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Are you ready?

Emergency Management: Hurricane preparation should start long before the storm season

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – It's that time of year when Clay County residents begin to watch the weather forecasts in anticipation of that swirling mass of wind, water and destruction known as a hurricane. Floridians know all too well that you don't have to be in the

direct path of a storm to feel the effects.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted an above-average hurricane season. Experts recently revised their original forecast to include a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season and a 10% chance of a less than normal season.

While NOAA doesn't expect 2021 to match the historic level of storms from a year ago, it believes there will 13 to 20 named storms with winds of 39 mph or greater, with six to 10 becoming hurricanes with winds of 74 mph or greater.

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JT was one of the children who's received a guitar from Duval County Line's Paul Wane as part of his Rising Stars program. Wane and his supporters have given away nearly 200 guitars to children as a positive outlet to keep them from using drugs. Many of those children came to the "Celebration of Rising Stars" on Monday to put their successes on stage. See story on page 10.

Henry Burkes Way

Middleburg custodian honored

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MIDDLEBURG — Henry Burke literally helped build Middleburg High. Now his name will live forever on campus grounds thanks to a new street sign on campus erected in his honor.

Burkes has been working at the high school in the heart of Middleburg for more

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Henry Burkes has been the custodian at Middleburg High for more than 40 years and he is the longest-tenured employee in the school's history. His name will forever live on the campus after the county renamed the service road at the school after him.

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New director of traffic and engineering to tackle county’s exponential growth

Smith: Developers are responsible for building, maintaining new roads

By Wesley LeBlanc
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Richard Smith was selected as the new director of engineering and traffic control operations and he’s excited to tackle the challenge of the county’s exponential growth, especially as it relates to the roads 220,000-plus residents use each day.

Smith grew up in Bradford County, graduated from Bradford High, and he obtained an engineering degree from the University of Florida in 1985. He didn’t leave Florida once until he was 22 years old and even then, it was to watch his Gators play ball against an out-of-state team. His engineering journey eventually led him to Atlanta, where he worked as a private engineer for 35 years. He witnessed first-hand the massive growth Atlanta experienced in his three-plus decades there and he’s excited to help guide Clay County through its own intense growth.

“Atlanta’s population was 1.6 million when I first arrived and when I left seven months ago, it was six million,” Smith said.



Richard Smith is the new director of engineering and traffic control in Clay County and while he certainly has his work cut out for him, he’s excited to help guide the county’s upcoming exponential growth.

“I’m not saying we’ve got that ahead of us here, but it definitely feels similar, especially when looking at the rise of the county’s numbers. I think we’re doing a better job here than [Atlanta] was doing...and I

mean that truthfully.”

There are a couple of reasons Smith believes Clay County is better positioned for its upcoming growth, which is fueled

primarily by the construction of the First Coast Expressway that’s set to bring jobs, residents, schools and commerce to the area. He said one of the best things the county is doing is simple to explain, but harder to understand: the development pays their way.

The boiled-down version is this: developers are responsible for building the roads of that development – not the county – and the new residents should cover the costs of roadway maintenance. Another way of wording this is that taxpayers in Keystone Heights won’t have to pay for a road for a Fleming Island neighborhood.

The maintenance costs will be covered for a long period of time. The people living in one of the new developments will pay additional costs each year so when it’s time to fix a road or repave it, the money is already there.

“You don’t drive in their neighborhood or walk their sidewalks...so you won’t be paying for it,” Smith said. “It’s a fair way of doing this kind of thing, I think.”

The neighborhoods are built with traffic concerns in mind, too. Anyone that’s driven down County Road 209 knows how frustrating and dangerous it can be. That

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Clay County increases public safety with CARES Act funds

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Clay County received \$38 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to strengthen the County’s readiness to address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. County Commissioners have used the funds to provide aid to nonprofits, businesses, and families; to enhance public safety at government buildings; and to address medical and public health needs in the community.

Commissioners designated \$2.9 million in funding to protect the health and safety of first responders and patients by providing upgrades for the Clay County Fire Rescue Department. With CARES Act funding, the county purchased personal protective equipment for first responders, and decontamination and sanitizing systems for fire stations and rescue units.

Several projects were also completed to enhance emergency medical response and emergency medical transportation, including the purchase of three new four-

wheel-drive Advanced Life Support rescue units, which have been fully equipped with the latest life-saving technology. These new units will be deployed to existing stations in rural areas of the county where four-wheel drive capabilities will improve access for paramedics. Clay County has 11 fully equipped, front-line ALS rescue units and six spare rescue units that can be swapped out when a primary unit is in maintenance. The new technology will be installed on all primary rescue units, spare units, and supervisory vehicles.

The new four-wheel-drive rescue units will be housed at Station 11 in Keystone Heights and Station 23 in McRae.

Clay County Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners Mike Cella said, “Public safety is the number one priority for Commissioners, and we took full advantage of the CARES Act funding we received to purchase cutting-edge technology and equipment to protect both our first responders and the community.”

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Advance Life Support rescue units, above, were sent to fire stations in Keystone Heights and McRae, while Orange Park Medical Center provides training to EMTs on new equipment bought with CARES Act funds.

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Superintendent recommends masks not be mandatory during next school year

David Broskie: Students, faculty and staff still should be encouraged to keep mouth, nose covered

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FLEMING ISLAND – The school board will soon decide whether masks will be required in the upcoming school year.

The school board gathered on May 25 for its monthly agenda workshop meeting and during it, Superintendent David Broskie made the recommendation to the board masks no longer be required in schools for the 2021-22 school year. The board did not make an official vote regarding this recommendation, however, as it will formally do that during its July meeting after it votes to advertise this change during its June meeting.

“With the increase in vaccination opportunities, we have more individuals that can get vaccinated...and I’m going to make a recommendation that face masks be optional and not mandatory beginning June 14, which is the start of the Summer School program,” Broskie said.

The school board seemed to agree with Broskie’s recommendation but won’t formal-

ly vote until the July school board meeting. Broskie said even if masks aren’t mandatory as they were this past year, they’ll still be encouraged as will other safety protocols.

“I have no doubt Florida has led the way in reopening schools [in the country],” Broskie said. “I have little doubt Clay has led the way for Florida. That doesn’t mean there weren’t bumps along the way, but our bumps compared to other [districts] were minor, minor, minor rumble strips along the way.”

“My goal as Superintendent is to return the school system back to the way it was...a return to normalcy. Keep in mind, our top priority will always be the safety of our students and staff,” he said.

Broskie said while his goal is to return school to pre-COVID conditions as soon as possible, actually doing that won’t happen overnight. The district will take a “phased-in approach that makes sense based on common sense.”

Broskie also said masks are not required at the upcoming senior high school graduation ceremonies.



Superintendent David Broskie recommended face masks not be required for the 2021-22 school year, but he said mask usage should still be encouraged.

Other COVID-related changes for the upcoming school year include the end of OneClay Online, which was the district’s own online school platform. Broskie said this is ending because the state is not going to fund it this year.

“The OneClay Online virtual platform we had this year won’t be there next year,” he said. “Simply put, the state is not funding it. The ‘Gold Standard’ for education is physical in-person education with a qualified teacher that cares about your child and I look forward to welcoming OneClay Online students back into our schools.”

Despite the possible removal of a mandatory mask requirement, Broskie said the health department will still perform contact tracing and quarantine on behalf of the

school district, which speaks to Broskie’s commitment to continued safety despite changes to things like masks.

“I think...going back to school as normal as possible...should be everyone’s goal,” he said. “A return to normalcy is what our community strives for us to do. In order to do that, the first and most controversial piece of that is the use of face coverings. I’m making a recommendation that they’re optional, but still recommended.

“Those that want to wear a mask can feel free to do so and will be protected to wear one. Those that don’t...given the fact that those 12 years and older have the opportunity to get vaccinated...can do so, and it makes sense and it’s rational. I believe this plan [makes sense and is rational], too.”

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Gambling deal could open doors for casinos

By For Florida Politics

Out-of-state casino operators for years have sought entrée to the Sunshine State.

For more than a decade, the glitziest casinos in the state have operated on lands owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The Tribe's facilities have been a go-to place for Florida bettors to play popular Las Vegas-style card games such as blackjack, while also being able to take their chances on slot machines. Though race-tracks and jai alai frontons in Miami-Dade and Broward counties also offer slots, the Seminoles are in control of the only full-fledged casinos in Florida.

But a multibillion-dollar deal announced last month by Gov. Ron DeSantis and tribal Chairman Marcellus Osceola Jr. opens the door for other gambling behemoths to establish a footprint in the nation's third-most populous state, which draws tens of millions of tourists annually. Lawmakers approved the agreement, known as a "compact," during a three-day special session last week.

Out-of-state casino operators for years have sought entrée to the Sunshine State, but House Republicans had long frowned on the possibility of expanded gambling. And the Seminoles, until now, largely had sought to restrict competition.

Part of the deal would allow the tribe to amplify its Broward County operations, which recently underwent a \$1.5 billion expansion that added a 36-story, guitar-shaped tower to anchor the Seminoles' Hard Rock casino. The Compact would allow the Seminoles to contract with other gambling operators to manage up to three new facilities on the Tribe's Hollywood reservation.

And the proposed compact — now awaiting DeSantis' signature — could set the stage to allow casinos in other regions of the state.

The Compact would allow pari-mutuel operators to sell or transfer permits to other entities, a process known as "portability," with certain caveats.

Permits could be transferred so long as they are more than 15 miles "on a straight line" from the Tribe's Broward County operations or 100 miles from the tribe's other casinos, such as the Seminole's cash-cow facility in Tampa.

But the potential casino expansion off of Seminoles' lands faces a number of barriers.

The agreement has spurred heavy debate about the possibility of pari-mutuel operators trying to transfer existing permits in Miami-Dade County to the Trump

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NASCAR's soggy reaction to drenching rain clouds COTA's inaugural race

By Don Coble
Managing Editor

Standing water and deary skies were the perfect backdrop as NASCAR's Senior Vice President of Competition Scott Miller admitted his group may have waited too long to pull the plug on the inaugural EchoPark Texas Grand Prix last Sunday, May 23, at the Circuit of the Americas road course.

"I would own the fact that maybe we let it go a little bit too long there before we did something," he said after the race ended after 54 of 68 scheduled laps. "We will learn. We will do better the next time."



Don Coble

What NASCAR learned was a bulky stock car, a group of aggressive drivers and a tropical system don't mix.

By the time NASCAR figured out the obvious and gave up, many racing fans had already turned the dial to watch Phil Mickelson's amazing victory at the PGA Championship. Talk about must-see TV.

By all accounts, COTA was a modern-day masterpiece of a facility. Speedway Motorsports Inc., which leased the track from Formula One, has the option to return next year. It would be a mistake to use a downpour created by an early-season tropical system that spun into existence two days in advance as a reason to drop it from future schedules. COTA earned a second chance to be judged in a more favorable light.

That certainly didn't happen Saturday or Sunday.

Troubles started on Saturday when several cars were stuck in the inspection

line during the only practice session of the weekend. Many never got a chance to run a lap because the process proved to be so tedious.

Torrential rain on Monday not only turned the 20-turn, 3.41-mile high-speed slip-and-slide, the spray as cars ran through puddles had drivers running blindly. Rain tires were no match for Mother Nature's fury.

Kevin Harvick said it best: "I've never felt more unsafe in my whole racing career, period."

There were a couple of chain reactions because drivers couldn't see. The first came on the 20th lap when Ryan Blaney slowed down because he couldn't see his breaking point entering Turn 12 at the end of the straightaway. Christopher Bell plowed into Blaney's back bumper. Harvick slowed down, only to be rear-ended by Wallace. The force of the impact lifted the rear tires of Harvick's Ford off the ground.

Harvick was rightfully upset with the conditions — and the decision to keep racing.

"It's the most unsafe thing I've ever done in a race car by a lot," he said. "You can't see anything down the straightaways. These cars were not built to run in the rain and when you can't see, my spotter said, 'Check up, check up,' because he thought he saw two cars wrecking. I let off and the guy behind me hit me wide-open because he never saw me. It's unbelievable that we're out there doing what we're doing because we're in race cars that aren't made to do this, and if you can't see going down the straightaway. It's absolutely not safe, not even close."

"We don't have any business being out in the rain, period. All I can say is this is

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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.

Bumbershoot: (BUM-ber-shoot a noun that means an umbrella.

"Since the forecast called for rain, we decided to bring along a bumbershoot."

This Week In History

Five years ago, 2016

- A Jacksonville man was shot by a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy when the man tried to back over the deputy during a traffic stop near the intersection of Primrose Avenue and Alligator Boulevard in Middleburg. The man, Timothy Van Griffin, survived his wounds.

- Retired Army Maj. Frank W. Towers told guests during a Memorial Day Celebration at Camp Blanding fallen soldiers buried abroad should be returned to the United States.

- A \$3.28 million project to replace asbestos water mains from Wells Road to Kingsley Avenue along Plainfield Avenue is being completed on schedule.

10 years ago, 2011

- Two ordinances restricting alcohol sales at three Wells Road nightclubs are put on hold until a federal court rules on the ordinance's constitutionality.

- The YMCA and Mercy Network and Foundation of the Personal Empowerment Center dedicated a group home on Doctors Lake Drive to help the homeless.

- A ceremony at the Middleburg Boat Ramp recognized Fort Heileman for its role in the Second Seminole War for providing troops with munitions and supplies.

20 years ago, 2001

- Nathan M. Cooper of Clay Hill is arrested after he admitted to shooting James Richard Butler in their mobile home, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

- The Clay County Fire Rescue Honor Guard makes its debut at the Board of County Commissioners meeting.

- Iluka Resources Inc. proposed to have a half-mile portion of County Road 315 to

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Opinions ...

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NASCAR

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the worst decision that we’ve ever made in our sport that I’ve been a part of.”

The worst crash came five laps later when Martin Truex Jr. ran into Michael McDowell’s car near the same spot of the Harvick accident. When he slowed down, Cole Custer blindly slammed into Truex’s car. Custer’s Ford went under the trunk deck of Truex’s car, then burst into flames. Both walked away a little soggy, but unhurt.

“It’s just that you can’t see anything. It’s pretty bad,” Custer said. “I mean, you can’t see a foot in front of your car. I was just rolling down the backstretch. You can’t see anything. I’m just so frustrated about having our day end like this. It killed the car

and it’s just really frustrating.

“You just can’t see anything on that backstretch. I think the same thing happened to us at the same time, somebody was going slower and by the time you want to slow down, they’re in your front bumper so there’s no chance of you even missing it. We just wanted a good run and it’s just not fair to all our guys and everybody at [Stewart-Haas Racing] to have a destroyed race car for really no good reason.”

After a red flag to clean up the mess and wait for a break in the weather, the race resumed.

So did the rain.

Elliott eventually worked his way into the lead. His Chevrolet probably didn’t have enough gas to make it to the end, so his Hendrick Motorsports team was counting on a bunch of yellow flag laps or for NASCAR to put an early end to the show.

Casinos

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National Doral resort and the Fontainebleau Miami Beach. Also, it could open the possibility of a casino in downtown Miami.

Relocation of permits would require legislative authorization as well as approval by municipal leaders. The Legislature has not given the go-ahead to a bill that would allow South Florida permits to be moved.

The possibility of adding casinos in other parts of the state also has drawn questions. Sen. Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican who cast the Senate’s sole vote last week against ratification of the compact (SB 2A), questioned Jim Allen, CEO of Seminole Gaming and chairman of Hard Rock International, about the Tribe’s view on competition outside of its areas.

“Does that mean if somebody wanted to establish, let’s say, a casino in the Panhandle ... is that something the Tribe would then fund against, or because they’re following within the rules ... that you would be neutral?” Brandes asked Allen during a Senate Appropriations Committee meeting.

“I think that’s a really fair question,” Allen said, indicating that the Seminoles would not actively oppose such a move. “The answer would be no. The Tribe ... agreed to a casino in downtown Miami. I think the tribe has always been receptive to navigate the process. ... I certainly can’t speak on the elected officials of the tribe 10, 20 years from now, but certainly today, that’s not the case.”

Perhaps the highest-profile part of the proposed Compact would legalize sports betting in Florida and put it under control of the Seminoles. The Tribe would host online sports betting at servers located on its lands in an attempt to comply with federal and state laws. It also would be required to contract with three pari-mutuel operators for sports betting, and the Compact envisions that Floridians and visitors will be able to use cell phones to place online sports bets anywhere in the state.

Under a revenue-sharing plan, the

Seminoles would pay \$500 million annually to the state for the first five years. If the sports betting provision is not approved by courts or the U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees gambling compacts, the Tribe’s payments would decrease by \$50 million a year.

The bulk of the Tribe’s payments to the state, at least in the initial years of the Compact, would be derived from land-based casino games conducted by the Seminoles. The Tribe would be allowed to add craps and roulette to the house-banked card games — such as baccarat, blackjack, Pai Gow and three-card poker — and slots already available. But a constitutional amendment, known as Amendment 3, approved by Florida voters in 2018 could complicate the addition of sports betting, potential relocation of permits in South Florida and opening casinos in other regions of the state.

The amendment, passed by 72% of voters, required statewide voter approval for future expansions of gambling. That would require casino backers going through the citizens’ initiative process, an expensive endeavor recently made even more difficult by Republican lawmakers.

The expansion of casinos permitted under the proposed Compact runs contrary to other agreements signed by states and tribes, according to John Sowinski, president of the group No Casinos.

“Compacts, at their best, close doors to the future expansion of gambling. This Compact does the opposite, and that’s that it leaves doors open for future expansions, be it by referendum, the Legislature, anybody,” Sowinski, who served as chairman of the political committee behind Amendment 3, told The News Service of Florida.

Out-of-state gambling operators and their representatives gathered with DeSantis and tribal leaders in advance of the April 23 signing of the Compact and subsequent ratification by state lawmakers.

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The sport’s most popular driver got the early checkered flag.

As expected, Elliott didn’t have a critical opinion of the dangerous conditions. Winners never do.

“Yeah, that’s not my call. If they say race, we’re going to go,” he said. “If they make the call to say that it’s not doable or not smart, that’s what we’ll do, too. Look, it’s not for me to say. It’s not my call. I’m not the one in that position to have to make

History

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be rerouted so it can gain access to mineral resources north of the road.

30 years ago, 1991

- The state installs a historic marker in Middleburg at the corners of Main and Wharf streets.
- J.L. Wilkinson social studies teacher James M. Crutcher is suspended with pay after the school reported he touched a girl inappropriately in class.
- The Clay County School Board ap-

that call, and I don’t want to be. I’ll try to make the most of whatever it is, try to do my job the best I can.

“It’s not the ideal way to win, but we’ll take it.”

NASCAR certainly needs to find a solution to reduce the clouds of spray in the rain. But it also needs act quicker when conditions are too dangerous.

If not for Mickelson’s victory, Sunday would have been a total wash.

proves the purchase of 17.5 acres at County Road 315 across from the McRae Fire Station for a fuel facility annex.

