved superior in the clean and jerk after just a five pound advantage after bench press with a 235 clean and jerk tied by one lifter; Arnold's Saul Vega. Vega only benched 185 to Jones' 235.

"I knew they would be shooting to upset me," said Jones. "My coaches; Rodney Keller and Kyle Kennard, and my friend Daniel Paniagua were right there with me the whole way."

In his final lift, to get to 470, Jones revelled in the quietness in his mind despite the raucous gym around him.

"I was really in the zone and I knew it was loud around me, but once I got up there to lift, I heard nothing," said Jones. "In the video my mom took, she and my sister are screaming crazy and my coaches and everyone around was going nuts. I heard nothing. My coaches are kind of loud and fiery and I feed into that; it's pretty cool."

Also in 129, Ridgeview's Chris Baptiste, fourth overall, stayed within 10 of Jones on the bench, but got just 195 on the clean and jerk.

"He had a great day; 215 on bench, a first in competition, then went to 225 and was within 10 of the Clay kid," said Knauss. "Our sights were set on second with the Clay kid up there, but the Clay guy needed to falter. We got close in the bench, but the Clay guy is great in clean and jerk."

Orange Park's Cam Griffith finished 13th in 129.

At 219, Ridgeview had Collier Stephens in eighth and Miika Tusiano in 11th with Clay's Al'Querious Ray not clearing a clean and jerk.

"We were within a few points at the intermission," said Knauss. "Joe Reed had a tweaked back and could not attack the clean and jerk."

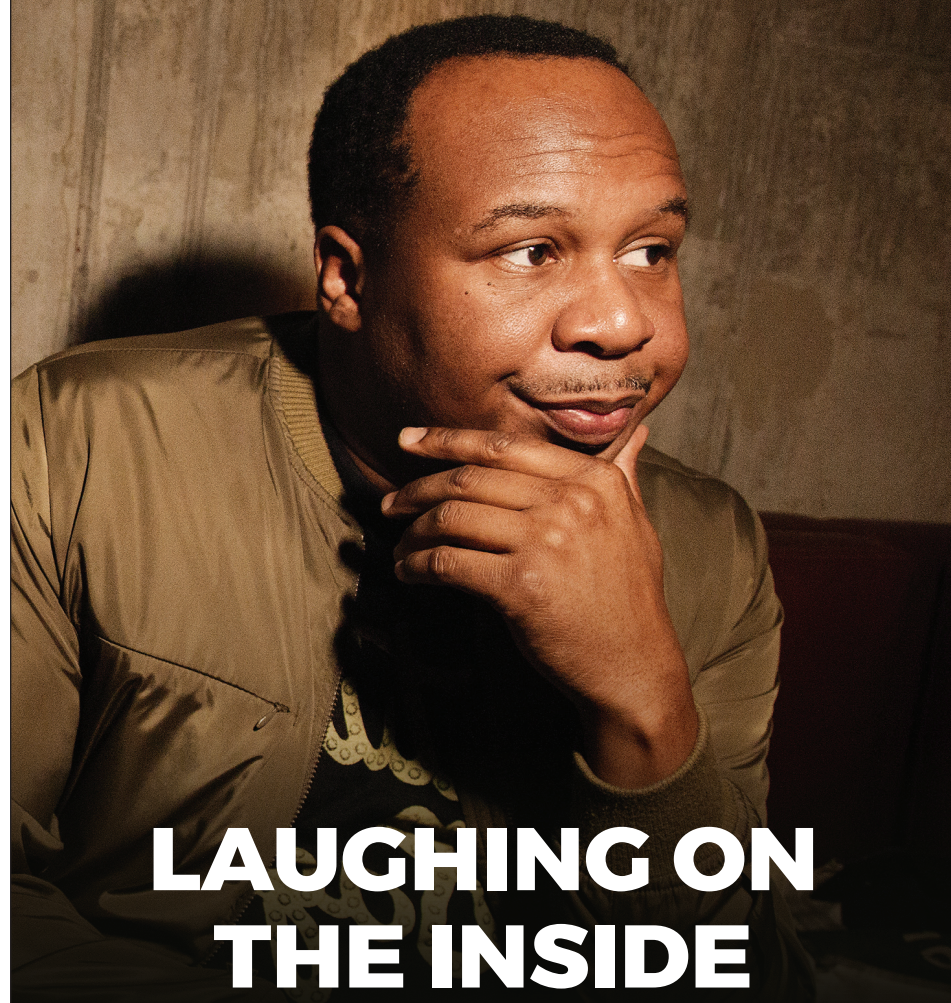
At 154, Clay's Daniel Paniagua was 12th.

Ridgeview High's boys weightlifting team had great season with top three finish in Class 2A under coach Matt Knauss.