40 years ago., 1981

- The Occupational License Law is repealed the by Clay County Board of Commissioners after it determines the law is unenforceable.
- The Government Study Commission suggests the lifting of a freeze on funds so postage can be paid and a court reporter can be hired.
- The BCC approves a bond issue totaling \$4.5 million for road improvements.

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- Made improvements to
- St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- A type of ‘seat’
- Wood
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- After the seventh
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- Expressing relief
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- Obtain in return for labor
- Inheritable genetically
- One who rescues
- Doctor of Education
- Liberal arts
- Shock treatment
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- When you hope to get there
- Peacock network
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- Sciences degree
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- Respiratory organs
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- Disco act: Bee ___
- First Chinese dynasty
- Intentionally lose
- Muslim people of China

Middleburg-Clay Hill Library now abuzz with a new bee garden



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MIDDLEBURG – The Middleburg-Clay Hill Library is now home to thousands of bees residing in the new garden.

The Clay County 4-H Bee Stingers Club president, Josh Knowles, was joined by the club's other members on May 22 to help install new flowers in two garden beds behind the library before transferring more than 10,000 bees to their new home.

"Honey bees like big, open areas," Knowles said. "That's why this place is perfect. We're planting flowers specifically for them to pollinate...and as you can

see, these flowers are right by their setup so they can fly right over this fence and pollinate the flowers."

One of the club's co-leaders, David Sieruta, said the club expects 40 to 50 pounds of honey each year. They'll extract honey in the middle of June and again in the middle of September. While the bees have two garden beds right outside of their hive setup, those flowers won't be the only things they pollinate.

They'll travel all around the library and the surrounding woods pollinating flowers. The flowers just outside of their hive are best for the nectar dearth season, which is a slower period for bees and the flowers they usually pollinate. That's when the new

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Bees

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flowers installed in the club's garden beds will come in handy as the flowers installed there are great in Summer weather.

"Bees love gardens like this because it's all they have during the dearth season," 4-H co-leader Ralph White said.

The 4-H club held an event in March of 2020, just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, to explain the importance of bees and why the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library would be a good home. The bees were originally going to be installed shortly after but because of COVID-19, the installation didn't happen last week.

The bees are happy and buzzing at their new home now, though. The 4-H club used a \$1,500 grant from several years ago to build a tall fenced-in square for the hive to reside. Two new garden beds also were installed. Other 4-H members and community members interested in the project showed up to help out.

The hive is made up of 10 frames and a super, which is a section of the hive where the excess story will go when there's an excess. The queen bee is stuck inside a sugar-coated cage that the bees will eventually eat through over the coming days. The idea was to give the bees time to acclimate to the queen and vice versa. When the sugar cage is no more, the queen will join the 10,000-plus bees at their hive.

When you look through the observation window in the fenced-in area, you will see a white box with bees. You'll likely see bees flying over the fence to the nearby flowers, too. The queen and bees always are busy inside building the hive, and as the process continues, the bees will begin to form honey.

"It takes seven to eight pounds of honey to make one pound of beeswax," Sieruta said. "They'll have a strong hive in about a day and a half and in about two days, a good nectar flow will begin for the hive, and...honey comes after that."

The Stingers encourage anyone and everyone to go to the library to check out



After being delayed for more than a year, the Middleburg-Clay Hill Library is now home to thousands of honey bees which will pollinate flowers and produce honey for the state's first-ever 4-H Bee Club, the Clay County 4-H Stingers.

their installation. It's on the back of the library, and not visible from the main road.

"It's about getting the word out," 4-H co-leader Susan Welch said. "We want

people to get involved because what we're doing here is really neat. This bee garden is just one of the many things we do."

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Obituaries

Cathy Valenzuela Martin

Who was Cathy Valenzuela Martin?

When you think of a special person who has touched so many lives, someone who is unwavering in their friendship, community commitment, patriotic duty, and beliefs, you can think of Cathy Martin.

Cathy Martin was born April 6, 1965 and at the age of 56 years she passed away on April 22, 2021. She was an exceptional part of the Middleburg community. As a vital part of our community, she worked diligently and with sincere conviction to give the very best she had to offer.



Cathy Valenzuela Martin

She was a Junior Past President of the Aeries in Middleburg of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4365. She was always ready to step in to help out and promote the causes with fundraisers to help others in need.

Every year, Cathy would look forward to stepping up and stepping out to promote her cause which was the Alzheimer's Association Annual Walk in memory of her Dad. Even having major surgery could not keep her away from raising money to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Cathy enjoyed her comradery with the VFW in Middleburg that she would frequent with her husband Art Martin.

As well as these activities, Cathy was part of the Clay County Sheriff "NET" Program to promote the Neighborhood Engagement Team. She had recently been accepted to work with the Clay County

Sheriff's Department as a volunteer. She was very proud of that fact. Every week Cathy would join her Middleburg Ladies Luncheon Group on Thursdays to offer her friends and colleagues her friendship and support without reservation.

Cathy was diligent in updating and organizing the Middleburg Museum as well as helping with the new improvements to the building. She also served as Treasurer of the Museum. Being an active Community Member for several years of the Middleburg Civic Association, she also served as Past 1st Vice President and Secretary.

Her passion and dedication was never ending. She was a vibrant, vital, and indispensable member. Cathy was at every event ready to do whatever needed to be done. Our community is a better place for all of the contributions and efforts she extended to us.

Her love for her husband Art, family, friends, and community has touched so many people including those who never got to know her. We have been so blessed to have had the honor and pleasure of knowing her and she will be truly missed all.

Dale Lee Parker

Dale Lee Parker, 80, of Orange Park, FL passed away May 24, 2021.

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Sherrif's Office expands its Marine Unit with new boat

For Clay Today

GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay County Sheriff's Office is adding more eyes to the county's waterways thanks to a statewide program aimed to increase law enforcement resources. The agency increased its Marine Unit with a state-of-the-art boat, which allows for more deputies to be out on the waterways. The agency was able to acquire the boat through the Florida Sheriffs Association Shared Asset Program. The program provides funds for assets that can be shared regionally, like boats, utility terrain vehicles, drones, and speed trailers. The CCSO's new-to-the-agency asset will be used in the county, but the agency will also make it available to other local law enforcement entities when necessary.

"We're proud of the partnerships we have with our neighboring agencies," Sheriff Michelle Cook said, "We know they will be there for us when we need it, and we are more than happy to return the favor. This new Marine Unit boat is a part of that understanding."

During the 2020-21 fiscal year, the

FSA awarded 13 sheriffs' offices more than \$630,000 to purchase resources to share in protecting and serving the State of Florida. Shared assets make sheriffs stronger – whether through coordinated Florida Sheriffs Task Force efforts or responding to natural disasters and other emergencies. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$1.3 million directly to sheriffs' offices.

"The Florida Sheriffs Association is leading the way by doing more with our innovative statewide program that increases law enforcement resources," said FSA President and Gilchrist County Sheriff Bobby Schultz, "Our Shared Asset Program provides a way for neighboring sheriffs to share assets, increase our response, and serve more citizens."

This round of applications was unique and did not provide direct funding, rather a boat was provided for the program's grant cycle.

"This is a win for everyone," said Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, "Pinellas County donated this state-of-the-art marine craft to the Clay County Sheriff's Of-



fice, which puts more eyes and technology on the water. In turn, Clay County can aid other areas in the region as needed. It's the gift that keeps on giving."

The Clay County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit is routinely called upon by neighbor-

ing agencies to assist in events and operations alike. Clay County has 39-square miles of heavily traveled waterways.

The boat is already out on the water and made its debut at the CCSO's Police Memorial ceremony earlier this month.

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NE Florida unemployment rate drops to 4.4%

Clay County's rate remains at 4%

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity announced on Monday, May 24, the unemployment rate for the Jacksonville region declined slightly from 4.5% in March to 4.4% in April 2021.

Of the 833,880 people counted as part of the area's workforce in April, there were

still 37,044 unemployed residents.

In Clay County, the unemployment rate remained at 4%. The state's rate is 4.8%, while the national rate is 6.1%.

"Although it was only a very slight decline, the employment picture in Northeast Florida continues to improve – and we are near the employment levels that existed before the pandemic began last March," said CareerSource Northeast Florida President Bruce Ferguson. "The industries gaining the most jobs over the year



skills needed to put them on a new career track. To learn more about how CareerSource NEFL can help secure that next career, please visit www.careersourcenefl.com or call 904-356-JOBS (5627).

Job seekers are encouraged to visit www.careersourcenefl.com, where they can schedule a virtual appointment – or schedule one at their nearest career center location. They can also schedule an appointment by phone at (904) 356-5627.

CareerSource NEFL is scheduling a major virtual job fair on June 24 to connect all job seekers with open positions.

Also in June, CareerSource NEFL will be hosting in-person recruiting events at its Gateway Career Center, located at 5000 Norwood Ave., Ste. 2 in Jacksonville for Extended Stay America on Wednesday, June 2, and for Gate Petroleum Company on Thursday, June 3. For more information about these and other job fairs and workshops hosted by CareerSource NEFL, visit the events page at <https://careersourcenortheastflorida.com/events/>.

CareerSource NEFL is responsible for providing a trained workforce to businesses in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties. For more information, visit www.careersourcenefl.com.

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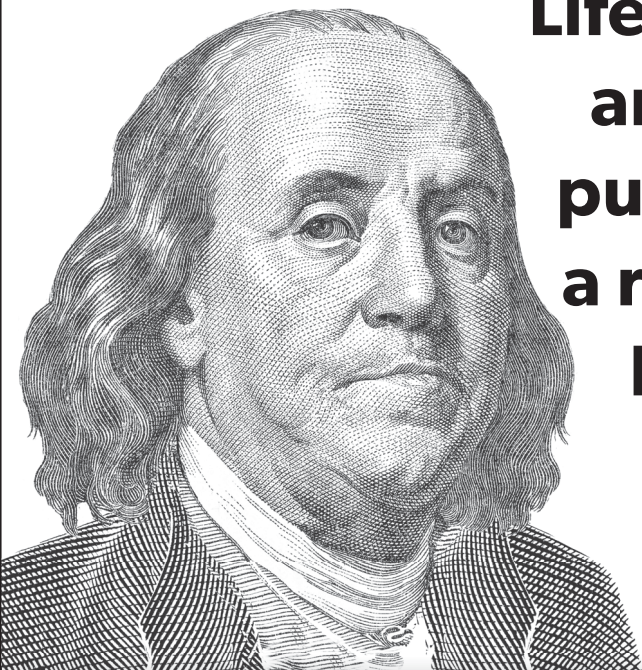
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"I'm excited to guide Clay County through its future growth."

include leisure and hospitality, increasing by 26,300 jobs, and education and health services, increasing by 10,100 jobs."

CareerSource NEFL notes that the agency is seeing an uptick in open job positions from regional employers – and it is receiving approximately 3,000 monthly job positions from its partner-employers monthly.

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RISEING STARS

DCL's Wane uses guitars as a positive option for children instead of drugs

By Don Coble
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ORANGE PARK — Paul Wane got his first guitar when he was 8. Now, 35 years later, he said the gift from his “Uncle” Chester saved his life.

“Without that guitar, I’d be with the guys I used to hang with,” he said, “and they’re either dead or in prison.”

That message wasn’t lost on the lead guitarist and anchor of the popular local band, Duval County Line. His “Rising Star: Guitars for Kids” program has given away nearly 200 guitars to aspiring musicians, and many of them packed Big Dawgs Family Sports Restaurant Monday night to join

Wane on stage.

The first “Celebration of Rising Stars” attracted young players with a variety of skill sets. But all shared one common bond — they all have bought into Wane’s commitment to providing children a more positive outlet than drugs.

“This is all about substance abuse prevention,” he said as parents and fans clapped. “We need to give them something else to do, something positive.”

Wane said the children in the program not only are learning to play the guitar, but most have better grades in school.

The four-man lineup for Duval County line features three players from Clay Coun-



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

JT, left, joined Paul Wane on stage at Big Dawgs in Orange Park to celebrate the success of Wane’s Rising Stars program. They played “Midnight Train to Memphis” and “Pride and Joy.”

ty and Wane, who lives in nearby Hawthorne. Oddly enough, none live in Duval County. Three of the four members of the band were part of the standing-room-only

crowd Monday.

The children all joined Wane on stage — many with their guitars — at the begin-

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Paul Wane reminded everyone the best way to deal with substance abuse is to stop it before it starts.

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ning of the program. Then some of them performed with Wane, including JT, who played Christ Stapleton’s “Midnight Train to Memphis” and Stevie Ray Vaughan’s “Pride and Joy.”

“Caveman” Bill also joined the gathering. He teaches many of the children to play guitar at his music shop in Jacksonville. He also has provided children with instruments.

“I’ve given away a couple dozen guitars

to my students, too,” he said. “It’s been a lot of fun watching them learn to play.”

Wane said too many of his friends and family have been victims of drug abuse. He knows the best way to deal with substance abuse is to stop it before it starts. And that means working with impressionable children.

“It’s got to be crazy to be a kid right now,” he said. “It’s always been tough, but it’s a real challenge today. We need to give them their own little universe so they can do their own thing.



STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

A group of children from the Rising Stars program helped two of the primary organizers, Caveman Bill, back left, and Paul Wane, back right, celebrate the success of thier program that provides guitars and lessons to children as a deterrent to drugs.

“I tell parents don’t punish their kids by taking their guitar away when they act up. I say, make them practice another 30 minutes. If we build them with love, they will turn out to be lovely people.”

The Rising Star: Guitars for Kids is supported by The Howlin Wolf, JJ’s on 5th, Carter’s Music Center, Jay Murphy Custom Guitars, Oakie’s Design & Signs LLC, Big Dawgs Sports Bar

Dawgs. They help Wane and “Caveman” get and refurbish guitars so they can be regifted.

Duval County Line will perform Saturday night at the Cheyenne Saloon in East Palatka from 2-6 p.m. and at the Middleburg VFW from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, June 4, and at Renegades on the River Restaurant in Crescent City on June 5.

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Clay SafetyNet Alliance hopes to resume in-person meetings in the fall

Fann: COVID-19 didn't diminish the needs of important programs in the county

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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CLAY COUNTY — The Clay SafetyNet Alliance was founded on the belief that communities are stronger when they work together. While the COVID-19 pandemic has put a halt to many services offered to Clay County residents, Clay SafetyNet Alliance still continues to work for the general public.

According to Don Fann, the Executive Director of The Way Free Clinic and new Chairman of Clay SafetyNet Alliance, the pandemic has not stopped Clay residents from helping one another.

"This community of providers has been very cohesive during the pandemic...facilitating information to one another has continued to be successful," Fann said.

The Clay SafetyNet Alliance is not just one specific nonprofit organization, but a network of organizations dedicated to helping Clay County residents. Currently, there are more than 200,000 residents in Clay County and according to SafetyNet there are 140 nonprofit organizations that service in the county. The function of Clay SafetyNet Alliance is to bring social services and organizations together to better achieve the goal of helping the general public.

Once a month, these nonprofit organizations will come together in a meeting hosted by Clay SafetyNet Alliance to discuss current issues. In March, 2020, the monthly meetings started being held on Zoom meetings due to COVID restrictions. Normally as many as 100 attend the meetings, but since going to Zoom, only about 70 people have participated.

Another issue Clay SafetyNet Alliance faced was some organizations temporarily closing due to COVID lockdowns. Al-

though the pandemic has affected Clay County, it did not stop SafetyNet from working to help people. At the height of the pandemic the Clay SafetyNet Alliance partnered with Clay County Emergency Operation Center. Fann recalls when there was a food shortage during the lockdown. SafetyNet worked with the Emergency Operation Center to more effectively distribute food to both individuals and food pantries. For the last year and a half Clay SafetyNet Alliance has also worked with the Clay County Health department to brainstorm solutions to problems. For example, if there was a shortage in face masks, the health department asked participants of SafetyNet Alliance for solutions.

Monthly zoom meetings are still being held but Fann hopes to resume live meetings in the fall, after schools starts. SafetyNet held its meetings in a conference room at Haven-Custead Hospice Center in Orange Park, but Fann currently is looking for a larger space for participants to maintain social distancing.

Andre Van Heerden, a member and former Chairman of Clay SafetyNet Alliance, hopes to one day bring the whole community together with this network of organizations.

"Our dream is to have the whole county, every faith-based group and every social and emergency service in the county, you name it," Van Heerden said. "Anyone that's involved in community service or community benefit work to be at the meeting."

The monthly zoom meetings for Clay SafetyNet Alliance is the third Thursday of each month. The next Zoom meeting will be June 17 from 8:30-10 a.m.



County EMTs are trained how to use new Butterfly portable ultrasound device that can provide a more-immediate diagnosis. The life-saving equipment was bought with CARES Act money.

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Hi my name is Kingsley! I love cuddles and pets! I am FIV+ which means I would be best in a home without other cats or cats that are also FIV+. I am currently one of the med room kitties at the shelter and while I love being able to help input data (sit in front of the computer screen) I would like a forever home with my own people to cuddle! I have another friend in the med room named Ridge so if you were interested in two kitties we would love to go together! I can't wait to meet you!

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Burkes

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than four decades. He has pictures of the school when it merely was a pecan tree grove. He helped lay the concrete and the bricks to make the school what it is today, according to the staff at the campus. So last Thursday, May 20, his devotion to the school was honored with a street sign that reads "Henry Burkes Way."

"I had no idea this was happening," Burkes said. "It was a big surprise and it's an honor."

Middleburg reading teacher, Ruth Gardner, said the entire school had to keep it quiet because if Burkes had found out, he wouldn't have shown up. Burkes was transported by a golf cart to a service road on campus around 1 p.m. As he rounded the corner, he was greeted by dozens of students lining the road.

They held signs that said "We love you, Mr. Burkes" and "Thank you for all that you do, Mr. Henry." The surprise stayed on Burkes' face until he arrived at the red and green sign at the end of the road, concealed with a trash bag. After some cordial greetings, the trash bag was pulled off and Burkes saw his "Henry Burkes Way" sign for the first time.

A massive smile stretched across his face while the school's band played its alma mater and his family and friends hugged him and congratulated him for his dedication to the school.



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Friends and family were part of the surprise dedication of Henry Burkes Way at Middleburg High. Burkes spent more than 40 years at the school.

"Henry Burkes trained all of us," Superintendent David Broskie said.

Broskie was speaking figuratively, but to an extent, that statement is true. The school was built in 1980 and Burkes helped build it. In those four decades since, he's kept it in tip-top shape.

Henry's wife, Earnestine Burkes, said he's absolutely deserving of the designation. She said he loves the school with ev-

erything in him and he's proud to work for the school. Actually, Burkes retired from the school on Oct. 30, 2009, only to come back 30 days later.

"He made it 30 days before coming back," Earnestine said, chuckling about how she knew he would be back.

Gardner said the idea to honor Burkes was easy.

"He takes a left to leave this road every

day so why not make it his?" Gardner said.

She said she had been planning this for a while but somehow had to get the entire school involved secretly. Her plan was a success. She said it was amazing to see his reaction and that he's so deserving. She called him the most sincere, hard-working, kind and humble person she knows.

"He built this school," she said. "It's the least we could do."