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Area track teams head to regional meets

Wallizada, Stratton, Underwood top draws

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

ORANGE PARK - Middleburg High discus thrower Wyatt Underwood, St. Johns Country Day School distance runner Matthew Stratton and Fleming Island High distance runner Kameron Wallizada are among the top names heading to region track championship meets on Saturday after area teams took on district meets this past week.

Underwood, who has battled with Keystone Heights High's Caleb Moncrief in 1-2 fashion all season, has had to put together his own motivations toward the Class 3A state meet and with a 136 foot, 6 inch toss at his district 3-3A meet at Orange Park, Underwood is within a 10-foot swing of making a top four finish at regions. Currently, Underwoods toss at districts has him at ninth in region rankings, but Underwood has been able to summon up big tosses in big meets; going 1-2 with Moncrief at the Bob Hayes Invite earlier in the season.

Stratton, one of the top cross country guys in north Florida, has experimented with other races; 400s and 800s to try and build some race strategic confidence, and has tilted in the low 4:20 range for the 1600 and 9-plus minute range for the 3200; mainly unchallenged efforts at districts that could hide his track prowess until needed. His little sis Rebecca can slide into a top four in the 1600 if the top runner; Laci Watford of University Christian (5:13) can burn the field down to a few and Stratton continues her faster time trend with four girls locked just at 5:30.

The other St. Johns guy, LOL, is Stanley Cowherd, who can jump the line in the sprints and jumps at regions. Cowherd is close enough to slide into the 200, the 400

and the long jump (missed district title by half inch). I'm betting he could probably throw a good javelin.

Wallizada, for the better part of his sophomore and junior seasons, toyed with minor injuries that hampered his performances, but the fearless frontrunner of a fantastic nation-leading freshman year may have re-emerged with his 9:22 3200 district race against Nease's double barrel powerhouses; Rheinhart Harrison and Bradley Ball, both under nine minutes earlier in the season; both to finishers at districts at 9:13 and 9:17 with Wallizada just a few steps off at 9:22. Whether Wallizada has another gear for regions is an interesting bit of why that race may become a mid-distance battleground for the Eagle senior. Unfortunately for Wallizada, his freshman wingman, John Keester IV, did not make the region lineup despite a two week span of sub-10 minute efforts.

For the girls, Fleming Island stalwart Emma Millson in the distance and Isabelle Flores in the hurdles will be two to watch for Clay athletes. Millson is gutsy and fearless and had a sterling strength win over St. Augustine's Reilly Barber a week ago in the 3200 and that confidence boost could be a jolt to the UNF bound runner. Millson is as fearless in the mile and could pull a double. For Flores, the 300 hurdles is her event and regions could be a good day to crack the evasive 43-44 second barriers. The top seven hurdles in the 300 are within one second of each other with 45.68 the top region time. Flores is at 46.30.

Oakleaf's corral of sprinters could make some noise; Arianna Eason in the 200 (and triple jump with teammate Tamira Briley just six inches away), Alyssa Williams and Taylor Silkert in the 400 and Sierra Barrera in the 800. Barrera is a strong finisher and could catch a few steps on the homestretch if needed.



Oakleaf High sprinter Taylor Silkert is one of most versatile runners in state with cross country success plus top times in 400, 800 and 1600.

In 3A, Middleburg freshman sprinter Nya Russell has piled up points in sprints and jumps and will be tested in the super-fast region while Orange Park's Markez Sermons has been a workhorse for coach Robert Garcia.

Ridgeview has two solid candidates for the girls in 800 meter runner Blythe Duchene who has broken out the past week with stellar finishes against more well known opponents and Zoe Whaley in high jump, one of the more consistent athletes on the Lady Panthers squad and a probable state meet returner. Whaley is tops in the region at 5'-5.75".

Sermons has been on the 11 second 100 meter bubble, but will need to break that bubble with seven runners under 11

seconds on top of him; 10.66 the top time. Sermons is also a second or two away from top three in the 400 with Tallahassee Rickards, Leon and Lincoln fielding three sub-50s.

Ridgeview hurdler Rasheed Baker is a second away from the top tier of region hurdles in the 110 hurdles with a sub-15 second possible and needed. Joel Childs, Orange Park's 300 hurdler, is one of the more solid technicians in that event and just missed under 40 at districts (40.06).

In region 2-2A, Keystone Heights miler Camryn Williams has the horsepower to crack the top four with her 5:10 from earlier in the year a top state time, but only a 5:32 needed at districts of concern. Top time is 5:06.71.



Middleburg High discus specialist Wyatt Underwood is one good throw from being a top state competitor as a sophomore.



Orange Park freshman Mychaela Parker is strong, tall thrower for Raiders and, if she gets her mind and body right, can make a dent in state shot put listings after strong district throw. Two main cogs of Fleming Island High distance crew; Dan Sikowski, left, and Jayden Scherer will be battling in strong region 1-4A championship at Flagler Palm Coast on Sat., May 1.