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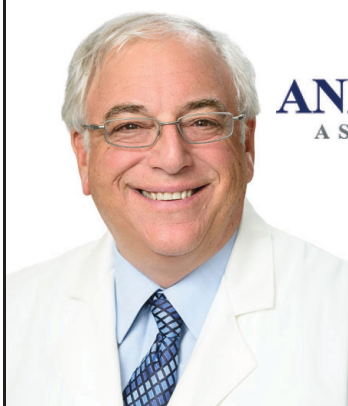


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Facebook question of the week

What are your thoughts about the recent unrest in the Middle East?

By Wesley LeBlanc
wesley@opcfla.com

CLAY COUNTY — Israel and Palestine agreed to a cease-fire last week after weeks of fighting that led to hundreds of deaths.

Clay Today asked its readers what they think of the events which have played out in the Middle East, and it's a hotly-debated topic here as it is elsewhere in the world.

Reader Eric Newcome laid out his thoughts with just five words:

"Hate it for both sides," he said.

Others, though, offered more detailed explanations about their thoughts on the subject. Reader Lee Smith said she doesn't want America to be complicit in what's happening there.

"I'd look to [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu as an instigator: he keeps falling short of getting a parliamentary majority and calls for more elections," Smith said. "He also is under attack for

corruption, so he goes more right-wing and sets off another spark in the Gaza tinderbox. It is a classic fight over land and Israel will eventually destroy the Palestinians. I just don't want America to be complicit in the destruction."

Lorraine Boyett, on the other hand, said they believe "America needs to be behind Israel 100%." Many others expressed a similar line of thinking as Boyett, going so far as to say it's Palestine that's at fault.

"Palestine-elected Hamas — terrorists — who attacked Israel out of greed," Janet Brooks said. "Biden was out of line telling Israel to back off, and the squad are traitors to this country under any circumstances and should not be listened to. Israel is our ally, and they deserve our help."

Barbara Evans said Israel has a "right to defend itself and should." They said they stand with Israel. Marsha Willoughby echoed a similar thought and said she wouldn't call what's happening there a



"conflict" because it's a matter "of one trying to annihilate the other."

"Well technically, the U.S. caused most of this issue after World War II," Karen Fey said. "Not sure if we help or hinder with continued involvement. Weapon supplying doesn't help. Probably better leaving it to NATO."

Jeff McKeown said he stands with Israel.

"If a terrorist-sponsored entity bombs

them, they have a duty to fight back," McKeown said. "How would we like it if Hamas bombed Jacksonville and our leaders did nothing in retaliation?"

What do you think about this topic? Be sure to let us know by responding to last week's Facebook Question of the Week and be sure to follow the official Clay Today Newspaper Facebook page so that you don't miss this week's Facebook Question of the Week.

There are benefits of smoke/vape-free events in Clay

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY — The Tobacco Free Partnership of Clay County would like to thank the Clay County Fair for its continued efforts to promote a smoke/vape-free-free-free fair event with smoking in designated areas only. The Clay County fair had over 148,000 visitors this year and by having a tobacco/vape-free-free-free free event, they are promoting a healthier lifestyle and setting examples to the younger generations for years to come.

Tobacco-free events promote a healthy culture for everyone in attendance, protect our families from deadly secondhand

smoke, removes the temptation for people who have quit using tobacco/vape-free-free-free products. It also provides a place to show children who may be exposed to smoking daily that smoking is the exception and not the norm. Tobacco-free events are more accessible to people who suffer from asthma, cancer, or other diseases that are negatively affected by tobacco products.

A 2012 study on hospitality workers' health was performed using 45 studies of 33 different smoke-free laws, with an average follow-up time of 24 months. It showed that comprehensive smoke-free laws were associated with lower hospital admission rates, lower death rates, fewer coronary events by 8%, other forms of heart disease by 6%, fewer cerebrovascular accidents (strokes) by 8%, and respiratory disease by 8%. In another study of hospitality workers by the Community of Preventative Services, they concur with the previous study mentioned, while also stating that smoke-free policies have not had an adverse impact on businesses such as bars and restaurants.

Tobacco-free environments save in cleanup and costs because there would be no cigarette butts, vaping products, or dip cans to clean up, and this would also reduce the possible risk of fire due to cigarette butts being dropped on the ground or being placed in a trash can while still lit.

Most people prefer tobacco-free environments and feel that smoking should at least be kept to a designated smoking area. Studies have also shown that the safest and healthiest events are those that prohibit the use of all forms of tobacco/vape-free-free-free products, and it has been concluded in worldwide studies by health authorities that there is no safe level of secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke causes lung cancer,

stroke, heart disease, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, serious respiratory conditions, and premature death. In conclusion, the best practice would be a 100% smokeless environment. If there is zero tolerance, it makes enforcement much easier. There would be no worries about enforcing tobacco use outside of designated areas because it is stated beforehand that the event is tobacco-free with zero tolerance, therefore, no gray area to debate.

For more information, please contact the Tobacco Free Partnership at jmoritz@quitdoc.com to help make your next event become a smoke/vape-free-free-free free event.

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RiverFest celebrates Memorial Day with food, fun, music at Spring Park

Annual festival expected to attract 100 vendors, food trucks

By Don Coble
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CLAY COUNTY – The Memorial Day RiverFest in Green Cove Springs is a day-long festival of food, fun and music.

But most of all, it's a perfect platform for area residents to pay homage to the men and women who've died while serving in the military.

Although one of the county's biggest events at Moosehaven was canceled this year by the COVID-19 pandemic, a private Memorial Day celebration also is scheduled at the Eagle Harbor Swim Park on Fleming Island from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as the 38th Annual Florida Striders Memorial Day 5K from noon to 2 p.m. at the Orange Park Town Hall Park.

Hundreds, however, are expected at Spring Park for RiverFest.

The holiday starts with a veterans' recognition ceremony at the gazebo at 10 a.m. and continues until the fireworks show at 8:45 p.m. In between, there will be a Kids Zone, food trucks, crafts books, the annual

Rubby Ducky race at Spring Run. And, of course, there will be plenty of music, highlighted by the Curt Towne Band show from 7-8:30 p.m., and 18 food trucks offering an array of treats.

Towne is happy to be home and to bring a couple of his former students to the stage.

"We love Green Cove," the co-owner of Guitar Station on Walnut said. "We're always happy to be home and playing right there by the water."

Towne will be joined by former 38 Special, Outlaws and Lynyrd Skynyrd background vocalist Carol Bristow-Zur, sharing the signing duties with Barry Rapp. Shayne Wyatt, one of Towne's former students, will play a 30-minute set ahead of the Curt Towne Band, while Sam Boyer, another former student, will join the band for a couple of songs. Both Wyatt and Boyer are from Green Cove Springs. Other acts include Brooke and Jacob Thomas (noon-12:45 p.m.), Steve Amburgey (12:45-1:15 p.m.), Hal Hill's Dance Party (1:15-1:45 p.m.), Blue Lotus Dance (2-3 p.m.), Rick Green (3-3:30 p.m.), Michelle Reeves (3:30-4 p.m.), Kian Sanchez (4-4:30 p.m.), Khloe



MacDonald (4:30-4:45 p.m.), Miss Marie's Kids (4:45-5:45 p.m.), Lee Ann Purvis (5:45-6 p.m.), Katy O (6-6:30 p.m.) and Wyatt (6:30-7 p.m.).

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Kathy Garske, July 14, 1946 – May 19, 2021

Clay County organizations mourn the loss of longtime volunteer

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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CLAY COUNTY – Residents in Clay County mourn the loss of a loving volunteer, Kathy Garske.

Garske served in the community for more than 10 years and has touched the hearts of many people. Garske volunteered with Mercy Support Services, Clay SafetyNet Alliance and The Way Free Medical Clinic. She also volunteered with various Catholic charities and Clay County Soup Kitchens. It is undeniable that Garske left a positive impact on the Clay County community.

Patrick Hayes, the executive director and CEO of Mercy Support Services was shocked when he heard the news Garske had passed away.

"She was always a bright spark, full of faith and love," Hayes said.

Garske was one of the first volunteers at Mercy Support Services. Garske helped

with taking calls and giving phone briefings in the Fleming Island area. Garske, who was also a strong woman of faith, would coordinate weekly prayer meetings at Mercy Support Services. During these prayer meetings Garske would take any prayer requests from volunteers and those who used Mercy Support Services.

Hayle describes Garske as a fun and affectionate woman who cared deeply for others.

"She was bubbly all the time," Hayle said. "She was always helping somebody."

Andre Van Heerdan, a board member of Impact Clay and former chair of Clay SafetyNet Alliance, also can attest to Garske's commitment to the county.

"She has engaged with our community on multiple levels...it's going to be a huge loss for our community," Van Heerdan said.

Garske worked in the communications sector at Clay SafetyNet Alliance alongside her friend Janie Fox. Garske and Fox



Kathy Garske (striped shirt) dedicated much of her life to helping in-need organizations. "She was always a bright spark, full of faith and love," said Patrick Hayes executive director and CEO of Mercy Support Services.

would work to get all agencies together if there was a certain issue that needed to be tackled. For example, if there was an issue of homelessness in the community, Garske and Fox would contact the facilities who handled homelessness. Garske and Fox would also sit in on the hearing committee as well.

Van Heerdan noted although Garske had a gentle spirit, her opinions were meaningful to those around her.

"She was very unassuming, not intrusive in any way," Van Heerdan said, "but when she gave her opinion, it was profound."

For Garske there was nothing that was too much or too little for her to do. She was both capable of being a great leader and completely content with doing more miniscule tasks. So long as she was helping people, Garske was happy simply answering phone calls or being in charge of an important project.

Although the community mourns Garske's passing, residents can still gain inspiration from her level of commitment and involvement within Clay County.

Garske's life will be remembered as a faithful volunteer who never stopped praying for the community she loved.

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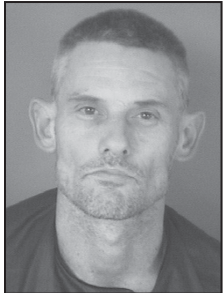
Police Briefs

Two arrested in Middleburg CCSO drug raid on Johns Cemetery Road

MIDDLEBURG – Two people were arrested following a drug raid at a house known for past narcotic transactions.

Charles Olen McMillan, 41, and Keri Ann Oliver, 42, both of Middleburg, were arrested on May 12 after McMillan sold methamphetamine to a confidential informant working with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

According to the arrest report, the informant recorded the purchase at McMillan's house. CCSO Narcotics Unit and SWAT teams raided the house at 4655

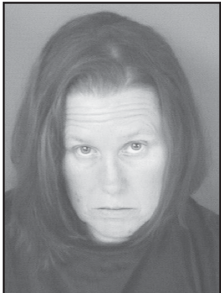


Charles McMillan

Johns Cemetery Road and recovered 3.28 grams of methamphetamine, a box of 12-gauge shotgun shells, three pellet guns, several phones used to facilitate drug transactions and drug paraphernalia. The sheriff's office also served a warrant at the house in 2019.

The search warrant was part of an ongoing CCSO investigation into narcotics and other criminal activity in the area, the agency said.

On May 25, CCSO added charges of possession of a firearm and ammo by a convicted felon, possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell or distribute and maintaining a nuisance structure for drug activity.



Keri Oliver



Oliver is being held without bond, while McMillan's bond was set at \$75,003.



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, May 25

Dezarae A. Dernick, 28, Middleburg, grand theft
Matthew T. Skardinski, 32, Orange Park, FTA-battery (Duval)
Shawn S. Stewart, 36, Green Cove Springs, VOP-possession-fentanyl
Dale A. Horine, 62, Middleburg, DUI
Karl S. Mohon, 31, Green Cove Springs, VOP-failure to return hired/leased property, VOP-false owner information to pawn broker
Alyssa L. Blankenship, 27, Orange Park, possession-heroin, retail petit theft
Donald R. Wilkins, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR, FTA-operating motorcycle without a license
Nicholas M. Dehann, 27, Green Cove Springs, VOP-grand theft, VOP-fraudulent use of credit card
Stacy R. Meek, 40, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession-oxycodone, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Charles O. McMillan, 41, Middleburg, possession-firearm/ammo by convicted felon, possession-methamphetamine with intent to distribute/sell/deliver, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, maintaining nuisance structure for drug activity
Allen G. Roberson, 42, Jacksonville, traf-

ficking in controlled substance
Edward L. Plummer, 40, Maxville, FTA-DWLSR
Monday, May 24
Dustin A. Austin, 26, Orange Park, possession/use-drug possession
Jermaine C. Berry, 39, Orange Park, retail petit theft
Christopher M. Shumway, 35, Green Cove Springs, two counts possession-controlled substance
Nicholas K. Prince, 25, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR
Caleb L. Golson, 34, Keystone Heights, aggravated battery on pregnant woman
Sunday, May 23
Melissa M. Burgos, 32, Middleburg, retail petit theft, possession-cocaine, possession-controlled substance
Keith M. Wrenn, 18, Orange Park, burglary
Bruce V. Turner, 48, Fleming Island, two counts petit theft
Darren Henshaw, 36, Middleburg, domestic battery
Karen E. Kerley, 58, Middleburg, retail petit theft
Keith J. Hendrith, 31, Orange Park, FTA
Keith M. Wrenn, burglary
Andrea B. Mayze, 29, Middleburg, uttering forged instrument
Brandon J. Overfield, 25, Middleburg, DUI
Jason D. Kelly, 45, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl, possession-methamphetamine, possession-Suboxone
Andrea M. Sweet, 38, Fleming Island, possession-crack cocaine, possession/use-

drug paraphernalia
Saturday, May 22
Richard P. Wehrly, 33, Green Cove Springs, DUI, refusal to submit to BAL test
Jessie H. Connor, 61, Middleburg, child abuse
Travis R. Walton, 39, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR
Keenan L. Teasley, 24, Green Cove Springs, VOP-community control
Christopher S. Swihart, 20, Middleburg, simple dating violence
Allen B. Roberson, 42, Jacksonville, sale/delivery-methamphetamine
Carlos M. Canales, 32, Fleming Island, resist/obstruct/oppose police
Richard O. Baker, 25, Fleming Island, DUI, resist/obstruct/oppose police
Joshua I. Walker, 32, 32, Fleming Island, felony battery, violation of injunction-repeated dating violence
Friday, May 21
Alyson P. Walker, 33, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
William L. Walker, 31, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, two counts VOP-community control
James C. Ambrose, 29, Green Cove Springs, possession-methamphetamine
Jason P. Marquez, 42, Orange Park, possession-marijuana, DWLSR
Richard W. Smith, 51, Middleburg, DUI with property damage
Robert C. Apple, 30, Orange Park, battery on person 65 or older
Rebeca V. Wilkinson, 29, Green Cove

Springs, possession-fentanyl, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Randall T. Shirley, 42, Middleburg, six counts shoplifting of more than \$750
Stephen E. Bonnette, 40, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI
Elijah M. Fabrigas, 22, Orange Park, simple battery
David A. Steidl, 48, Middleburg, domestic battery
Robert E. Reynolds, 42, Green Cove Springs, vandalism
Thursday, May 20
Deandre R. Allen, 28, Orange Park, aggravated battery on pregnant woman
Alexander G. Pope, 39, Middleburg, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana
Wendy M. Duncan, 49, Middleburg, possession-fentanyl
Christine E. Rollins, 40, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine
Joseph J. Devenuta, 70, Green Cove Springs, three counts vehicular homicide
Jeremy D. Declue, 33, Middleburg, VOP-community control, possession-controlled substance
Melissa L. Manning, 39, Maxville, reckless driving (Duval)
Corey D. Mortimer, 32, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI
Lester E. Williams, 64, Green Cove Springs, FTA-trespassing
John A. Lopez, 45, Green Cove Springs, VOP-battery on police officer/firefighter/EMT
Roderick M. Brown, 39, Green Cove

GCS man charged with vehicular homicide following road-rage crash

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — Two men were arrested and charged with three counts of vehicular homicide in connection with a road-rage accident a year ago in St. Johns County.

Joseph John Devenuta, 70, of Green Cove Springs, was taken to jail following a lengthy investigation into a crash on State Road 16 that resulted in the deaths of three people. Lucas Hedetniemi-Hart, of St. Augustine, also was arrested on May 20.

According to the arrest report, surveillance showed Devenuta and Hedetniemi-Hart chasing each other while heading west on S.R. 16. The Florida Highway Patrol said Devenuta ran a red light at the intersection of Woodland Road and slammed into a car driven by 71-year-old Christopher Converse. All three people in Converse's car died.



Joseph Devenuta

Devenuta told troopers he was trying to take a picture of Hedetniemi-Hart's van with his cellphone when he ran the red light.

Both men are being held on a \$450,000 bond.

Tallahassee man charged with trafficking methamphetamine

GREEN COVE SPRINGS — A call about a suspicious person led to the arrest of a Tallahassee man and the recovery of a stash of narcotics.

Thomas Marshall Spingler, 41, was charged with trafficking methamphetamine and manufacturing, delivering or selling cocaine, after deputies detained him because the license tag on his car was assigned to a mobile home.

Spingler was standing with a backpack next to his car on U.S. Highway 17 at Hale Road when CCSO arrived. Spingler told deputies he had drugs inside the backpack, according to the arrest report. A search



Thomas Spingler

of his backpack led to the discovery of 1.4 grams of cocaine, a total of 11.6 grams of methamphetamine, a bottle of liquid methamphetamine and nine tablets of Promethazine Hydrochloride. Deputies also recovered two digital scales and \$7,400 in cash.

According to the arrest report, Spingler told deputies he withdrew \$10,000 from the bank so he could "buy drugs and party."

Spingler's bond was set at \$350,006.

CCSO: Shoplifter detained by Orange Park Mall security, shopper

ORANGE PARK — A shoplifter who was trying to take two gold chains and a gold bracelet from a jewelry store at the Orange Park Mall was detained by mall security and a shopper until the Clay County Sheriff's Office arrived.

Lawrence Jemaar Lynch, 39, of Jacksonville, was charged with grand theft on May 19.

According to the arrest report, Lynch



Lawrence Lynch

asked a saleswoman at Jewelry Boutique to see the three pieces of jewelry. When he tried to leave the mall, the woman yelled "thief," which alerted security and a bystander. They detained him at the mall entrance until CCSO arrived. The total value of the three gold items was \$6,693, the store said.

Lynch's bond was set at \$25,003.

Jacksonville man busted for shoplifting at Home Depot

MIDDLEBURG — A 42-year-old unemployed man from Jacksonville was arrested after he walked out of a Home Depot store with a shopping cart filled with unpaid merchandise.

Randall Thomas Shirley was charged with 10 counts of shoplifting from multiple locations after surveillance cameras at 1575 Branan Field Road captured an image of his license tag after he took 18 rolls of copper wire worth \$2,968.75. Shirley also was charged with driving with a suspended license.

According to the arrest report, Shirley filled a cart on May 17 and walked out of the store without paying.

Shirley's bond was set at \$55,032.