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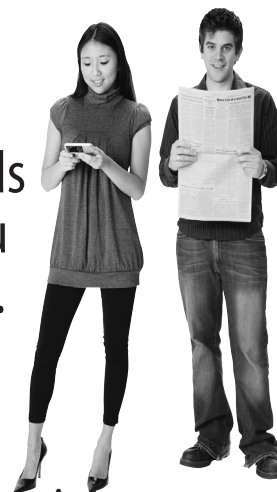
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The administration of the estate of DELMA A. COBB, deceased, whose date of death was January 17, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 29, 2021. Attorney for Personal Representative:

ALISON E. HICKMAN Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar Number 085048 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M. Attorneys at Law, P.A. 1543 Kingsley Avenue Suite 5 Orange Park, FL 32073 Telephone: (904) 264-8800 Fax: (904) 264-0155 Primary email address: alison@floridaelder.com Secondary email address: donna@floridaelder.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2021-CP-00176

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROBERT EARL KELL, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Robert Earl Kell, deceased, whose date of death was March 13, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 29, 2021. Attorney for Personal Representative: Douglas E. Campbell, E-Mail Address: dougcampbell@decampbelllaw.com, Florida Bar No. 1010928, D. E. Campbell Law, 42 Alcira Ct. Saint Augustine, FL. 32086 Telephone: (904) 333-8472

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4) OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FOR A POINT OF REFERENCE, COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE, 710.55 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST 200 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 315 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES WEST 200 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 315 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 1992 FLEETCRAFT MOBILE HOME, VIN NO. GAFLM75A13902WE, TITLE NO. 62304346

P A R C E L N U M B E R : 16-06-26-015542-000-00 has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sara Collins, McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 155, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 13th day of April, 2021.

(seal) Tara S. Green Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Jaimie Pippin Deputy Clerk

Legal 47712 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 6743977

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and/or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at the Life Storage location(s) listed below.

Life Storage Store #408 - 1709 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg, FL 32068, 904-282-6341 Phyllis A Findley: Hsld Gds/Furn, TV/Stereo Equip

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com which will end on Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 10:00 AM **Legal 47691 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

MAY 17, 2021@10:00 AM
2018 Chrysler 2C4RC1F6G6JR237303

May 31, 2021 @ 10:00 AM
2019 Jaguar SAJAG4FV6KCP49169 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, Clay County Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Legal 47700 publish April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

1939 East West Parkway, Fleming Island, FL 32003. May 21, 2021 at 10:00am Virginia Frazier- Household Goods

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

Legal 47708 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO.: 2020-CA-000130
VYSTAR CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

vs. **ESTATE OF HENRY T. WIECZORKOWSKI; ET AL,** Defendant(s),

TO: ESTATE OF HENRY T. WIECZORKOWSKI & UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER FOR HENRY T. WIECZORKOWSKI

Last known address: Unknown Current address: Unknown YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose the Mortgage covering the following property described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 2, LAKE ASBURY, UNIT 8, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY,

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FLORIDA.

Property Address: 111 Aldersgate St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Michelle L. Glass, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 7545 Centurion Parkway, Ste 103, Jacksonville, FL 32256 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 16th day of April, 2021.

(seal) TARA S. GREEN CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Rebecca Crews As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact Court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtntrp@coj.net.

Legal 47713 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF THE DISTRICT'S INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Anabelle Island Community Development District ("District") intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied by the District pursuant to Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the District will conduct a public hearing on June 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center located at 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the District to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments to be levied by the District on properties located on land included in, or to be added to, the District.

The District may levy non-ad valorem assessments for the purpose of financing, acquiring, maintaining and/or operating community development facilities, services and improvements within and without the boundaries of the District, to consist of, among other things, roadways, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, offsite improvements, amenity facilities, landscaping, irrigation, streetlighting and any other public improvements and lawful projects or services of the District as authorized. Owners of the properties to be assessed and other interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard regarding the use of the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments. This hearing is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community development districts. The public hearing may be continued to a date, time and location to be specified on the record at the hearing. There may be occasions when Supervisors or staff may participate by speaker telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any

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person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing and/or meeting is asked to contact the District Office at c/o Governmental Management Services - North Florida, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: 904-940-5850, at least 48 hours before the hearing and/or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Perry District Manager **Legal 47661 published April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For further information, call (904) 213-2464. **Legal 47706 publish April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper**

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

CALICO STATION

Located at 1857 Wells Road, Orange Park, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park Florida, 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 14th day of April, 2021.

Owner/Corporation: The Tilted Quilters, LLC By: Dawn C. Burns, manager

Legal 47709 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING REGARDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of the Anabelle Island Community Development District ("District") on June 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center located at 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

In accord with Chapters 120 and 190, Florida Statutes, the District hereby

STARTING A NEW Business

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

One easy step

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

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gives the public notice of its intent to adopt its proposed Rules of Procedure. The purpose and effect of the proposed Rules of Procedure is to provide for efficient and effective District operations and to ensure compliance with recent changes to Florida law. Prior notice of rule development was published in Clay Today on April 22, 2021.

The Rules of Procedure may address such areas as the Board of Supervisors, officers and voting, district offices, public information and inspection of records, policies, public meetings, hearings and workshops, rulemaking proceedings and competitive purchase including procedure under the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, procedure regarding auditor selection, purchase of insurance, pre-qualification, construction contracts, goods, supplies and materials, maintenance services, contractual services and protests with respect to proceedings, as well as any other area of the general operation of the District.

Specific legal authority for the adoption of the proposed Rules of Procedure includes Sections 190.011(5), 190.011(15) and 190.035, Florida Statutes (2019). The specific laws implemented in the Rules of Procedure include, but are not limited to, Sections 112.08, 112.3143, 112.31446, 112.3145, 119.07, 119.0701, 189.053, 189.069(2)(a)16, 190.006, 190.007, 190.008, 190.011(3), 190.011(5), 190.011(15), 190.033, 190.035, 218.33, 218.391, 255.05, 255.0518, 255.0525, 255.20, 286.0105, 286.011, 286.0113, 286.0114, 287.017, 287.055 and 287.084, Florida Statutes (2020).

A copy of the proposed Rules of Procedure may be obtained by contacting the District Manager's Office at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, or by calling 904-940-5850.

Any person who wishes to provide the District with a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), Florida Statutes, must do so in writing within twenty one (21) days after publication of this notice to the District Manager's Office.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearing without additional notice. If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at a public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. At the hearing, staff or Supervisors may participate in the public hearing by speaker telephone. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 for aid in contacting the District Office.

Anabelle Island Community Development District

James Perry, District Manager

Legal 47660 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

In accordance with the provisions of State law, there being due and unpaid charges for which the undersigned is entitled to satisfy an owner and / or manager's lien of the goods hereinafter described and stored at Life Storage #67 located at: 918 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL 32065 904-272-3705

Stephanie Greenwalt - Hsd gds/Furn; TV/Stereo Equip; Tools/Appliances

and, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasures.com, which will end on Monday May 24, 2021 10:00 AM

Legal 47707 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The quarterly meeting of the Clay County Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board will take place at 2:00 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2021, in the BCC Meeting Room, 4th Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, 32043. Due to social distancing requirements, there may be limitations on the number of persons permitted to enter the meeting room and/or government services building. Screening of visitors and the wearing of face coverings may be required. All interested persons are invited to call-in. The call-in number is 1-888-585-9008. When prompted, dial the conference room number 511 666 088#. Meeting materials will be posted at <https://www.nefrc.org/transportation-disadvantaged>. The Northeast Florida Regional Council adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make reasonable modifications for access to this meeting upon request. Requests should be received at least 72-hours in advance of the meeting in order to allow time to provide the requested service. For more information, contact the Northeast Florida Regional Council at (904) 279-0880 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Legal 47687 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE PERMIT STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department gives notice of its intent to issue an Environmental Resource Permit, File No. MMR_137482-018, to The Chemours Company FC, LLC, PO Box 753, Starke, FL 32091, for construction of a surface water management system to facilitate heavy minerals mining activities at the Trail Ridge South Mine. The project consists of heavy minerals mining operations on approximately 1,749.92 acres within a 2,884.4-acre property known as the Trail Ridge South Mine and includes impacts to approximately 740.45 acres of wetlands and other surface waters. Mitigation to offset wetlands and other surface waters impacts associated with the project consists of 710.59 acres of wetland creation and 136.49 acres of wetland enhancement within the 2,884.4-acre property. The project is not expected to cause or contribute to violations of water quality standards. The project is Clay County, Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, Township 7 South, Range 23 East; Parcel ID Numbers 06-07-23-000731-005-00, 07-07-23-000731-006-00, 18-07-23-000731-017-00, and 19-07-23-000732-000-00, and in Bradford County, Sections 12, 13, and 24, Township 7 South, Range 22 East; Parcel ID Numbers 04828-0-00000, 04829-0-00000, and 04986-0-00000. The project is in the Santa Fe River basin, Class III waters.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative hearing under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Pursuant to Rule 28-106.201, Fla. Admin. Code, a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;

(c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;

(d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;

(e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;

(f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's

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proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and

(g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

In accordance with rule 62-110.106(3), Fla. Admin. Code, petitions for an administrative hearing concerning the permit must be filed within 21 days of publication of this notice or receipt of written notice, whichever occurs first. Petitions for an administrative hearing concerning the variance must be filed within 14 days of publication of this notice or receipt of written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative hearing under sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it.