Arrests

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Springs, violation of pretrial release conditions

Shannan M. Allen, 40, Middleburg, trafficking methamphetamine/amphetamine, FTA

Wednesday, May 19

Brandy K. O'Brien, 44, Middleburg, FTA-DWLSR

DeMarcus A. Bussey, 37, Middleburg, violation of injunction against unlawful threat/word/act of violence

Bobby M. Mullis, 31, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Lawrence J. Lynch, 39, Orange Park, grand theft

Bobby W. Mozingo, 44, Green Cove Springs, FTA-petit theft

Heather D. Young, 33, Green Cove Springs, FTA-battery

Charles O. McMillan, 41, Middleburg, sale of methamphetamine

Keri A.O. White, 42, Middleburg, sale of methamphetamine

Matthew R. Trull, 35, Orange Park, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, possession-marijuana, trespassing

Bettina L. Smith, 37, Orange Park, trespassing

Joseph M. Zarrillo, 33, Melrose, FTA

John M. Kirkham, 25, Middleburg, DUI

Community Briefs

Health and Wellness Fair coming to Melrose on June 4

MELROSE — The Melrose Center will host a Health and Wellness Fair on June 4 from noon to 5 p.m. in the lot at 307 State Road 26.

The fair will feature walk-up COVID-19 vaccinations, wellness and health classes, diabetes screening and testing, high blood pressure screening, referral to low-cost or free health care services referrals to paid health research studies, chair massages, acupuncture information, free vegetarian or meat lasagna with a COVID vaccination and music.

The fair is presented by the Florida Department of Health-Putnam County, UF HealthStreet, Southern HIV and Alcohol Research Consortium of the University of Florida, the Melrose Senior Healthcare Center of North Florida and Lake Area Massage.

Women's Giving Alliance kicks Off 20th-anniversary celebration

CLAY COUNTY — The Women's Giving Alliance, an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, today kicked off its 20th Anniversary celebration at its annual Member Forum with the announcement of \$587,500 in grants to 10 Northeast Florida nonprofits.

"Harnessing the power of collective giving, the Women's Giving Alliance has awarded more than \$7.6 million in grants to 68 non-profit community partners since

its founding to improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Florida," said Jan Healy, president of WGA and Founder and President of Renewing Dignity. "We are a dynamic and diverse group of more than 400 women committed to our mission, which includes grantmaking to improve the lives of the most marginalized women and girls in our community."

Two organizations in Clay County shared in the benefits, including:

- Generation USA: Information Technology and Administrative Medical Assistant Programs. Generation USA is a boot camp-style training program that focuses on the technical and soft skills employers say are most needed in the workforce. Generation USA partners with local employers to provide full-time jobs or paid internships upon successful completion of the training. The \$75,000 grant will provide a stipend to 70 women in training and 24 in internships so they can afford to participate full-time in the IT and Administrative Medical Assistant programs.

- Generation W: Generation WOW. The Generation WOW program provides girls in middle and high school with mentorship, guidance, and specific tools to better navigate post-secondary education and potential careers.

The \$75,000 grant will allow 75 girls to participate in Generation WOW clubs designed specifically for girls who are at

or near the poverty level, including those in rural areas, by providing tablets and accessibility resources so they may participate in remote learning activities.

At the meeting, WGA shared priorities from its new strategic plan, which include simplifying grantmaking processes to reduce administrative burdens on grant applicants; analyzing new approaches to grantmaking such as through trust-based philanthropy; and strengthening the organization's operating budget to support growth. WGA has also formalized its ongoing focus on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), both in its membership and in the women and girls supported by WGA grants.

"From the beginning, WGA has sought to be inclusive and bring women with a diversity of opinions, experiences, ideas and passions—in addition to demographic diversity—into the fold," said Ann-Marie Knight, chair of the WGA DEI Committee and Vice President, Community Engagement and Chief Diversity Officer, UF Health Jacksonville.

"Now, we are being more deliberate about how we structure our recruiting of new members and our grantmaking to address the different experiences of women and girls of color."

WGA will celebrate its 20th Anniversary throughout 2021 and 2022 with activities for members, grantees and the broader Northeast Florida community. Stay tuned to www.wganefl.org for more information about the Anniversary Celebrations and to learn more about WGA.



STAFF PHOTO BY JON CANTRELL

Pace Center for Girls graduating Class of 2021

ORANGE PARK -- Fifteen girls and young women celebrated their graduation Wednesday, May 26. Pictured are: from left, Pace President Mary Max, Florida Sen. Jennifer Bradley, Tara-Lynn Ansley Tucker, Executive Director Destanti Shadrick, Kayla Marie Jury, Desire alize Gail Cordova, Henry Nicole Ernster, Natasha Rein Johns, Caitlyn Marie Swanson, Alexis Erin Bennett, Valedictorian Destiny Alexandria Smith, Ella Lane Stovall, Sofia Alexandra Altagracia and Cheyenne Sierra Mills.



Clay Fair earns two state awards
Clay County Agricultural Fair awarded two First Place awards at the 70th Annual Florida Federation of Fairs conference held in Naples, Florida. The awards were awarded for: Non-Fair Related Agriculture Event Program Which is Produced or Co-Produced by your fair for our Ag-Education boxes and Newly Established or Evolving Exhibit at Your Fair Which Promotes Agriculture to the Fair Going Public for our new Ag Ed Shed.



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Riding the storm out

Have a plan to keep animals safe before a hurricane approaches

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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CLAY COUNTY – Now that hurricane season is here, Clay County residents should be preparing now for both themselves and their pets. Unfortunately, pets and large farm animals are often forgotten about and left behind during a storm.

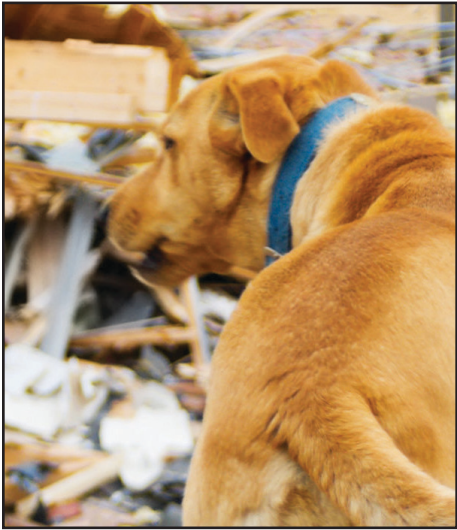
John Ward, the Director of Emergency Management, has a few suggestions for how pet owners can be ready for hurricane season.

“Make a kit for your animals just as you would do for yourself,” Ward said.

This kit should include important paperwork such as vaccinations or health certificates, food and water that can last the pet for five-to-seven days, any medication and a carrier for travel. Other items to include would be cat litter and a litter box for cats, bedding, leashes and toys to keep them occupied. Everything in a pet emergency kit will be required if pet owners have to go to a pet-friendly shelter.

Pet-friendly shelters should be seen as a last resort for pet owners. Spaces are limited and pet-friendly shelters aren’t available unless there’s an evacuation alert. The locations for these shelters are not announced until the storm is imminent. Pets that are accepted into these shelters are dogs, cats, rodents, rabbits and birds. Families are encouraged to make an emergency evacuation plan that includes their pets.

For large animals such as horses and cows, Ward believes it’s important not to



keep them locked in a barn so that they have a chance to escape from danger.

“The biggest thing for large animals is not to coop them up because animals have the ability to get away from danger unless they are locked in a barn,” Ward says. “For large animals, it’s really about being able to identify them, either through the animal having a chip or putting an address on them.”

It’s especially important for owners of horses and other large animals to have emergency evacuation plans as these animals are commonly left behind and given no access to escape. Equestrian owners should have a location for where to go in the event of an emergency evacuation. Currently, there is only one equestrian shelter available in North Florida, the Jacksonville Equestrian Center at 13611 Normandy Blvd.

It’s important for pet owners to start planning ahead for natural disasters to save both human lives and pet lives. For more information on how to prepare for natural disasters and other emergencies, visit alert.claycountygov.com where there is a section on pets under the disaster preparedness tab.



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The Clay County Board of Commissioners celebrated upcoming Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 25, by inviting the Gen. Roy S. Geiger Commandant Marine Corps League colorguard to the meeting and hearing the National Anthem sung by School District’s Sylvia G. Howard.



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'Working to put a roof over their heads'

NEFAR assists disaster victims with \$250,000 donation to REALTORS Relief fund

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY — Police, firefighters, or paramedics usually top the list of first responders called when disaster strikes. Thanks to the generosity of the real estate community — including members of the Northeast Florida Association of REALTORS — local REALTORS can be added to the list of first responders.

Over the past two decades, the REALTORS Relief Foundation has had a major role in helping victims of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, and wildfires to keep a roof over their heads in the wake of catastrophe. This year, in honor of the foundation's 20th anniversary, NEFAR has donated \$250,000 to the REALTORS Relief Fund's campaign to ensure the fund will have a sustainable reserve and be ready to provide housing-related assistance at a moment's notice.

"REALTORS understand the strength of community, and they realize the enormous benefit of people being able to quickly repair or rebuild what they have lost," said Cathy Whatley, a NEFAR member who served as First Vice President of the National Association of REALTORS in 2001 when RRF was founded.

"In order to be an early responder, it is necessary to have funds on hand so financial assistance can immediately be sent to individuals in areas hit hard by a disaster. This generous contribution by the Northeast Florida Association of REALTORS will help ensure the REALTORS Relief Foundation can continue to be positioned to quickly respond should a disaster strike. While we hope that our First Coast area is spared from needing assistance, RRF will be there to help us if a disaster should occur, because 'That's Who We R,'" Whatley continued, referring to NAR's national campaign slogan that helps consumers understand that REALTORS in their local communities are real estate experts, who abide by a Code of Ethics and fight for real estate dreams and property rights.

Established in September 2001, the day after 9/11, RRF was created as a REALTOR-driven response to the terrorist attacks in New York City. Since its inception, the fund has distributed more than \$33 million to more than 17,000 families in calamity-afflicted communities.

"The REALTORS Relief Foundation was initially set up to financially assist families who lost a loved one from the tragic events on September 11, 2001," Whatley explained. "REALTORS felt the best way to help those families was to provide each of them with the money they needed to cover three months of their rent or mortgage payments so the families wouldn't have to worry about their housing while they dealt with the shock of losing a loved one. More than \$8 million was raised and distributed to hundreds of families who received those payments within a short period of time. REALTOR members personally delivered the checks and many of the family members tearfully shared that the check they were being handed was the first money they had received from any source, including other charitable agencies. In a very significant and meaningful way, REALTORS were 'first responders' to those who needed our help," she said.

The goal of the REALTORS Relief Foundation is to never say 'no' to those in need during a time of disaster, said Whatley, who has been named an honorary chair of the REALTORS Relief Foundation's 20th Anniversary Campaign. In receiving a grant from RRF, disaster victims are not bogged down by bureaucracy or paperwork. Since the National Association of Realtors covers all administrative costs, 100% of donations to the fund go directly to disaster-impacted families.

In recent years, RRF money has assisted wildfire victims in Washington State, flood casualties in North Dakota, and those who suffered the wrath of Hurricanes Sandy, Irene, Lee, and Michael,



From left, Mark Rosener, NEFAR president-elect; Rory Dubin, NEFAR secretary; Ron Harris, NEFAR past president; Diana Galavis, NEFAR treasurer; Cathy Whatley, founder REALTORS Relief Fund; William Glenn East, NEFAR CEO; and, Missi Howell, NEFAR president, are ready to assist Northeast Florida residents in the event of a natural disaster.

as well as tornado-terrorized residents in Alabama and Missouri. In all, members of the national, state, and local REALTOR associations have aided community members in 39 states and U.S. territories through more than 80 natural disasters.

"We are so pleased to be able to make this contribution to the REALTORS Relief Fund, which will help our REALTOR family members and others in the community in their time of need and assist the funding source to become a perpetual fund," said NEFAR President Missi Howell, of the \$250,000 donation.

Proud to support RRF's important work, William Glenn East, CEO of NEFAR, said his organization's leadership thought it was crucial to make a sizeable donation in honor of the foundation's 20th anniversary. Although many individual NEFAR real estate professionals had personally donated

to the fund, NEFAR as an organization had not made a formal contribution to RRF over the past 20 years, he said.

"I am really proud of the NEFAR leadership for stepping up to assist families in their time of need and for being a leader in establishing a permanent funding vehicle to ensure the RRF remains a viable tool in the future," said East, who is the top administrator of the 10,000-plus member trade association in Northeast Florida. "As a five-year member and former chair of the Florida Realtors Disaster Relief Fund, I personally witnessed the RRF funds assisting many of our families in the Florida panhandle after Hurricane Michael, along with the application and distribution support from the Florida Realtors DRF. This was truly REALTOR teamwork at its best, and I am very proud of our REALTOR family throughout this great country."



Veterans' organizations return to in-person celebration for Memorial Day

CLAY COUNTY — Veterans' organizations are ready to honor the military, now that COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. This Memorial Day, there will be various events throughout the county. VFW Post 1988 in Green Cove Springs is having a barbecue on Sunday, May 30, and starting at 2 p.m. on Monday it will host a traditional Memorial Day ceremony. Vietnam Veterans of America Col. William G. Byrd Chapter 1099 will be participating at Memorial Day RiverFest all day Monday at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. A ceremony is planned at American Legion Post 250 at noon in Middleburg, and in Keystone Heights, there will be a flag ceremony hosted by AMVETS Post 86. All across Clay County there will be ceremonies to give respect to the fallen. It is especially important for civilians to maintain close relationships with their veteran and active military friends and family members during this solemn time.

Navy to Navy Homes donates millions to funding for 1,000 homes for Florida heroes

For Clay Today

CLAY COUNTY – For more than eight years, Navy to Navy Homes, a Jacksonville-based full-service realty and property management firm, has been affiliated with the Homes for Heroes program. Mario Gonzalez, the founder and broker of Navy to Navy Homes has put together a team of professionals who are immensely devoted to their collective philosophy and support the company's belief and commitment to help make homeownership affordable for men and women. Specifically, the men and women who provide extraordinary services to the nation and local communities throughout Pensacola and Northeast Florida, including Clay County.

Due to their strong beliefs and personal sacrifices, Gonzalez and his associates have once again been recognized by the Homes for Heroes® program as the top donating organization nationwide.

According to Gonzalez, this year, the Navy to Navy team is pleased to have exceeded their cumulative annual expectations with more than \$2 million dollars donated to veterans, military families, first responders, teachers, frontline, and essential workers who have served during the pandemic, and beyond.

During the company's history with Homes for Heroes, Navy to Navy Homes has given back to more than 1,000 recipients. Gonzalez and his team focus on

providing affordable housing and essential living support items by contributing a portion of their income on every qualifying real estate transaction which benefits both buyers and sellers.

"We assist those who have served our country and local communities with homes and comfort," Gonzalez said. "Men and women in the helping professions can experience distance, time, logistics, and budget challenges during the housing process, and also need assistance in everyday living."

For example, local real estate specialists such as Gonzalez, who buy, sell, or refinance a home for specific customer groups can provide more savings through the Homes for Heroes Hero Rewards program.

With a donation of earnings and commissions, Homes for Heroes Specialists help fund the Homes for Heroes Circle of Giving which strengthens American communities by putting more money directly into the hands of heroes and also serving heroes in need through the non-profit Homes for Heroes Foundation.

According to Abby Waltz, National Director of Homes for Heroes, on average, heroes can save thousands of dollars when they buy or sell a home with a Homes for Heroes specialist including Navy to Navy Homes. The program also offers benefits with mortgages, titles, inspections, and others affiliated with the service. The com-



Mario Gonzalez started Navy to Navy Homes to help make home ownership more affordable in communities throughout northern Florida, including Clay County. Navy to Navy Homes has committed \$1 million to help members of the military, first responders, frontline healthcare workers teachers and essential workers hit hardest during the COVID-19 pandemic.

pany's mission is to provide exceptional savings to those who provide remarkable services to our nation every day.

"Mario and his entire staff have achieved so much, and I don't just mean in the number of people they've served," said Waltz. "They are caring and knowledgeable real estate professionals and we are so honored and grateful to have a group of their caliber with us at Homes for Heroes. They are helping us fulfill our shared mission to thank every hero," she said. "We could not have reached our full potential as a 20-year-old organization without their help."

"When clients work with our real estate affiliates to buy or sell a home, they receive a Hero Rewards check back after closing equal to \$700 for every \$100,000 in sales price that they can use for whatever they'd like," said Waltz. "Mario and his

team have gone above and beyond the affiliation with also providing improvements to homes owned by individuals who are in physical and financial need." During the month of May and throughout 2021, Waltz and her organization will be honoring companies such as Navy to Navy Homes and many professionals with a 20-year commemoration of the devastating time during 9/11 and her organization's 20-year anniversary with milestone giving to individuals and families, and significant donations to related service organizations.

Navy to Navy Homes and Homes for Heroes focus on donating to homeowners in northeast Florida and Pensacola, Fla. For more information, contact Mario Gonzalez at (904) 900-4766 or email mario@navy-tonavy.com. Navy to Navy homes is located at 10605 Theresa Dr., Suite No. 5 in Jacksonville.



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

AMVETS honors nine Keystone Heights High graduates with scholarships

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – Nine college-bound students from Keystone Heights High all got a little extra spending money Saturday at AMVETS Post 86 in Keystone Heights. The veterans-based organization gave \$500 scholarships to essay winners from three categories – Sons Scholars, AMVET scholars and Ladies Aux Scholars. More than 70 club and family members attended the ceremony on Brooklyn Bay Road. The winners were: (front, from left) Lillian Snelgrove, Lindsey Schrader, Shonshna Fernandez and Camille Leanne Jackson, (back, from left) John David Schenck, Mikell Kicklighter, Camryn Williams, James (Lex) Crosby and Lucas Kicklighter.

Hurricane

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“Now is the time for communities along the coastline as well as inland to get prepared for the dangers that hurricanes can bring,” said Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. “The experts at NOAA are poised to deliver life-saving early warnings and forecasts to communities, which will also help minimize the economic impacts of storms.”

President Joe Biden said Monday he’s going to direct \$1 billion in emergency spending to help communities prepare for hurricanes and other extreme weather events.

Last year, the United States dealt with 22 weather and other natural disasters with losses greater than \$1 billion each. The disasters, which included wildfires, hurricanes and snowstorms, had a combined cost of nearly \$100 billion.

The season officially started until June 1, storm season already started with Tropical Storm Ana in the Central Atlantic and a cluster of tropical-like storms formed last weekend off the coast of Texas.

It’s never too early to get ready for a possible natural disaster, according to John Ward, the Director of Emergency Management in the county.

“We should be prepared year-round,” he said.