Under rule 62-110.106(4), Fla. Admin. Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at the address indicated above, prior to the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. Upon motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect, the Department may also grant the requested extension of time.

On the filing of a timely and sufficient petition, this action will not be final and effective until further order of the Department. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, this process may result in a modification of the agency action or even a denial of the request for a variance or waiver. Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

The files associated with these orders are available upon request. Please address your request to MiningAndMitigation@FloridaDEP.gov or call 850-245-7554 and include the file number in your request.

Legal 47696 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Public Notice

Clay County School Board

The Clay County School Board will hold its Regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Teacher Inservice Center located at Fleming Island High School, 2233 Village Square Parkway, Fleming Island, Florida 32003. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are invited to attend. Any person requiring special accommodations to attend or participate in public meetings should advise the School District at least 48 hours before the meeting by contacting the Superintendent's Office at (904) 336-6508. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the District by email addressed to hannie.anora@myoneclay.net or by calling (904) 336-6584 (TDD). Copies of the proposed agenda will be available online at www.oneclay.net or by contacting the Superintendent's Office, 900 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Legal 47688 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

FILE NO: 2021-CP-227

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DEWAYNE D. WRIGHT, DECEASED.

The administration of the estate of DEWAYNE D. WRIGHT, who died on October 24, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is April 29, 2021.

DAWN WATKINS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
109 Gincerfarm Road
Hazelhurst, GA 31539

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Attorneys for PETITIONER

Legal 47718 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REGULAR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING FOR CROSS CREEK NORTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors' of Cross Creek North Community Development District will hold a regular meeting on **May 11, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Cross Creek North Amenity Center located at 2895 Big Oak Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. There will be an Audit Committee meeting prior to the onset of the Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Audit Review Committee will review, discuss and evaluate the proposals submitted in response to the RFP for Audit Services.

Please note that due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 public health emergency, it may be necessary to hold the above referenced meeting utilizing communications media technology in order to protect the health and safety of the public or held at an alternative physical location other than the location indicated above. To that end, anyone wishing to participate in such meetings should contact the District Manager's Office prior to each meeting to confirm the applicable meeting access and/or location information. Additionally, interested parties may refer to the District's website for the latest information: <https://www.crosscreeknorthdcd.org/>. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 North Fifth Street, Suite 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, or by calling (904) 436-6270.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will

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participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Lesley Gallagher
District Manager

Legal 47689 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

SCOTT'S AFFORDABLE TOWING INC gives NOTICE to sell the following vehicles for towing and storage lien on May 13, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2009 Mercury 4M2CU81729KJ20678
2003 Ford 1FAPF55243A176633
2000 Pontiac 1G2NF52E5YC523068

Legal 47701 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that CHRISTOPHER JOSHUA BURGOS, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

FL HILL

located at 253 FOXTAIL AVE, MIDDLEBURG, FLORIDA 32068 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Legal 47704 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 2021CA000036
DIVISION:

MHM MANAGEMENT ADVISORS, LLC A VIRGINIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs.

JUSTINE R. DALES A/K/A JUSTINE DALES A/K/A JUSTINE LEWIS A/K/A JUSTINE RAE LEWIS A/K/A JUSTINE RAE DALES, et al., Defendant(s).

TO: Wayne Dales a/k/a Wayne Allen Dales

Whose last known residence(s) is/are:
7812 Colee Cove Road, Saint Augustine, FL 32092-2302
1159 Florida Street, Fleming Island, FL 32003

Unknown Spouse of Wayne Dales a/k/a Wayne Allen Dales Whose last known residence(s) is/are:

7812 Colee Cove Road, Saint Augustine, FL 32092-2302
1159 Florida Street, Fleming Island, FL 32003

YOU ARE HEREBY required to file your answer or written defenses, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon Plaintiff's attorney, Damian G. Waldman, Esq., Law Office of Damian G. Waldman, P.A. PO Box 5162, Largo, FL 33779, telephone (727) 538-4160, facsimile (727) 240-4972, or email to service@waldmanlaw.com, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, the nature of this proceeding being a suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the following described property, to wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK 3, COPPERGATE, UNIT ONE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGES 45-48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

STREET ADDRESS: 1793 HEARTH STREET, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

If you fail to file your response or answer, if any, in the above proceeding with the Clerk of this

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Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Damian G. Waldman, Esq., Law Office of Damian G. Waldman, P.A., PO Box 5162, Largo, FL 33779, telephone (727) 538-4160, facsimile (727) 240-4972, or email to service@waldmanlaw.com, within thirty (30) days of the first publication of this Notice, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.