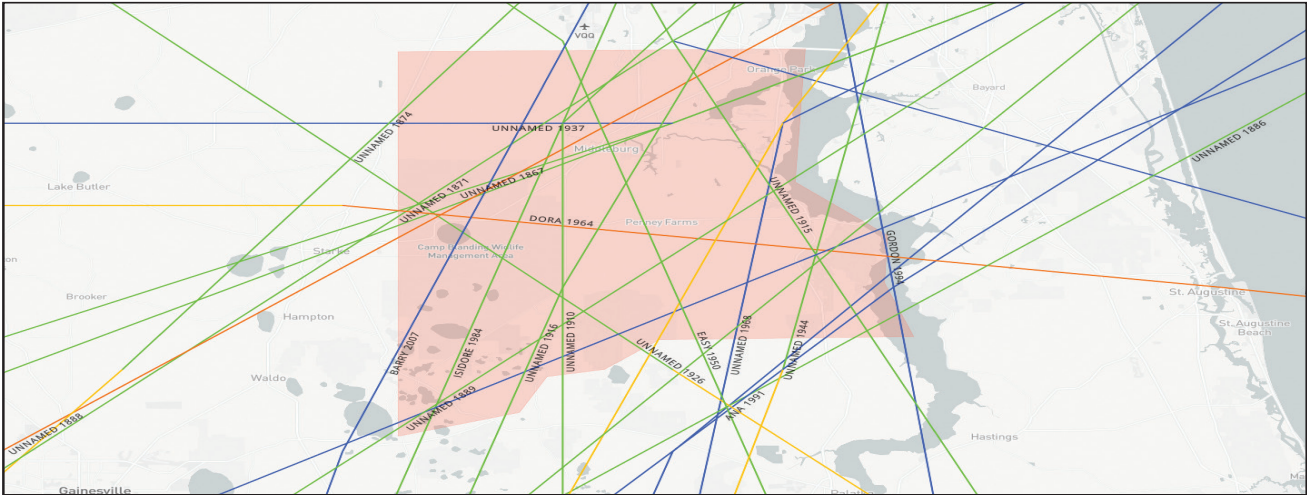
An important first step is joining the text alert list from the county. When there’s an emergency, the county will issue an alert on cellphones, and every resident should sign up for the service, Ward said.

“I know a lot of people don’t like getting woke up, but we only use that for an emergency – missing kids, severe thunderstorms, tornado warnings, those kinds of things that are issued for that geographic area,” he said. “As always, keep a preparedness kit in case we have a storm or an order to evacuate. All of our information that our residents need is at the alert. claycountygov.com website. They can get a lot of the preparedness information there.”

One of the most devastating storms in Clay County history was Hurricane Irma in 2017. While the NOAA said the storm had weakened to a Category 1 storm when it came within 100 miles of the Northeast Florida coastline. And while Irma didn’t meet NOAA’s standards for wind speed and millibars of air pressure to be categorized as a hurricane in Clay County, the storm still did significant flooding damage throughout the county, particularly along the Black Creek that crested at 28.5 feet. The previous high for Black Creek was 24.3 feet in 1923. According to county and state officials, at least 1,200 homes in the county sustained flooding damage.

“That’s a problem. Since Dora [in 1964], there’s some question since Dora we haven’t had a sustained tropical storm,” Ward said. “A lot of people think because it was named, like Tropical Storm Debbie or Hurricane Beryl or Hurricane Irma, that they’ve lived through one – and they really haven’t.”

Even if a storm is more than 1,000



Clay County Hurricanes

Year	Name	Max Wind	Category	Year	Name	Max Wind	Category
2007	Barry	50 mph	TS	1928	Unnamed	140 mph	H5
1994	Gordon	75 mph	H1	1926	Unnamed	120 mph	H4
1991	Ana	45 mph	TS	1916	Unnamed	40 mph	TS
1984	Isidore	50 mph	TS	1915	Unnamed	65 mph	H1
1984	Unnamed	30 mph	TD	1910	Unnamed	130 mph	H4
1982	Unnamed	60 mph	TS	1889	Unnamed	65 mph	H1
1968	Unnamed	25 mph	TD	1888	Unnamed	95 mph	H2
1964	Dora	115 mph	H4	1886	Unnamed	75 mph	H1
1950	Easy	105mph	H3	1874	Unnamed	80 mph	H1
1946	Unnamed	40 mph	TS	1871	Unnamed	70 mph	H1
1944	Unnamed	125 mph	H4	1867	Unnamed	90mph	H2
1937	Unnamed	50 mph	TS	1859	Unnamed	65 mph	H1

miles away, once it’s named it’s too late to make changes to insurance policies, Ward said.

“A lot of people don’t check into that until it’s too late,” he said.

Once a storm is imminent, it’s probably

too late to safely hunker down.

To help Florida residents get ready for hurricane season, Gov. Ron DeSantis announced a tax-free holiday on storm supplies from May 28 through June 6. Items that can be purchased tax-free include re-

usable ice packs, candles, flashlights, lanterns, gas and diesel fuel containers, batteries (not including automobile and boat batteries), radios, tarps, tie-downs and portable generators which cost \$1,000 or less.

Prepare for Hurricane Season

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov. 30 every year, so now is the time to prepare ahead of the storm season. Here are some helpful tips to get you and your loved ones ready.

Stay Informed

Your first line of defense is to stay informed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has developed an app that will send real-time alerts via the National Weather Service. The app can be viewed at <https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-app-text-messages>.

The National Weather Service office in Jacksonville will announce any real-time weather updates from their official @NWSJacksonville Twitter and NWSJacksonville Facebook sites.

For even more local information, sign up for Clay County-specific emergency alerts to be sent to your mobile device or home phone with Alert Clay from Clay County Emergency Management. To sign up, visit <https://www.claycountygov.com/community/emergency-management/alert-clay>.

Make an Emergency Plan

If you do not have an emergency plan, make one today. The Clay County All-Hazards Preparedness Guide is a great place to start at <https://www.claycountygov.com/home/showdocument?id=1434>. Remember to consider the needs of your pets, or any special medical or dietary needs your family may have.

Floridians are encouraged to have at least seven days of supplies on hand. These include food, water, medicine, batteries, pet food and anything special that you or your family need every day.

Know your Evacuation Zone

If ordered to evacuate, do not delay. Every minute you wait will result in significantly longer travel times as traffic congestion worsens. Make hotel or motel reservations before you leave, and make sure that your vehicle is full of fuel. Consider downloading the Florida 511 app or the Waze app to help determine the best route.

The Clay County evacuation zone map can be found at <https://www.claycountygov.com/home/showdocument?id=4050>.

Get Ready

Review your important documents and make sure to have them handy, especially your insurance paperwork. Make digital copies, but keep them password protected.

Verify that your insurance is current. Make a list of valuable items and take inventory of the items in your refrigerator and freezer, as some insurance policies cover food loss claims in the event of a power outage.

Get tech ready. Charge your cellphones, portable charging stations, computers, tablets and other devices. Grab your charging cords if you need to evacuate or shelter.

Fill any medical prescriptions and have medical equipment ready to go prior to the storm.

Strengthen your home. Bring in any outside furniture, lawn ornaments and other loose items. Clean your gutters and drains, and consider installing hurricane shutters.

This year is still different

Like last year, the coronavirus pandemic has added a complication to hurricane preparedness. Verify if local shelters will be open and if they have capacity restrictions. If you do need to evacuate to a shelter, be sure to bring items to help protect you and your loved ones from COVID-19, including hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies and at least two face coverings a person.

2021 Atlantic Hurricane Names

Ana (active)	Henri	Odette
Bill	Ida	Peter
Claudette	Julian	Rose
Danny	Kate	Sam
Elsa	Larry	Teresa
Fred	Mindy	Victor
Grace	Nicholas	Wanda

(Note: Starting this year, if there are more than 21 named storms this season, subsequent storms will take names from an auxiliary list of names approved by the World Meteorological Organization. Previously, the Greek alphabet was used if a season’s primary name list was exhausted; this happened in 2005 and again in 2020.)

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Fleming Island High pitcher Cody Carwile gets set to send fastball to plate in Class 6A state semifinal win over Viera High on Friday. Carwile shutout Viera with six strikeout effort.

Carwile smokes Viera; state final bats quiet

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

FORT MYERS - Fleming Island High coach Grant Bigilin got a big-time college pitching effort from his powerhouse lineup with senior Cody Carwile smoking Viera High with six strikeouts in the Golden Eagles 6-0 win in the Class 6A semifinal game on Friday in Fort Myers.

Fleming Island (25-6) lost in the Class 6A championship game 5-1 to Bloomingdale High, who won their first-ever state title. Bloomingdale, out of Valrico, had a 24-6 record and out-hit the Golden Eagles 10-5 including a decisive four-run third inning. Aidan Mastantuno hit a double for

the Golden Eagles. Senior pitcher Dylan Dudones was starting pitcher and took the loss with Isaac Williams pitching two innings of relief.

"Of course, there were tears and unhappy faces, but I tried to remind them that this was the work of four years ending at the state championship game," said Fleming Island coach Grant Bigilin, himself a region finalist player for the Golden Eagles in his playing days. "For both of us; the players and me, it was a first time to the big show. There was a lot of waiting around and kind of sitting idle, but all the teams

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Runs hard to get for Panthers at Final Four

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CLERMONT - In a season that late flurries of runs and exciting finishes were the norm, the Ridgeview High Lady Panthers softball team got silenced at the batters' box by a 13-strikeout juggernaut pitcher as Eustis High, the top seed in the Class 4A Final Four tournament, eeked out a 2-0 state semifinal win Wednesday morning in Clermont.

"She was really good and I knew we would be in a battle," said Ridgeview coach Casey Thompson, who theoretically, without the COVID shutdown of last year, could have been in a third straight Final Four tournament. "I credit the teams we play like Clay five times, Oakleaf a couple times, Keystone Heights and Middleburg, all right here in Clay County, with preparing us and



Three seniors for Ridgeview High School softball; with two Final Four finishes in three years, from left, Brittany Michael, Ashlyn Halford and Brooke Michael smile up before their Class 4A state semifinal game against Eustis High. Eustis won.

themselves to this level of play. It's a shout out to the entire county's talent level. Last year's team was just as deserving."

Thompson capped the season with a second record-setting wins campaign with

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St. Johns Country Day School junior pitcher Brad Hodges, right, will be part of handful of returning players for Spartans after a Class 2A runnerup finish in 2021.

High hopes end at championship game

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

Fort Myers - A rare two home run night against the St. Johns Country Day School pitching lineup was enough to give Out of

Door Academy of Sarasota a 5-3 Class 2A championship win Thursday night in Fort Myers in the Spartans first visit to the

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Channell grand slam gets Liberty one more game

Courtesy of Liberty U Athletics

KNOXVILLE - Liberty University freshman Savannah Channell hit a go-ahead grand slam off of Tennessee pitcher Ashley Rogers, sparking a 6-4 come-from-behind win as the 24th-ranked Lady Flames eliminated No. 9 national seed Tennessee, Saturday at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium in the NCAA womens softball championship tournament held in Knoxville.

"Savannah is an amazing athlete," said Liberty coach Dot Richardson, a U.S. Olympic gold medalist and an NCAA champion player for UCLA. "At shortstop, she is poetry in motion at shortstop. She makes great plays look easy. She did it (homered) against Alabama and LSU. For her to hit a grand slam against Rogers, the Tennessee pitcher, I smile and hope she knows how special that was."

For Channell, a graduate of Keystone Heights High School, it was her fourth homer of the season. Channell finished with a .256 batting average, 29 runs bat-

ted in plus 78 put outs from her shortstop position.

The Lady Flames (44-14) advance to its second Regional final in program history and first since 2018. Liberty staved off elimination twice today, downing Eastern Kentucky 5-1 this afternoon before knocking off the Lady Vols tonight. Tennessee sees its season end at 42-15 after falling to James Madison and Liberty today. The Lady Flames downed the Lady Vols for the first time in program history after Tennessee had won each of the first 20 meetings. That included a 6-0 Lady Vols win over Liberty on March 30 this season.

The Lady Flames eventually lost an 8-5 contest to James Madison on Sun., May 23, to end their season in the double elimination round of the tournament. Liberty's bats hit three homers against James Madison. James Madison (37-1) extended its winning streak to 27 games, the longest active winning streak in NCAA Division I softball. In the process, the Dukes advance to their third NCAA Super Regional and



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIBERTY U ATHLETICS

Keystone Heights High grad and softball player Savannah Channell gets Liberty University welcome at home plate after her grand slam homer that defeated ninth-ranked Tennessee in NCAA championship tournament play.

second in a row.

Liberty had one other three homer game in March 2020 in game against Alabama.

The Lady Flames (44-15) entered Sunday's game needing to defeat the Dukes twice today to advance to their first-ever Super Regional. Liberty went 2-2 at this week's Knoxville Regional, eliminating Eastern Kentucky and No. 9 seed Tennessee yesterday and falling twice to JMU.

Liberty has qualified for the Regional fi-

nal in each of its last two trips to the NCAA Tournament, in 2018 and again this year.

Also in NCAA tournament action, the fourth-seeded University of Florida, with Oakleaf High graduates and state champions Baylee Goddard and Katie Kister, continue into the NCAA super region with a three game series against Georgia on May 28-30. Florida beat Georgia 8-1 on April 5.

Florida beat South Florida 1-0, South Alabama 10-0 and South Florida a second

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Lowery tagged as state weightlifting coach of year

GAINESVILLE — Keystone Heights High School boys weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery was named the 2021 Boys' Weightlifting Coach-of-the-Year while Winter Springs High senior Marvin Collins was selected as the winner of the 2021 Florida Dairy Farmers Mr. Weightlifting award, in a press release from the Florida Dairy Farmers.

"I think the key was that we had a bunch of weight classes with two or three guys having to compete just to be the two guys that would be able to go to tournaments," said Lowery. "There was not a sense of being the best guy in a single weight class without having someone real close pushing you to keep sharp. On a good day, we had a lot of third guys that could be number two before a meet."

Lowery was selected as the 2021 Boys' Weightlifting Coach-of-the-Year after leading Keystone Heights to the Class 1A state title, the school's first since 2014. The team had eight place winners, including 139-pound champion Zach Glover and 169-pound champion Kade Sanders, in scoring 37 points. Lowery, in his 16th season at Keystone Heights, was coach for the 2014 state champion team as well.

"I've got 10 more years to go and I love coaching and I love teaching and love doing both," said Lowery. "This year we had some big meets near the end of the season to ready the guys for the big lights. The Suwannee and county meet were real good for going up against bigger, strong kids. In the past, we would get to the point of big



Keystone Heights High weightlifting coach Lantz Lowery chats up with lifter Colton Tibbetts.

meets, then mess up. These guys stayed focused and tough throughout the season."

Collins, who won the 238-pound Class 2A state championship, posted a 400-pound bench press and added a 350-pound lift in the clean-and-jerk for a 750-pound total that bested the runnerup by 80 pounds. The Florida Dairy Farmers High School Sports Awards program exemplifies Florida Dairy Farmers' commitment to the state's youth. This is the 29th year of these unique awards as we honor the state's top athletes and coaches in all 30 FHSAA sanctioned and recognized sports. The program also emphasizes to young people the importance of keeping dairy products a primary part of their diet in their overall nutrition plan



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Former Oakleaf High softball standout Jaeda McFarland made strong transition to NCAA softball with outstanding freshman season for University of Maryland.

McFarland named Big Ten Freshman of the Year

COLLEGE PARK, MD — Oakleaf High graduate Jaeda McFarland, now a freshman softball player at the University of Maryland, has been named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, as announced by the conference on Wednesday. This marks Maryland's first freshman to receive such honor since joining the Big Ten, with Lindsey Schmeiser taking the ACC title in 2013.

In addition, McFarland, an Oakleaf High School graduate, has been named to the All-Second, All-Freshman, and

All-Defensive team; the most honors a player has earned at one time in Maryland history.

McFarland led the team in multiple statistical categories this season, including games started (44), runs scored (24), hits (46, 9th in B1G), RBIs (19), triples (4, 4th in B1G), total bases (68) and stolen bases (13, 7th in B1G). Her 1,000 fielding percentage leads the conference, and her three runs scored against Michigan State (04/09) ranks second overall.

Spring Football Action

In spring football action on Thursday and Friday, left, Ridgeview undertook 2021 with a new coaching staff led by new head coach Bryan Arnette and getting tough match with Flagler Palm Coast; ball carrier Nasir Tillman breaks for Panthers. At Oakleaf High, right, the Knights took on Class 4A powerhouse Suwannee High and gave up a 28-7 deficit into the third with ArMon Cooper reaching for end zone toss fro quarterback Drew Ammon. Knights scored first with strong running from Devon Outlaw and a touchdown pass to Isaiah Shevchook.



Fleming Island defensive end Abram Wright makes rush in Golden Eagles spring game against Mandarin. Eagles had a handful of players not playing for violating team rules. Right: Middleburg High fullback Logan Padgett loses his helmeted by Keystone Heights tackler in Broncos 21-0 spring game win.

Below: Orange Park quarterback Tavien Wilkerson takes off for green grass in Raiders tough spring game with Bolles and former Clay High coaches Matt Toblin (Bolles head coach) and Joshua Hoekstra (Bolles offensive coach). Bolles won a 47-6 game. Right: Middleburg High quarterback Luke Padgett tries to get away in Keystone Heights traffic. Padgett and Broncos won a 21-0 contest.





ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Savannah Channell
Liberty U/Keystone Heights
High Softball

Savannah Channell, a freshman shortstop for Liberty University, bashed a grand slam Homer to give Liberty a 6-4 win over ninth-ranked University of Tennessee in the NCAA women's Softball national championship tournament. The homer was Channell's fourth of the season.



Drew Homitz
Outfielder, Fleming Island
Baseball

Drew Homitz hit for two doubles and three runs batted in the Golden Eagles 6-0 class 6A state semi-finals playoff win on Friday. Golden Eagles finished as Class 6A runnersup in first visit to state championships in school history for baseball with finals' loss to Bloomingdale High on Saturday.

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Eagles

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were in the same boat. They gave me their all. We came here to be champions, but it didn't work out."

Against Viera, the hot bats were Drew Homitz with two doubles and Aiden Mastantuno with a third double, while Carwile limited Viera to just six singles and also induced a double play grounder in the fourth; Gavin Billingsley to Jacob Broussard to Mastantuno that snuffed a scoring threat.

"We won that first one (vs. Viera) and we were pumped up," said Bigilin. "The whole minor league experience of hanging around the hotel and all; we had to check out at noon and wait for the 7 p.m. championship game. That was tough, but no excuses."


In the fifth, right fielder Angelo Scionti smoked Viera baserunner Ben Schleeper at home plate with a lasered throw to catcher Jack Gidcumb with Viera attempting to score a run against a long throw. Scionti's throw got to Gidcumb fast enough that Schleeper hit the brakes before his collision with Gidcumb who was stationed like Dick Butkus on the goal line with the ball in front of home plate.

"He's been doing that all season," said Bigilin. "We moved him a bit closer to the gap because of the strong left wind gust and he ran right to the ball. He said he was thinking going home the whole time and he threw a strike to Gidcumb (Fleming Island catcher)."


Bigilin called the Scionti throw a key energy play for the game.

"I peeked the runner round third base and where Angelo was and knew they were going to send him with two outs," said Bigilin. "I said to myself if Angelo puts this throw where he usually does, the baserun-

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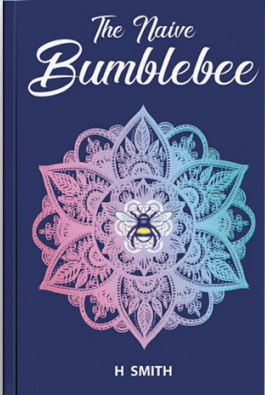


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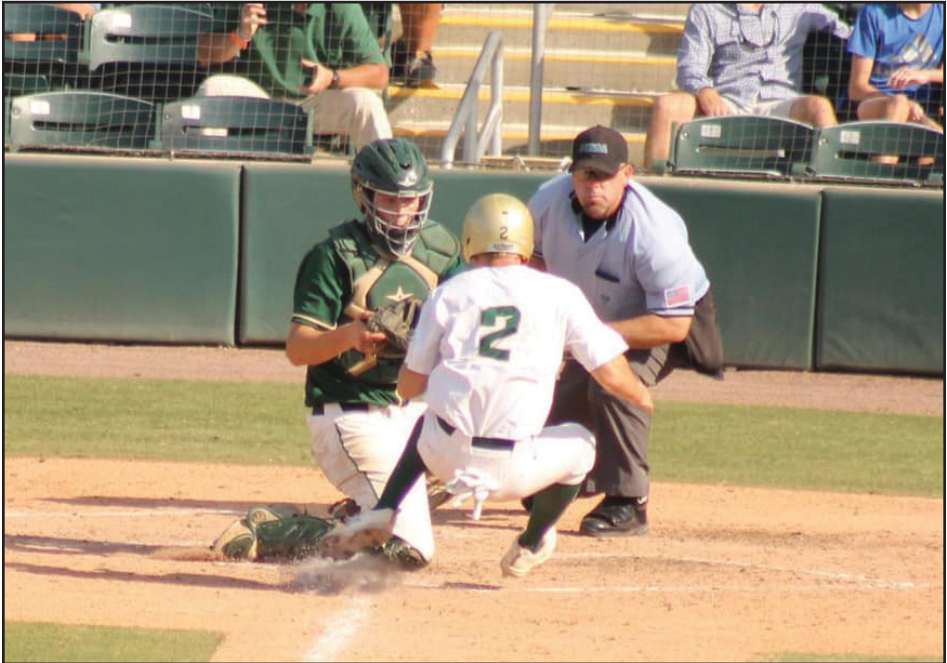
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Fleming Island High catcher Jack Gidcumb finishes off stellar defensive play that started with laser throw from right field Angelo Scionti that stomped out a Viera High run.

ner is toast. Giddie (Gidcumb) made the catch and positioned himself. He's a tall kid (6'-5") and very imposing. The runner stopped in his tracks rather than collide and Jack just tagged him."

Fleming Island blew up the scoreboard in the third inning with Billingsley singling, Justin Lebesch singling off a missed foot strike on first by the Viera pitcher Cole Teply on a routine grounder to first base, and Mastantuno calling up a B-52 strike double to left field to score both baserunners.

With Mastantuno finished and ending up at third, it was Homitz who copied his teammates blast with his own double; albeit a sneaky grounder past third base to put Fleming Island up 4-0. Prior to Homitz' hit, Marcus Murray was on first base after smoking a line drive off the hip of Teply and Gidcumb walked to load the bases; Justin Corfield in to run for Gidcumb. Homitz' hit was a reached curve ball strike that scored Mastantuno and Murray before getting caught in a net in the bull pen to stop Corfield at third. Corfield was tagged out at home on a steal attempt to end the inning.

"Drew's hit was right over third base and into foul territory," said Bigilin. "It was in that perfect spot to avoid the third baseman."

Billingsley got to third base in the fourth, but Viera got Lebesch to line drive out to third base.

A second double play behind Carwile; same trio, crushed the Viera will in the bottom of the fourth.

Fleming Island would score the final runs in the seventh off an error and a Mastantuno RBI single and an RBI double from Homitz to score his aforementioned teammate.

Against Bloomingdale, Fleming Island had opportunity with a single to Marcus Murray turning into a double play on a Jack Gidcumb grounder in the second inning. Two walks; Homitz and Broussard, followed for more baserunners, but Bloomingdale pitcher David Eckaus struck out Abram Summers.

"After they scored four, we had bases loaded no outs and only scored one," said Bigilin. "We have let that happen all season. There were some close calls along the way that we didn't get and that kind of set us back."

Fleming Island's defense; Broussard to Mastantuno, turned their own double play in the bottom of the second to put Dudones back in the dugout leaving a baserunner.

In the third, a walk and two singles got Bloomingdales' first run of the game with two more to follow before a three run triple upped the score to 4-0.

"They had really good ball players that strung together a bunch of hits," said Bigilin. "Dylan (Dudones) was not getting close calls on strikes and maybe go frustrated, but he threw great."

Fleming Island reacted with two walks and a single to load the bases with Broussard plating Murray with a sacrifice fly; 4-1, before Bloomingdale executed a second double play off a Gavin Billingsley grounder.

Mastantuno double in the fifth with two outs, but Murray grounded out.

Williams took the mound in the fifth and gave up one run on and RBI single.

Fleming Island hit six fly balls in their final two innings.



The Ridgeview High softball team under coach Casey Thompson finished off with a record setting senior class with district titles, region titles, two Final Four finishes and back-to-back 20-plus win seasons.

Panthers

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22 wins his first year and 26 this year.

For the Panthers; Ridgeview's Panthers as Eustis also the Panthers, the rough outing was highlighted by just four hits on the day; two from Brittany Michael, one from

sister Brooke Michael and one from Ashlyn Halford, all the seniors for coach Casey Thompson as the next couple of years will feature grizzled veterans of possible four varsity seasons. One of Brittany Michael's hits was a late-inning double that, had history repeated the season trend, should have turned into a six or seven run

rally for the Panthers.

"Ashlyn was a big part of keeping the team focused on games that were tight," said Thompson. "In the dugout, one of the loudest was Dani Rios who kept the dugout energized. It all mattered."

Notable for the year, freshmen Mary Girgis and Haylee McCrae, were tremendous sparks for the Panthers who finish at 24-3 with a district and region title in the pockets.

"My younger kids; Mary, Haylee and the rest of the team now know what it takes to get where we were," said Thompson.

Eustis pitching sensation Libby Levendoski, herself just a sophomore, iced the Panther's batting lineup then proceeded to up the ante with a 16 strike effort as Eustis (27-1) won the first state softball title for the school against Brooksville 5-0 the following afternoon. Eustis was state runnerup in 2017.

Ridgeview opened with whiffs to the top of the lineup with Brittany Michael and Girgis both going down swinging before Halford grounded out.

Two walks and a single by Michael on the mound proved costly as Eustis capitalized with the first run of the day. Michael did whiz two batters in the inning to keep pace with Levendoski as the game slowly became a "who blinks" first contest as both

pitchers were intent on holding the line.

In the third, Eustis put two baserunners in play with a walk and a single, but Michael ratcheted out a three pitch strikeout to command the inning while putting the final batter to bed with a groundout as well.

In the fourth, Ridgeview had their first opportunity for runs with singles to Halford and Brooke Michael, but both were stranded via strikeout and ground out.

Michael gave up a 3-and-2 walk in the fifth with Eustis banking a sacrifice bunt and single to go to 2-0.

Michael's power double came in the fifth and a hard line drive, but Girgis struck out as the third out, but a sense of momentum came from the inning.

In the sixth, Halford reached on a dropped third strike to again ignite some energy in the dugout, but Levendoski fired away to snub the attempt.

"Ashlyn creates the spark, but that pitcher was just that good," said Thompson.

Ridgeview had one final shot to get on the scoreboard with KK Watts reaching on an error on a ground ball, but a grounder and quick strike stab of a Brooke Michael sliced ball to third base got caught by Eustis first baseman Audrey Ruby for the final out.

Spartans

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state championship game.

"We were down 2-0 in the fourth inning from a homer against University Christian during the regions and we came back strong to win," said St. Johns coach Tom Lucas. "They (Out of Door) had just five hits for the day with three for extra bases but the wind was crazy and those two hits got a wind and carried. That first one was big blow, but there was never doubt that we would not respond."

St. Johns, 24-7, had advanced to the championship game with a tantalizing 3-2 win over Mount Dora Christian on Wednesday behind a two-run homer by Connor Moore; his second two-run shot in the previous two games for the Spartans. Finn Howell popped off nine strikeouts against Mount Dora Christian. Howell gave up two doubles in the sixth to make the game more interesting with one run and a passed ball in the seventh for Mount Dora's second run on the last plays of the game.

The Spartans game against Out of Door featured two quick runs by the Spartans; one each in the first two innings, in a strategy to get the lead and hold with the defense, looked to be in play for coach Tom Lucas, but Out of Door, as quickly, shut down the fast start with the help of two Spartan errors; both uncharacteristic from shortstop Connor Moore, and an RBI double as momentum also shifted. Starting pitcher Brad Hodges staved off the rally with a pop out to second base.

"Two errors hurt," said Lucas. "Of



St. Johns Country Day School infielder Finn Howell, also a pitcher, will return next year for coach Tom Lucas.

course, the further you go in the playoffs, the better the pitching, but we played right to the final outs in the seventh planning on tying the game. We were coaching up who would pitch in the eighth inning. There was never a feeling that we could not do it."

St. Johns got some new life with an error to a Connor Moore grounder that got boosted with a Jordan Taylor single and long fly ball by James Oman that put Moore at third. Tyce Moore's hard grounder to third fell into a double play to snuff the scoring threat.

Hodges stayed tight on the mound extinguishing three batters.

After Hodges' shutdown inning, St. Johns responded with a walk to Luke Shannahan and single to Shawn Andrade, but Finn Howell bounced into a third out grounder.

In the fourth, Out of Door smashed a homer off Hodges to throttle up some offense quickly with the Thunder also doubling to cause Lucas to visit Hodges on the mound. Hodges struck out the third at bat to finish the inning.

St. Johns was not quite ready to drive six hours home without the big trophy as Taylor sliced a single followed by Tyce Moore blasting a hard line drive to cen-

ter that got the fleet-footed Taylor home to score the game 4-3. Hodges aided his own cause with a single to move Moore to second, but Mason Davis, facing a fresh pitcher, struck out to end the inning.

Out of Door rocked Hodges with a second homer on the third pitch after two balls to put Out of Door up 5-3 with Hodges throttling back with two whiffs and a grounder.

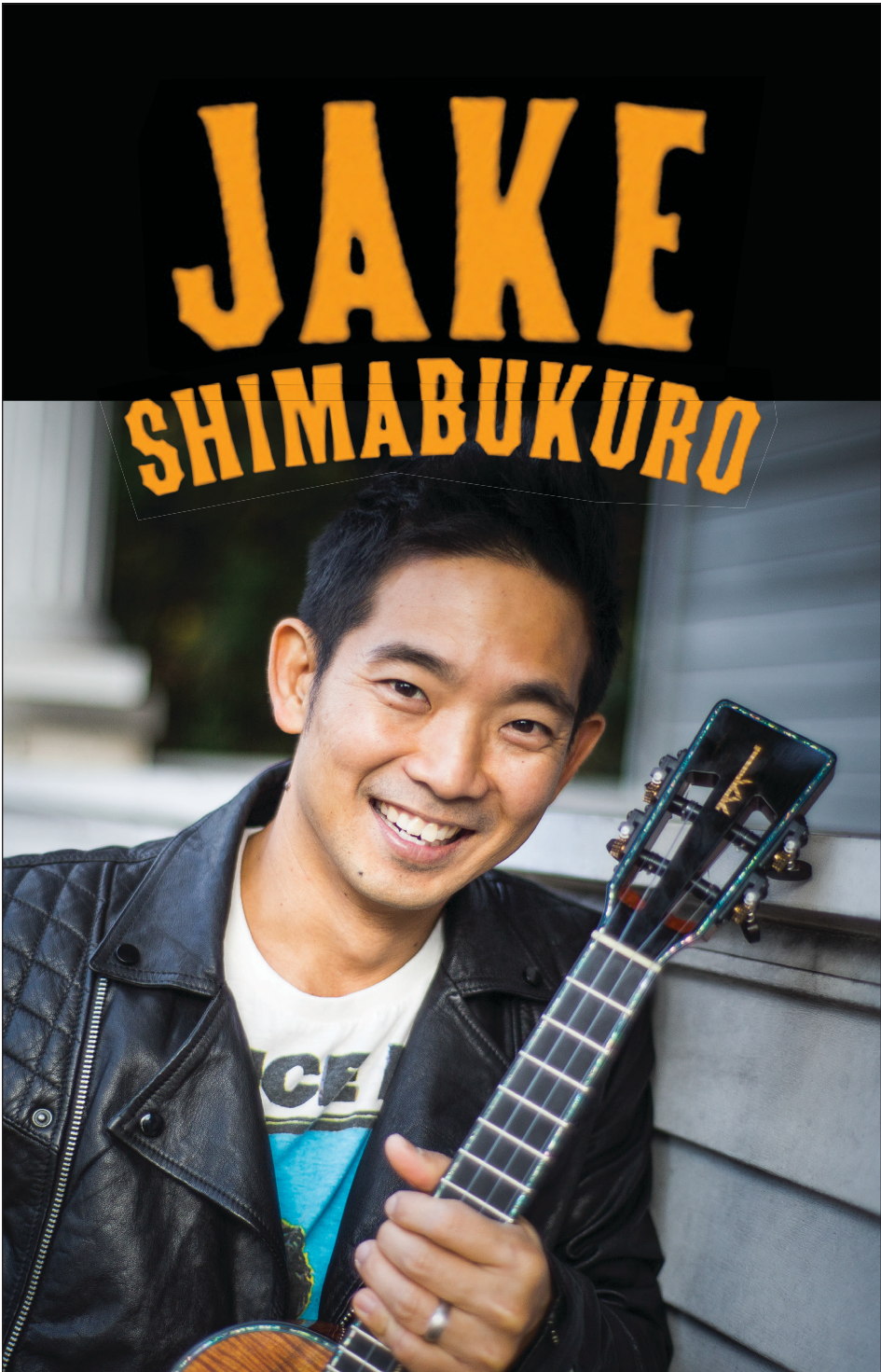
Both teams were ineffective to finish the game in the batter's box with Jordan Taylor fireballing three Out of Door batters in relief, but St. Johns unable to catch a break with three fly balls, two groundouts and a strikeout to end the game.

St. Johns will graduate eight players this year; James Oman, Connor Moore, Jace Thomas, Gavin Russell, Mason Davis, Trey Bradley, Luke Shannahan and Walker Matthews.

"We return three major players; Jordan Taylor, Brad Hodges and Tyce Moore, to lead next year's team," said Lucas. "We had some big weeks during the season, but I would think, at the end of the year when we lost three in IMG Academy, then a loss to Fleming Island is what woke us up. The loss to Clay was early in the season and most of the interest was because of rankings."

One idea Lucas put out was a possible return to multiple game series for playoffs.

"In a one game final, one good pitcher can control a game," said Lucas. "I think a three-game series is a more true baseball playoff format. They used to do it and I've had coaches talk with me about it. Georgia does it and it works well."



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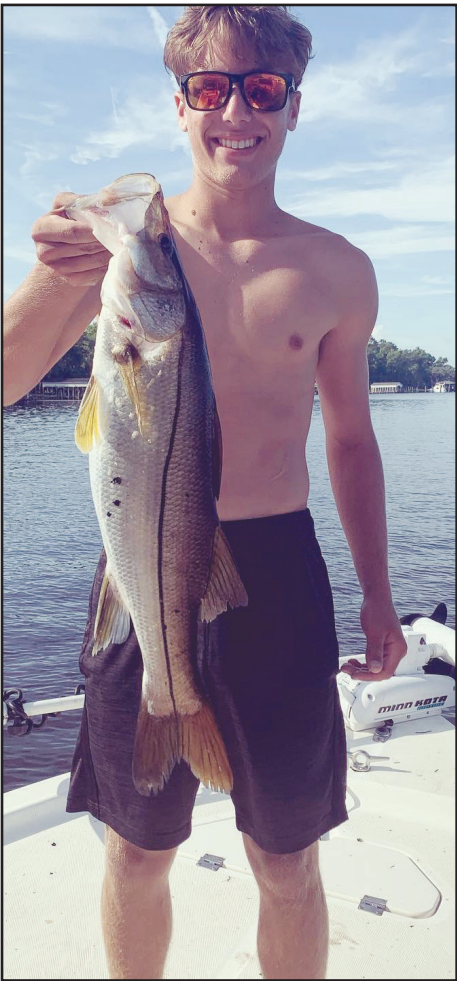
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time 8-0 to advance from the NCAA regional.

In the South Florida 1-0 win, Goddard had two at bats and reached after being hit by a pitch.

For 10th seed Florida State University, the 2018 NCAA champions, former St. Johns Country Day School pitcher Brianna Enter is a redshirt freshman pitcher. FSU eliminated University of Central Florida. UCF has sophomore pitcher Madisyn Davis, an Oakleaf High graduate.

After finishing as the runner ups in the American Athletic Conference Championship and taking down Auburn and Kennesaw State on their path to the NCAA Tallahassee regional championship, UCF finished the season with a 41-19-1 overall record. The 41 wins are the seventh most in program history and this is the seventh time in program history that the Knights have had at least 40 wins in a season (2002, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015 and 2021).

In NCAA Division II tournament play, the University of West Florida, with Oakleaf state champion graduates Kelsey Sweatt, Mika Garcia and Angela Agurkis, fell in a pair of games to Valdosta State on Saturday afternoon in the NCAA South Region Championship. With the losses, UWF finishes its season at 33-16.

The Argonauts, the No. 5 seed in the South Region, were the highest remaining seed in the country on Saturday. Despite the losses, a strong week at the regional gave UWF 17 NCAA Tournament wins since 2017 – the most in the country.

Sweatt earned NCAA South Region All-Tournament honors with four Argonaut teammates. Sweatt picked up wins in the circle against Rollins on Wednesday and Valdosta State on Friday, finishing the week with a .154 opponent batting average. She was dominant in each of those games, with 11 strikeouts and just three hits allowed in 14 innings of work. Sweatt and Garcia, a shortstop, are both seniors. Agurkis, a catcher, is a junior.

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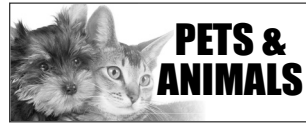
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The Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") intends to levy special assessments (i) to secure repayment of bonds issued by the District to refinance its \$19,410,000 Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 ("Existing Bonds") and (ii) to fund certain infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to, additional recreation improvements.

The District will hold a public hearing and regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at 1510 Calming Water Drive, Fleming Island, Florida 32003, to consider the adoption of an assessment roll, the imposition of non-ad valorem special assessments on benefited lands within the District, a depiction which is shown below, and to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the assessments. The public hearing is being conducted pursuant to Chapters 170, 190, and 197, Florida Statutes. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive opinions from the general public and answer questions on the proposed special assessments prior to taking final action. The District may amend or alter the proposed special assessments at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy assessments as finally approved by the Board. The Board will also hold a public meeting to consider any other business that may lawfully be considered by the District.