DATED at Clay County this 22nd day of April, 2021.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47714 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING FOR MAGNOLIA WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Magnolia West Community Development District will be held on **May 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Magnolia West Amenity Center located at 3490 Canyon Falls Drive Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Please note that due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 public health emergency, it may be necessary to hold the above referenced meeting utilizing communications media technology in order to protect the health and safety of the public or held at an alternative physical location other than the location indicated above. To that end, anyone wishing to participate in such meetings should contact the District Manager's Office prior to each meeting to confirm the applicable meeting access and/or location information. Additionally, interested parties may refer to the District's website for the latest information: <https://www.magnoliawestdcd.org/>

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from c/o Rizzetta & Company, Inc., 2806 North Fifth Street, Suite 403, St. Augustine, Florida 32084, or by calling (904) 436-6270.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 436-6270 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Lesley Gallagher
District Manager
Legal 47690 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

Trendy Hustle

Located at 1837 Shannon Lake Dr. in the County of CLAY, in the City of Middleburg, Florida 32068 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Middleburg, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation: Ashley Lynn McCall

Legal 47705 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 18th day of May, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 3585 US Highway 17, Fleming Island, FL, 32003 Clay County Perry, Perry G047 Bike, Bike pump, Backpack. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Legal 47715 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2021-CP-000186 Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF IDA M. WHITESIDE, Deceased.
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
 You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of IDA M. WHITESIDE, deceased, File Number 2021-CP-000186, by the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043; that the decedent's date of death was February 13, 2021; that the total value of the estate is exempt from claims of creditors and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name / Address
MARTIN J. WHITESIDE
 2915 Flatbush Place
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE F O R E V E R B A R R E D . NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is April 29, 2021.
 Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
GRADY H. WILLIAMS, JR.
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar Number: 887950
 Grady H. Williams, Jr., LL.M.,
 Attorneys at Law, P.A.
 1543 Kingsley Ave., Suite 5
 Orange Park, Florida 32073
 Telephone: (904) 264-8800
 Fax: (904) 264-0155
 Primary email address:
 grady@floridaelder.com
 Secondary email address:
 donna@floridaelder.com
 Person Giving Notice:
MARTIN J. WHITESIDE
 2915 Flatbush Place
 Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043
Legal 47686 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:

Melanie's Brow Studio

Located at 454 Blanding Blvd Ste 118, in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32073-6450 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 14th day of April, 2021.
 Owner/corp: Rodriguez Melanie
Legal 47702 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801 - 83.809). The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding at lockerfox.com on Tuesday the 18th day of May, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Lockhart, Myrian 254 washer, dryer, curio cabinet. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the sale. A refundable \$100 cash deposit for each unit won is required. All purchases must be paid in cash. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.
Legal 47715 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting Anabelle Island

Community Development District
 The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Anabelle Island Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.
 Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office.
 Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
 James Perry
 District Manager
Legal 47693 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2018-CA-000567
P O I N T P R O P E R T Y MANAGEMENT, LLC Plaintiff,
 vs.
TIMOTHY W. MURPHY; KELLY D. BALDWIN, SUNTRUST BANK, HARBOR ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 21, 2021 entered in Case No. 2018-CA-000567 of the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida wherein POINT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, a foreign limited liability company, is the Plaintiff(s) and TIMOTHY W. MURPHY; KELLY D. BALDWIN, SUNTRUST BANK, HARBOR ISLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the 21 day of May, 2021 at www.clay.realforeclose.com, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 181, Harbor Island, Unit Two, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 31, Pages 27 through 34, inclusive, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida. a/k/a 1554 Hammock Bay Court, Orange Park, FL 32003.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to access court facilities or participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To request such an accommodation, please contact court Administration at least three business days prior to the required service by using one of the following methods: Phone - (904) 630-2564; Fax - (904) 630-1146; TTD/TTY - (800) 955-8770 (Florida Relay Service). E-Mail - crtintp@coj.net.
 DATED ON: 04-22-21

(SEAL)
 CLERK OF COURT
TARA S. GREEN
 By Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 47711 published April 29 and May 6, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that RHONDA L WILLIAMS, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

RÓSIRÁ APPAREL

located at 1190 TUMBLEWEED DR, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32065 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
Legal 47703 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bids will be received until 4:00pm, Tuesday June 1, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the following:

BID NO. 20/21-35, CHILLER REPLACEMENT & ENCLOSURE AT THE CLAY COUNTY JAIL

Bids will be opened at 9:00am, or as soon thereafter, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the qualification deadline.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Clay County Jail, 901 N. Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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

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

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

purchasing@claycountygov.com
 Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy. The complete policy can be viewed at: www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing

During the Request for Bid Period, from publication of the notice of a Request for Bids to the making of a Bid Decision, and during any related Protest Period, Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County Employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney, or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Bids in any respect, with the exception of (i) inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department or other County Employees or agents if specifically provided in the Request for Bids (ii) pre-Bid conferences provided for in the request package; and (iii) formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Bids.

FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEBPAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY SELECTING PURCHASING DIVISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT MENU. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED, WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID AND SHALL, AS WELL AS THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROTEST AND TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES

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AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 8, SECTION I OF THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY SHALL, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID REQUEST, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER THE PURCHASING POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE. IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT CAUSE AND TO WAIVE TECHNICAL AND NON-MATERIAL DEFECTS IN THE REQUEST OR SUBMITTAL OF ANY BIDS.

Legal 47682 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

REQUEST FOR BID NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Bids will be received until 4:00pm, Tuesday June 1, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Fourth Floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida, for the following:

RFP NO. 20/21-30, SD-WAN (SOFTWARE DEFINED WIDE AREA NETWORK) IMPLEMENTATION FOR CLAY COUNTY

Proposals will be opened at 9:00am, or as soon thereafter, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the qualification deadline.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", 4th Floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

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

All communications with the County regarding this RFP should be directed to Kris Collora, Purchasing Department, (904) 529-3857 or by email:

purchasing@claycountygov.com
 Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy. The complete policy can be viewed at: www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing

During the Request for Bid Period, from publication of the notice of a Request for Bids to the making of a Bid Decision, and during any related Protest Period, Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County Employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney, or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Bids in any respect, with the exception of (i) inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department or other County Employees or agents if specifically provided in the Request for Bids (ii) pre-Bid conferences provided for in the request package; and (iii) formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in

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the Request for Bids. FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEBPAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY SELECTING PURCHASING DIVISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT MENU. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS REQUEST, WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID AND SHALL, AS WELL AS THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROTEST AND TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 8, SECTION I OF THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY SHALL, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID REQUEST, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER THE PURCHASING POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE. IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT CAUSE AND TO WAIVE TECHNICAL AND NON-MATERIAL DEFECTS IN THE REQUEST OR SUBMITTAL OF ANY BIDS.


Legal 47683 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

RFQ Advertisement Continuing Contract for Engineering Services RFQ # 2021-01

The City of Keystone Heights City Council is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from professional firms, registered in the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, known as the Consultant Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), to provide Engineering Services for City of Keystone Heights.

The Scope of Services is intended to provide Engineering Services on an as needed basis for various projects. The proposed work will be known as the "Continuing Contract for Engineering Services". The continuing services contracts are expected to have an initial term of three years, with options to extend for one or more years. Qualified consultants who are interested in providing these services may download the RFQ from: <https://www.keystoneheights.us/administration/page/public-notice>. Any questions regarding this RFQ shall be directed to Lynn Rutkowski, City Manager, at rutkowski@keystoneheights.us by May 13, 2021. **Qualifications as detailed in RFQ #2021-01 must be received no later than Thursday, May 20, 2021 by 1:00 pm.** Proposals must be in writing, and may be submitted by the Proposer in person, by courier or overnight to:

City of Keystone Heights
 City Manager



STARTING A NEW Business

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

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

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RFQ # 2021-01
555 S Lawrence Blvd
Keystone Heights, FL 32656
All costs associated with preparation and submittal of qualifications shall be borne entirely by the consultant. Submittals will become the property of the City and will become part of the public record, subsequent to award of the contract(s) or rejection of all submittals. Submittals will be evaluated by a selection committee composed of City staff. The selection committee will conduct discussions with, and may require public presentations by, no fewer than three firms. The selection committee's recommended final rankings will be submitted for City Council approval at a Council meeting date to be determined. The City reserves the right to reject any or all submittals in whole or in part; to re-advertise for any or all of the services; to negotiate for additional services or materials; and/or to accept the proposals, which, in its judgment best serves the interest of the City.
Legal 47697 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

REQUEST FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed proposals will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 for the following:
BID No. 20/21-47, REDI-MIX CONCRETE (RE-BID)
Bids will be opened at 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the bid deadline.
Bids will not be valid unless received by the proposal deadline and in a sealed envelope marked: **"BID NO. 20/21-47, REDI-MIX CONCRETE (RE-BID)"** Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address.
All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Alyssa Hamilton, Purchasing Department, (904) 529-4220 or by email: Alyssa.Hamilton@claycountygov.com
The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/home/showdocument?id=926>
FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8 (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.
IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID

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BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.
A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
Legal 47684 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed qualifications will be received until 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 28, 2021, at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, for the following:
RFQ NO: 20/21-44, CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK (CMAR) SERVICES FOR THE BONDED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (BTP) GROUP #1 PROJECTS
Qualifications will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 in the Clay County Admin Bldg, Conference Room "B", 4th floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Bids will not be valid unless received by the qualification deadline.
All communications with the County regarding this Bid should be directed to Donna Fish, Purchasing Division, (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com
The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any bid, to reject any or all bids with or without cause, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, and/or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay.
FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A "NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID" OR A "NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS" WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE AT: www.claycountygov.com BY FOLLOWING THE "NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS" LINK UNDER THE "BUSINESS" ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY'S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE, A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS SOLICITATION, OR THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8 (N), OF SAID POLICY, SHALL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID SOLICITATION, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER SAID POLICY. THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY'S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.
IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS SOLICITATION REQUIRES A BID

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services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.
Legal 47720 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
April 22, 2021
Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Emergency Management
PO Box 1366
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
877-252-9362
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners, Emergency Management.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about May 14, 2021, Clay County will authorize the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the purpose of conducting voluntary home buyouts of residential properties damaged by Hurricane Irma in Clay County. The Voluntary Home Buyout Program was created to purchase residential property in high risk areas impacted by Hurricane Irma. The program will be funded through a \$5,000,000 CDBG-DR grant. Current participants in the program are listed below:
• 3781 Forrest Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 4043 Scenic Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 2002 Cornell Road, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 4265 Lazy Acre Road Middleburg, FL 32068
• 3751 Main Street, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 4235 Lazy Acres Road, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 4202 Scenic Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 401 Lake Asbury Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
• 2305 Halperns Way, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 4089 Lazy Acres Road, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 744 Arran Court, Orange Park, FL 32073
• 2157 Hill Road, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 3795 Forest Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068
• 2309 Halperns Way, Middleburg, FL 32068

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
The Clay County BCC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Clay County Public Safety Complex 2519 State Rd 16 W, Clay County Florida, 32043 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00A.M to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Clay County Emergency Management at PO Box 1366 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 or email at Irmagrants@claycountygov.com. All comments received by May 14, 2021 will be considered by the Clay County BCC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The Clay County BCC certifies to

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Florida DEO that Mike Cella in his capacity as Chairman of the Board consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Florida DEO approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Clay County BCC to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
The State of Florida DEO will accept objections to its release of fund and Clay County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Clay County Mike Cella; (b) Clay County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Florida DEO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity at 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Potential objectors should contact the State of Florida DEO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Mike Cella, Chairman of the Board, Clay County Board of County Commissioners
Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later. Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL AUDIT SERVICES ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
The Rolling Hills Community Development District hereby requests proposals for annual financial auditing services. The proposal must provide for the auditing of the District's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, with an option for four additional annual renewals. The District is a local unit of special-purpose government created under Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, for the purpose of financing, constructing, and maintaining public infrastructure. The District is located in Clay County, Florida, and has a general fund, debt service fund and capital reserve fund.
Each auditing entity submitting a

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proposal must be authorized to do business in Florida, hold all applicable state and federal professional licenses in good standing, duly licensed under Chapter 473, Florida Statutes, and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.
Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Recording Secretary at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, via e-mail at ssweeting@gmsnf.com, and by telephone at (904) 940-5850.
Proposers must provide one electronic copy of their proposal to the District Recording Secretary Sarah Sweeting at ssweeting@gmsnf.com and seven (7) hard copies of their proposal to GMS, LLC, District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, telephone (904) 940-5850, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services Rolling Hills Community Development District." Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Proposals received after this time will not be eligible for consideration. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, make modifications to the scope of the work, and waive any minor informalities or irregularities in proposals as it deems appropriate. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager. James Oliver, District Manager
Legal 47692 published April 29, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2020CA000087
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs
MICHAEL J. GARCIA II; AMANDA R. GARCIA; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; MAGNOLIA WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AKA MAGNOLIA WEST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., et al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 23, 2021, and entered in 2020CA000087 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL J. GARCIA II; AMANDA R. GARCIA; AQUA FINANCE, INC.; MAGNOLIA WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. AKA MAGNOLIA WEST OWNERS 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, at 10:00 AM, on **May 24, 2021**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 284, MAGNOLIA WEST UNIT TWO-B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 58, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**
Property Address: 3371 CANYON FALLS DR GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.
Dated this 23rd day of March, 2021.
(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Jaimie Pippin
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you

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are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrintrp@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
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2018CA000569
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
SAMUEL JOHNSON A/K/A SAMUEL E JOHNSON; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON A/K/A SAMUEL E JOHNSON; SILVER CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC;
Defendant(s)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 11, 2020, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 17th day of May, 2021 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit: **Lot 337, SILVER CREEK, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 44, Pages 52-72, Public Records of Clay County, Florida.**
Property address: 2318 Creekfront Drive, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
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 not cost you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtrintrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2565 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
Date: April 16, 2021
(seal)
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

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