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By way of background, the District previously issued the Existing Bonds to fund a portion of the infrastructure improvements ("Improvements") identified in the District's *Improvement Plan*, dated March 6, 2000, as amended June 22, 2000 ("Improvement Plans"). The streets and areas that are subject to the Improvements are depicted below and in the Improvement plan. The Existing Bonds are secured by non-ad valorem assessments levied on certain property within the District ("Existing Assessments").

In general, the District intends to refinance the outstanding Existing Bonds to take advantage of interest rate savings and to raise additional proceeds through the issuance of new bonds, in one or more series ("Refinanced Bonds"). The proceeds of the Refinanced Bonds will fund certain infrastructure improvements as described more fully in the preliminary *First Addendum to the Improvement Plan – Series 2021 Project*, dated May 12, 2021. The District reserves the right to modify improvements described therein at the hearing.

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The manner in which the District proposes to consider the levy of the Refinanced Assessments is more fully described in the District's preliminary *Special Assessment Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 Supplemental Assessment Allocation Report*, dated May 12, 2021 ("Series 2021 Assessment Report"), a copy of which is on file in the District Manager's Office. The total assessment amount to be levied against each parcel and the unit of measurement to be applied against each parcel to determine the assessment is set forth in the Series 2021 Assessment Report.

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RESOLUTION 2021-04

SERIES 2021 REFUNDING BONDS

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO SECURE ITS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2021; INDICATING THE LOCATION, NATURE AND ESTIMATED COST OF THOSE IMPROVEMENTS WHOSE COST IS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE PORTION OF THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE DEFRAYED BY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT SHALL BE MADE AND ALLOCATED; DESIGNATING LANDS UPON WHICH THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT; ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government duly organized and existing pursuant to the Uniform Community Development District Act of 1980, Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended ("Act") and was established by Rule 42BB-1 of the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the District previously issued its \$19,410,000 Fleming Island Plantation Community Development District Special Assessment Refunding Bonds, Series 2017 ("Series 2017 Bonds") for the purpose of financing certain of the improvements described in the *Improvement Plan*, dated March 6, 2000, as amended June 22, 2000 ("Original Improvement Plan"); and

WHEREAS, due to current interest rate market conditions, the District has determined it is in the best interest of the District, its residents, and landowners, to refinance the outstanding Series 2017 Bonds ("Prior Bonds") to achieve debt service savings and raise additional proceeds through the issuance of the "Series 2021 Refunding Bonds" in an amount not to exceed \$15,600,000 to finance a portion of the Improvements, as defined below; and

WHEREAS, the District has adopted its preliminary *First Addendum to the Improvement Plan – Series 2021 Project* dated May 12, 2021, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** ("Series 2021 Improvement Plan"), which further amends the District's capital improvement plan and identifies certain improvements, including additional recreation improvements ("Improvements"), a portion of which are to be provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay the cost of the Improvements through the levy of special assessments pursuant to Chapters 170 and 190, Florida Statutes ("Series 2021 Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the benefits have accrued and will continue to accrue to the property improved, the amount of those benefits, and that the special assessments will be made in proportion to the benefits received as set forth in the prior methodologies and in accordance with the preliminary Special Assessment Revenue and *Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 Supplemental Assessment Allocation Report* dated May 12, 2021 ("Series 2021 Methodology"), which is attached hereto as Exhibit B incorporated herein by reference and on file at c/o Inframark, 12574 Flagler Center Boulevard, Suite 101, Jacksonville, Florida 32258 ("District Records Office");

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines that the Series 2021 Assessments to be levied will not exceed the benefits to the property improved; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the District's adoption of this resolution to begin the process of levying the Series 2021 Assessments, all prior assessments related to the Prior Bonds, shall remain valid and binding until such time as the District levies the Series 2021 Assessments and issues its Series 2021 Refunding Bonds, which may be issued in multiple series, to be secured by the Series 2021 Assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution shall serve as the "resolution required to declare special assessments" contemplated by Section 170.03, Florida Statutes, for the assessment lien(s) levied against certain property as described in **Exhibit B** that comprise the Series 2021 Assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLEMING ISLAND PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The Series 2021 Assessments shall be levied to defray the cost of the Improvements described the Original Improvement Plan and the Series 2021 Improvement Plan.

SECTION 2. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the Improvements are described in **Exhibit A**, and are on file at the District Records Office and available for inspection.

SECTION 3. The total amount of refunding the Series 2017 Bonds will be \$13,600,000, and the Improvements as described in the Series 2021 Improvement Plan are estimated to cost \$3,275,250 ("Estimated Cost").

SECTION 4. The Series 2021 Assessments will collectively defray approximately \$15,600,000 which includes a portion of the Estimated Cost plus financing related costs, as applicable.

SECTION 5. The manner in which the Series 2021 Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**. The Series 2021 Assessments shall be levied, within the District, on certain lots and lands adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for; provided, however, that the lots for which debt assessments securing the Prior Bonds have been prepaid in full shall not be subject to the Series 2021 Assessments.

SECTION 6. There is on file, at the Districts Record Office, an assessment plat showing the areas to be assessed, with certain plans and specification describing the Improvements and the Estimated Cost of the Improvements, all of which shall be open to inspection by the public.

SECTION 7. Commencing with the year in which the Series 2021 Assessments are certified for collection, the Series 2021 Assessments shall be paid in not more than the maximum period of time permitted by law then in effect. The Series 2021 Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes* ("Uniform Method"); provided, however, that in the event the Uniform Method is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Series 2021 Assessments, or any portion thereof, may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., by direct bill or on the tax roll – does not mean that such a method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

SECTION 8. The District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the Series 2021 Methodology, attached as **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

SECTION 9. The Board shall adopt a subsequent resolution to fix a time and place at which the owners of property to be assessed or any other persons interested therein may appear before the Board and be heard as to the propriety and advisability of the assessments or the making of the Improvements, the cost thereof, the manner of payment therefor, or the amount thereof to be assessed against each property as improved.

SECTION 10. The District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Clay County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 11. This Resolution is intended to amend and supplement the District's prior resolutions relating to the debt service assessments on lands securing the Prior Bonds ("Prior Assessment Resolutions"). As such, all Prior Assessment Resolutions remain in full force and effect, except to the extent provided for herein; provided, however, that nothing herein shall reallocate or otherwise modify the existing assessments and related assessment lien except as described herein. As such, the previously-adopted assessment methodologies, assessments and assessment liens remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. The invalidity or unenforceability of any one or more provisions of this Resolution shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of this Resolution, or any part thereof.

SECTION 13. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2021CP000264

IN RE: ESTATE OF CASSIDY JANE MONGEON

Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Cassidy Jane Mongeon, deceased, whose date of death was April 10, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 698, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 27, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative:

John A. Grant Attorney
Florida Bar Number 0946532

2121-C Killarney Way
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Telephone: (850) 702-9410
Fax: (850) 702-9410

E-Mail: john@johngrantlaw.com

Personal Representative:
Christina Mongeon
11117 Brigade Ct.
Tallahassee, Florida 32305

Legal 47840 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that MATTHEW KALANI KAUTAI, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

PRETTY CLEAN LAUNDRY

located at 1063 BEAR CLAW LANE, 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 47826 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Audit Committee Meeting
Anabelle Island

Community Development District
The Audit Committee Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Anabelle Island Community Development District will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 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

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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 47833 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION
Clay County

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: The license to practice as a Practical Nurse

Lisa Marie VanAllen, L.P.N
1646 NE 154th Terrace

Starke, FL 32091

CASE NO.: 2019-05342
LICENSE NO.: LPN5167417

The Department of Health has filed an Administrative Complaint against you, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting, Matthew G. Witters, Chief Legal Counsel, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265, (850) 558-9918.

If no contact has been made by you concerning the above by DATE, the matter of the Administrative Complaint will be presented at an ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing in an informal proceeding. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the individual or agency sending this notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on the notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Legal 47739 published May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27, 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 15th day of June, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Stidham, Britany 503 Baby Items, Wagon, Vacuum. Flannery, George 708 Golf Clubs, Wagon, Bike. 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 47854 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that ESSENCE LASHAY GALE, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

LUX ESSENTIALS

located at 3040 POSTMILL DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Legal 47841 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper



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PUBLIC NOTICE
OF SALE

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Legal 47855 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

SUMMONS AND
NOTICE OF ACTION
BY PUBLICATION

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

CASE NO: 10-2020-DP-000023

DIVISION: JV-F

IN THE INTEREST OF:

O.B J.B. B.B. E.B. M.B.
A CHILD

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO:
Lasheka Bryant, Mother

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that

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a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named children, O.B. who was born on August 27, 2009, J.B., who was born on November 15, 2010, B.B. who was born on September 21, 2012, E.B. who was born on July 30, 2013, and M.B. who was born on January 19, 2020. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Steven B. Whittington at the Clay County Courthouse, Juvenile Dependency Courtroom, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida at the hour of 2:00 p.m. o'clock on June 29, 2021, A.D. You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified. If the courthouse is still closed, you must appear at this court hearing via zoom. Join Zoom Meeting through the app https://zoom.us/j/2988523044, Meeting ID: 298 852 3044 FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact

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the Court ADA Coordinator at (904) 255-1695 or crtintrp@coj.net at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 19th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court

By: Denise Haselwood
As Deputy Clerk

Legal 47836 published May 27, June 3, June 10 and June 17, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

We Stor of Middleburg, LLC will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder on their premises at 4404 County Road 218, Middleburg, FL 32068, in enforcement of Florida Statutes section 83.806 on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 5:30pm on the following units: The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale. All units contain household goods unless otherwise noted: James Casteel, Jr., Angelina Deriggi & Daron Zapata, James R. Mosley, Wende Peters, Brandie L. Senters, Marjorie Simmons.

Legal 47843 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice Under Fictitious Name Law

Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

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

Dashes and Dots Etc. By Wendy

Located at 2700 Indigo Circle 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 on the 18th day of May, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation:
Wendy Hughes

Legal 47828 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: M.J.

DOB: 12/05/2012; AGE: 7;

SEX: M; CASE NO.: 028-19J-1288

Minor Children under the age of eighteen (18) years.

TO: CARL MOHAN A/K/A KARL MOHAN,

the legal father of the above-named minor child born on the date of birth listed above

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-11-284 you are hereby notified that this proceeding and the hearing specified herein is for the purposes of terminating parental rights. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights respecting the above-named child(ren) has been filed in this Court by the Georgia Department of Human Services acting by and through the Cherokee County Department of Family and Children Services. You may obtain a copy of the Petition from the Clerk of this Court, Cherokee County Juvenile Court, 90 North Street, Canton, Georgia, 30114, during regular business hours. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you may call the telephone number of the Cherokee County Juvenile Court Clerk's office, which is (678) 493-6560. This is a summons requiring you to appear in Court. If you fail to come to Court as required, you may be held in contempt of Court and punished accordingly.

You are hereby notified that a hearing for the purpose of terminating your parental rights of the above-named minor child(ren), will be held by the Cherokee County Juvenile Court on JULY 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cherokee County Juvenile Court, 90 North Street, Canton, Georgia, 30114, at which time you should make your objections known. You are ordered to appear and make a defense thereto and to show cause why the child(ren) should not be dealt with according to the law. Please note that the Georgia Supreme Court entered an Order on March 14, 2020, declaring a statewide judicial emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Georgia Supreme Court has extended the Order each month, most recently on April 8, 2021. Said Order is currently set to expire on May 8, 2021; however, it may be extended. As a result, the Hearing may be held virtually via Zoom. You are required to contact the Clerk's office (678-493-6560) to determine how to appear for said Hearing and make appropriate arrangements. If the Hearing is held virtually via Zoom you are also required to contact Olivia Wyrick with the Judge's office no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing at orwyrick@cherokeeega.com to receive login instructions.

If the court at the trial finds that the facts set out in the petition to terminate your parental rights are true and that termination of your rights will serve the best interests of your child(ren), the court can enter a judgment ending your rights to your child(ren). A parent is not thereafter entitled to notice of proceedings for the adoption of the child(ren) by another nor has he or she any right to object to the adoption or otherwise to participate in the proceedings. If the judgment terminates your parental rights, you will no longer have any rights to your child(ren) or make any decisions affecting your child(ren) or your child(ren)'s earnings or property. Your child(ren) will be legally freed to be adopted by someone else. Even if your parental rights are terminated: (1) You will still be

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

DATE: June 22, 2021
TIME: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard
LOCATION: Clay County Administration Building
BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor
477 Houston Street Green Cove Spring, Florida 32043

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Clay County Board of County Commissioners on the 22nd day of June 2021 at 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the BCC Meeting Room, Fourth Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, to consider a petition to establish the Creekview Community Development District. The proposed Creekview Community Development District is comprised of 745.05 acres, generally located north of Sandridge Road, east of Henley Road and south of Russell Road. The petitioner has proposed to establish the Creekview Community Development District to plan, finance, acquire, construct, operate and maintain infrastructure and community facilities which may be authorized by such district under Florida law, including but not limited to: stormwater management system, roadway improvements, water and sewer systems, recreation improvements, landscaping and signage, and other infrastructure.

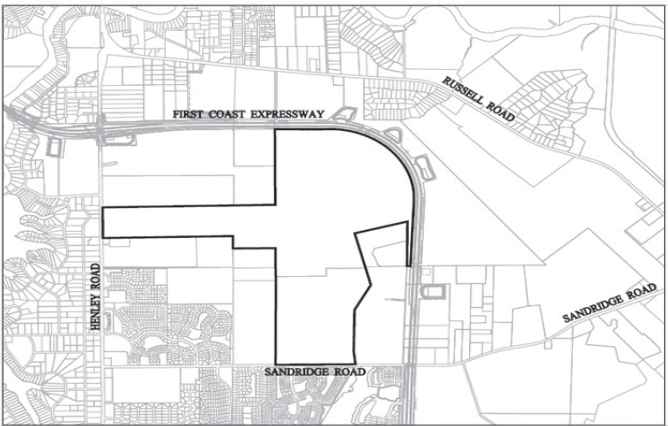
A copy of the petition is open to public inspection at the Clay County Attorney's Office, 2nd Floor, Clay County Administration Building, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, (904) 269-6377.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected

unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings. For that purpose, the person or unit of general-purpose local government may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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

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



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responsible for providing financial support (child support payments) for your child(ren)'s care unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted; and (2) Your child(ren) can still inherit from you unless and until your child(ren) is/are adopted.

This is a very serious matter. The child(ren) and other parties involved may be represented by an attorney at all stages of these proceedings. You should contact an attorney immediately so that you can be prepared for the court hearing. You have the right to hire an attorney and to have him or her represent you. If you cannot afford to hire an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney if the court finds that you are an indigent person. Whether or not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

WITNESS the Honorable Jennifer Davis, Judge of the Cherokee County Juvenile Court.

This May 7, 2021.

Clerk of Court

Patricia Baker, Clerk

Superior, State and Juvenile Courts

Legal 47790 published May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

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

GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2021CA000336

ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida,
Plaintiff,

v.
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY, Defendants.

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS OF THE ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ("DISTRICT"), INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF ANABELLE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REVENUE BONDS, OR TO BE AFFECTED THEREBY:

The above cause comes to be heard upon the Complaint filed herein by the District in the County of Clay, State of Florida, seeking to determine the authority of said District to issue its Anabelle Island Community Development District Special Assessment Revenue Bonds ("Bonds") in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$31,240,000, to determine the legality of the proceedings had and taken in connection therewith, and the legality of the provisions, covenants and agreements therein contained, and seeking a judgment of this Court that (a) the District has been validly established and lawfully exists as a local unit of special purpose government; has the power to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain and otherwise undertake the Capital Improvement Plan, to issue the Bonds, to levy, impose and collect the Assessments, and has properly approved the issuance of the Bonds and the levy and imposition of the Assessments; (b) the Bonds, Assessments, and all of the proceedings attendant thereto are valid and in conformity with law, and the Assessments constitute a first lien on the property in the District against which they are assessed; (c) the Assessments are supported by sufficient benefit and are fairly and reasonably allocated consistent with Florida law; (d) the District has duly authorized the execution and delivery of the Master Indenture and the execution and

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delivery from time to time of indentures supplemental thereto, and the Bonds will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, and will be enforceable by their terms; (e) the District has the power to plan, finance, acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip and install, in one or more stages, the Capital Improvement Plan; (f) the Capital Improvement Plan will serve a valid public purpose; and (g) the members of the District's Board of Supervisors have been duly and validly elected. The aforesaid Complaint having been presented to this Court, and this Court being fully advised in the premises:

NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, and the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, appear on June 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. (15 Minutes), before the Honorable Michael S. Sharrit, in said Circuit, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayers of said Complaint for the validation of the Bonds should not be granted and the Bonds, the proceedings therefore, and other matters set forth in said Complaint, should not be validated as prayed for in said Complaint.

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this Court is conducting hearings remotely via communications media technology. Please be advised that NO PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS PERMITTED ATTENDANCE IS BY ZOOM ONLY. To that end, any interested individual may participate online via Zoom by using the following link and access information:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96043565841>; Meeting ID: 960 4356 5841

Alternatively, the Zoom platform allows individuals to participate via telephone. To join by telephone, please dial the telephone number below and enter the meeting ID number:

Telephone: (888) 475-4499 ; Meeting ID: 960 4356 5841

Additional information about participating in the hearing may be obtained by contacting the District's Manager by phone at (904) 5850 x409 or by e-mail at jperry@gmsnf.com.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to the date set for the hearing on said Complaint for validation, the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Notice and Order to be published in a newspaper published and of general circulation in Clay County, being the County wherein said Complaint for validation is filed, at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, commencing with the first publication which shall not be less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by such publication of this Notice and Order, the State of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, shall be and are made party defendants to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if specifically and personally named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause.

DONE AND ORDERED at the Courthouse in Clay County, Florida, this 18th day of May 2021.

The Honorable Michael S. Sharrit
Circuit Court Judge

Legal 47829 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Flagler/Clay County Housing Authority will be accepting applications online for the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List beginning at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. It will remain open until 300 applications have been received. Applications can be accessed online and must be submitted online at: <https://flaglercofl.housingmanager.com/> or the link may be accessed through our website at: www.flaglercountyhousingauthority.org Applications can only be provided online or by advanced written request to the Flagler County

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Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Bunnell, FL 32110-0188. Paper applications are offered as a Reasonable Accommodation for elderly and disabled applicants only with verification of Social Security income. The submission deadline for paper applications given out as a reasonable accommodation is July 1, 2021. No applications will be provided at the agency.

Once the waiting list is closed, applicants will be placed in ranking order according to date and time of application.

ACCESS TO INTERNET AND COMPUTERS

To ensure availability and access to the online system, the Flagler County Housing Authority will have 2 computers available at our Flagler Office Resource Center, 502 South Bacher St., Bunnell, FL 32110 from 8:30am to 10:30am.

Legal 47795 published May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Summary Administration)

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

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO.: 2021-CP-0301

Division B

IN RE: ESTATE OF CARL OCIE PRATER a/k/a OCIE CARL PRATER, Deceased.

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

You are hereby notified that the Summary Administration of the Estate of Carl Ocie Prater a/k/a Ocie Carl Prater, whose date of death was March 20, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of Circuit Court, Clay County Courthouse, Probate Division, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.

The names and address of the Petitioner and those to whom the estate is assigned under the petition are:

Name	Address
Monte Carlos Prater	9780 Bradley Rd.
Jacksonville, Florida 32246	
Kirby Allan Prater	5749 Ricker Rd.
Jacksonville, Florida 32244	

ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is May 27, 2021.

Attorney for Petitioners:
LAW OFFICE OF JAMES P. STEVENS, P.A.

James P. Stevens, Esquire
Florida Bar No: 352421

210 E. Forsyth St.
Jacksonville, FL 32202

(904) 398-2001
Facsimile: (904) 359-8927

Email:
JamesStevens@JPSLawJax.com

Jpstevens1@mac.com

Petitioner:
Kirby Allan Prater

Petitioner:
5749 Ricker Rd.

Jacksonville, Florida 32244

Legal 47857 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - ARTICLE III

The Town proposes to adopt the following Ordinance: Ordinance 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PENNEY FARMS, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE III, ADDING SECTION 3.02.05 - PROHIBITED USES - PROHIBITING THE CREATION OR ENLARGEMENT OF BORROW PITS IN THE TOWN LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The following public hearings will be held on the Ordinance:

Town Council: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

In the Town Council Chambers of Town Hall, 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, Florida.

The public is invited to attend these public hearings to offer comments for or against the proposed change to the Town's Land Development Regulations. A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection at Town Hall, 4100 Clark Avenue, Penney Farms, Florida, during normal working hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be submitted.

Please be advised that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Town Council with respect to any matter considered at these scheduled public hearings, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter should contact the Town Clerk's Office no later than three (3) days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given.

All interested individuals are invited to attend these public hearings.

By: Anita Cooper, Town Clerk
Town of Penney Farms
4100 Clark Avenue

Penney Farms, FL 32079

David Cooper, Town Manager

Legal 47862 published May 27, 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:

Emerge Her Consulting & Coaching

Located at 1335 Kingsley Ave #2472 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida 32073 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida on the 20th day of May, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation
Gilliam Solutions Group

Legal 47842 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CHILD SUPPORT

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

Case No.: 10- 2020-DR-001140A

Division: E

Uriel Burney, Petitioner, and

Jeremiah Johnson, Respondent,

To: Jeremiah Johnson

500 North Roberts Street

Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for temporary custody has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Uriel Burney whose address is 419 Roberts St. S. Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 on or before June 20, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of

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this Court at 825 N. Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs, FL 322043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED: May 6, 2021

(SEAL)

Tara S. Green

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Taylor Tison

Deputy Clerk

Legal 47761 published May 13, May 20, May 27 and June 3, 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:

4653 US 17, Fleming Island, FL 32003
June 11, 2021 at 10:00am

Brenton Horne Household Goods

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.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 47788 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC SALE

The following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for towing and storage costs. G & M Towing, Inc. reserves the right to accept and reject any and all bids.

2000 GMC 1GKKRRED4CJ215026

The auction will be held on 06/14/2021 at 9:00 a.m. at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Legal 47850 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today

PUBLIC SALE

FIRST COAST TOWING gives Notice of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/11/2021 10:00 am at 2905 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-6349, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. FIRST COAST TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

1FTPW12V28KC56782 2008 FORD KNADM4A31F6483930 2015 KIA

Legal 47791 publish May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

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

REFINED TOUCH WELLNESS SPA

located at 2121 BURWICK AVE, #2503, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073 intends to register the said name in CLAY county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Legal 47860 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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

CASE NO.: 10-2021-Dr-000579

DIVISION: E

TROY BRAMLETT
Petitioner.

AND
LACEY DANIELLE COCHRAN

Respondent,
TO: LACEY DANIELLE COCHRAN

4079 COUNTRY MEADOWS

MIDDLEBURG FL 32068

(LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action to it on Troy Bramlett, whose address is 3859 Randall Rd Green Cove Springs Fl 32043 on or before June 21, 2021 and file the original with the clerk of this court at 825 N. Orange Ave. Green Cove Springs Fl 32043 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

DATED May 7, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Taylor Tison

Deputy Clerk

Legal 47777 published May 13, May 20, May 27 and June, 3 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, June 3, 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 bonnie.onora@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 47847 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS

STARTING A NEW BUSINESS?

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

It is a very easy process.

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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FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that MICHAEL JAKE NINOS, OWNER, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

1ST CHOICE PAINTING

located at 2018 CATHERINE LANE, 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 47827 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION BY STEPPARENT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

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

Case No.: 10- 2021-DR-000498

Division: In THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD

Donovan James Kane Bess Minor Child(ren)

To: Justin David Kovach Last Known Address:

17295 Missouri Ave, OKC, OK 73129

YOU ARE NOTIFIED a joint petition of adoption by stepparent has been filed by Thomas Stephen Bess and his/her spouse, Minaka Dawn Bess, who is the mother of the above named child. Their address is 4061 Pebble Brooke Cir, Orange Park, FL 32065. A hearing in this matter will be before Judge Steven Whittington on Jun 15, 2021 at 9:45 am by zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/2988523044. Meeting ID: 2988523044. You may object to this action by filing a written objection with the clerk of the Circuit Court whose address is: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Room 1049, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 or by appearing at the Hearing.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Family Law Form 12.915) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed at the address on record at the clerk's office.

UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING OR TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD.

DATED: April 28, 2021

(SEAL)

Tara S. Green

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Rebecca Crews

Deputy Clerk

Legal 47729 published May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

File No: 16-2021-CP-000256

Division: PR-A

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOIS J. Mc LAUGHLIN, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of LOIS J. McLAUGHLIN, deceased, File Number 16-2021-CP-000256, Division PR-A, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 698, Green Cove Springs, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTEREST PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representatives, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE

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OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and person having claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is May 27, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Rep:

Sharon B. Milne, Esquire

Florida Bar No. 0287849

Sharon B. Milne, P.A.

1000 Riverside Avenue, Suite 230

Jacksonville, FL 32204

(904) 355-6700

smilne@sharonmilnelaw.com

Personal Rep:

Mark C. McLaughlin

288 West Shores Road

Fleming Island, FL 32003

Legal 47830 published May 27 and June 3, 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 June 10, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2005 Ford 1FMZU67K25UB07486

2006 Ford 1FTSF30546ED91489

2015 Chev 3GCUKSEC4FG122374

Legal 47848 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION

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

CASE NO.: 2020-DR-000566

DIVISION: E

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF ERIC DOWDY

Husband, and

MARCELINA NUNEZ,

Wife.

TO: MARCELINA NUNEZ

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage, including claims for equitable distribution, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Stefani K. Nolan, Esquire, of KENNY LEIGH & ASSOCIATES, Husband's attorney, whose address is 414 Old Hard Road, Suite 201, Fleming Island, FL 32003, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court at Clay County Courthouse, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, either before service on Father's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED this 4th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Rebecca Crews

Deputy Clerk

Legal 47748 published May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Al Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 06/24/2021, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Al Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

3R69FAD423877 1980 Oldsmobile 1P3ES47C3WD592129 1998 Plymouth 5N1ED28T92C544806 2002 Nissan 1FMYU03185KB18896 2005 Ford 1N6AA06A75N509706 2005 Nissan 1N4AL21E87N442769 2007 Nissan

Legal 47846 publish May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NO: 21-CP-000224

DIVISION:

IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA LEE HOLDON

Deceased.

The administration of the Estate of PATRICIA LEE HOLDON, deceased, whose date of death was July 14, 2020, and whose social security number is XXX-XX-2330 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is May 20, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative

CHARLES E. PELLICER

1510 N.Ponce de Leon Blvd., Ste B

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Telephone: (904) 829-6054

E-Mail: PellicerLaw@comcast.net

Personal Representative:

DAVID W. BURCH

Legal 47811 published May 20 and May 27, 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:

Bozy Luxe, LLC

Located at 36801 Creswick Circle #171 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Orange Park, Florida on the 4th day of May, 2021.

Owner's name/corporation

Bozy Luxe, LLC

Legal 47849 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of 06/11/2021, 12:00 pm at 4360 COUNTY ROAD 218 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4852, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida statutes. BURGART ENTERPRISES TOWING INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bid.

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3A4GY5F99AT18558 2010 Chrysler

Legal 47845 publish May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO: 2021CA000178

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES C. IDDINGS AKA JAMES CHARLES IDDINGS, DECEASED, et al., Defendants

TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES C. IDDINGS AKA JAMES CHARLES IDDINGS, DECEASED

1857 ALDER DRIVE WEST, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Clay County, Florida: LOT 36, BLOCK 1, GROVE PARK UNIT NO. 9, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 73 AND 74, OF THE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 12th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

Tara Green

As Clerk of said Court

By Jaime Pippin

As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT:

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

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a valid public purpose; and (g) the members of the District's Board of Supervisors have been duly and validly elected. The aforesaid Complaint having been presented to this Court, and this Court being fully advised in the premises:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, and the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Clay County, Florida, appear on June 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. (15 Minutes), before the Honorable Michael S. Sharrit, in said Circuit, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayers of said Complaint for the validation of the Bonds should not be granted and the Bonds, the proceedings therefore, and other matters set forth in said Complaint, should not be validated as prayed for in said Complaint.

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, this Court is conducting hearings remotely via communications media technology. Please be advised that NO PERSONAL APPEARANCE IS PERMITTED ATTENDANCE IS BY ZOOM ONLY. To that end, any interested individual may participate online via Zoom by using the following link and access information:

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96043565841>; Meeting ID: 960 4356 5841

Alternatively, the Zoom platform allows individuals to participate via telephone. To join by telephone, please dial the telephone number below and enter the meeting ID number:

Telephone: (888) 475-4499 ; Meeting ID: 960 4356 5841

Additional information about participating in the hearing may be obtained by contacting the District's Manager by phone at (904) 940-5850 x409 or by e-mail at jperry@gmsnf.com.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that prior to the date set for the hearing on said Complaint for validation, the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Notice and Order to be published in a newspaper published and of general circulation in Clay County, being the County wherein said Complaint for validation is filed, at least once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, commencing with the first publication which shall not be less than twenty (20) days prior to the date set for said hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by such publication of this Notice and Order, the State of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the District, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and others having or claiming any rights, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds or to be affected thereby, shall be and are made party defendants to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if specifically and personally named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause.

DONE AND ORDERED at the Courthouse in Clay County, Florida, this 18th day of May 2021.

The Honorable Michael S. Sharrit
Circuit Court Judge

Legal 47829 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CLOSING A ROAD

The Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Clay County, Florida, has received a petition (the Petition) filed pursuant to Sections 336.09 and 336.10, Florida Statutes, on behalf of Danny Clark, to close portions of a certain public roadways hereinafter described. In accordance with the Petition, the Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, and thereafter adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 336.10, Florida Statutes, closing, vacating and abandoning said portion of the public road, said portion being more particularly described as follows:

The following roadway known as Clark Road, being a portion of

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Section 47, Township 6 South, Range 27 East, Clay County, Florida, thereof as recorded in Official records book 62, page 379 of the public records of said county.

Board of County Commissioners
Clay County, Florida
Legal 47819 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

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

COGGINS SPARKLING HOME CLEANING

located at 181 LAKEVIEW DRIVE, MELROSE, FLORIDA 32666 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 47825 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-000200
Division A

IN RE: ESTATE OF MILDRED CATHERINE BARNWELL, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of MILDRED CATHERINE BARNWELL, deceased, whose date of death was February 4, 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.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 27, 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

Personal Representative:
TONI BARNWELL STINSON
800 Laurel Valley Drive
Orange Park, Florida 32065
Legal 47832 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2021-CP-000223
DIVISION: B

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH ANTHONY BEIERLY, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of JOSEPH ANTHONY BEIERLY, deceased, File Number 2021-CP-223 is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate

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Division, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is May 27, 2021.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Lucreita D. Becude, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 0823171
12469 Antler Hill Drive, N.
Jacksonville, Florida 32224
O: 904-997-1031/Fax: 904-379-5446
Email/eserve:
LDBecude@becudelaw.com

Personal Representative:
Cecelia L. Beierly
4247 Sandhill Crane Terrace
Middleburg, FL 32068

Legal 47856 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING

ROLLING HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Rolling Hills Community Development District ("District") will hold an Audit Committee meeting and regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Rolling Hills Amenity Center, 3212 Bradley Creek Parkway, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The Audit Committee will review, discuss and establish the minimum qualifications and evaluation criteria that the District will use to solicit audit services. The regular Board meeting will take place at the conclusion of the Audit Committee meeting, where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agendas may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, Governmental Management Services, LLC, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, Ph: (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours.

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when Board Supervisors or District Staff may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the meetings 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 by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

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

James Oliver
District Manager

Legal 47820 published May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Bid Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Clay County School Board is hereby announcing that Professional County-Wide Civil Engineering Services are required for the development of plans and specifications, bidding, and construction administration for various projects throughout the School District.

Interested Civil Engineers should apply in duplicate to Ms. Bryce Ellis, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Clay County School District, 925 West Center Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043. The application shall include, but not be limited to, a letter of interest, current resume, completed SF 330, information on previous similar work, and current workload.

Applications will be accepted until 3:30 p.m., June 11, 2021.

Legal 47752 published May 13, May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CIVIL ACTION
Case No. 21-CA-000219

MS MAN DEBT LLC, Plaintiff,

v. PLEMMONS & PRESTWOOD CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C., MAINSAIL DEBT FUND, L.L.C., EAGLE LANDING OAKLEAF PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, representing tenants in possession, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure In Rem entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the Clerk of Clay County will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

Description of Mortgaged and Personal Property
LOT 253, EAGLE LANDING AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION PHASE THREE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 50, PAGE(S) 15 THROUGH 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The address of which is 1099 Southern Hills Drive, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida 32065.

at a public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, on June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure In Rem.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated: May 18, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
Clerk of the Court & Comptroller
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@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.

Legal 47821 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

CASE NO.2020CA000842
MIDFIRST BANK
Plaintiff,

V. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES, AND CREDITORS OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER A/K/A JEFFREY J. SCHUELER, DECEASED; AVA MAXINE SCHUELER; ARTHUR M. SCHUELER, III, AS PUTATIVE TRUSTEE UNDER THE TESTAMENTARY TRUST FOR AVA M. SCHUELER ESTABLISHED BY THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JEFFREY T. SCHUELER DATED THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2009; UNKNOWN TENANT

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1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; HERITAGE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 11, 2021, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

LOT 4, BLOCK 8, HERITAGE HILLS UNIT TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE(S) 29, 30 AND 31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 2241 GEORGE WYTHE RD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073-8557

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, online at www.clay.realforeclose.com, on June 28, 2021 beginning at 10:00 AM.

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.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2021.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Taylor Tison
Deputy Clerk

If you are an individual with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or other court service, program or activity, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. To Request ADA accommodations at the Clay County Courthouse contact: Family Court Services, Room 1035; (904) 255-1695 (or 711-Florida Relay Service); Crtntrp@coj.net

Legal 47794 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

CASE NO.: 2020DR-1858
DIVISION: Judge Collins

IN RE: THE MATTER OF DAWNE CAROLINE WILBANKS, Plaintiff/Mother

VS.

JASON MATTHEW SHAW, Father/Respondent

TO: JASON MATTHEW SHAW
3211 Searchwood Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32277
(Last Known Mailing Address)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for paternity in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida, has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Petitioner's attorney, Dale G. Westling, Sr., Esquire, 331 East Union Street, Jacksonville, Florida, 32202, familylaw@dalewestling.com, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this first publication of this Notice of Action and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's Attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

Dated: May 18, 2021

(SEAL)
Tara S. Green
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk

Legal 47823 published May 27, June 3, June 10, and June 17, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION
DIVISION
CASE NO: 10-2020-CA-000637

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs ALBERTO MARTINEZ; JAMIE MARTINEZ A/K/A JAMIE BOYCE MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERTO MARTINEZ N/K/A BETH MARTINEZ, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 8, 2021, and entered in 10-2020-CA-000637 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay

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County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and ALBERTO MARTINEZ; JAMIE MARTINEZ A/K/A JAMIE BOYCE MARTINEZ; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALBERTO MARTINEZ N/K/A BETH MARTINEZ 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 **July 6, 2021**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 38, RIDGECREST UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 75 AND 76 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, (EXCEPT THAT PORTION RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS VOLUME 599, PAGE 66).

Property Address: 852 MAPLEWOOD LN ORANGE PARK, FL 32065

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2021.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
As Clerk of the Court
By: Kayla R Beard
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@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.

Legal 47513 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 19-386539

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION

DIVISION
CASE NO. 2019CA001156

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs. PAMELA D. CARTER, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed July 9, 2021, entered in Civil Case No. 2019CA001156 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of June, 2021 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 56, QUAILS HOLLAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGES 35, 36, AND 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Jaimie Pippin
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

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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 47803 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 6608666

NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION

Case No. 21-CA-000219

**MS MAN DEBT LLC,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**PLEMMONS & PRESTWOOD
CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION, L.L.C.,
MAINSAIL DEBT FUND, L.L.C.,
EAGLE LANDING OAKLEAF
PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN
TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN
TENANT #2, representing tenants in
possession,
Defendants.**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure In Rem entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, the Clerk of Clay County will sell the property situated in Clay County, Florida, described as:

**Description of Mortgaged
and Personal Property**

**LOT 39, EAGLE LANDING AT
OAKLEAF PLANTATION PHASE
THREE, ACCORDING TO THE MAP
OR PLAT THEREOF, AS
RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 50,
PAGE(S) 15 THROUGH 36, OF THE
PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY
COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

The address of which is 2126 Club Lake Drive, Orange Park, Clay County, Florida 32065.

at a public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, on June 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure In Rem.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, must file a claim before the Clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

Dated: May 18, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

Clerk of the Court & Comptroller

By: Rebecca Crews

Deputy Clerk

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

Legal 47822 published May 20 and May 27, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2020CA000813

**COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING,
LLC FKA BAYVIEW LOAN
SERVICING
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

**FRANCIS MYERS, JR. A/K/A
FRANCIS MYERS, ET AL.**

Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 19, 2021, and entered in Case No. 2020CA000813, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC FKA BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and FRANCIS MYERS, JR. A/K/A FRANCIS MYERS; NANCY MYERS, are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 19th day of July, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 25, BLOCK 14, BELLAIR UNIT NO. 4, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 12 AND 13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in

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order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By Taylor Tison

As Deputy Clerk

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.

Legal 47838 published May 27 and June 3, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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

CASE NO.: 2020CA000715

**HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS
INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE
REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF
RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY
LOAN ASSET-BACKED NOTES,
SERIES 2005-2,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

EDITH M. HATTABAUGH; et al.,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on April 21, 2021 in Civil Case No. 2020CA000715, of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein, HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-2 is the Plaintiff, and EDITH M. HATTABAUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDITH M. HATTABAUGH; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A BRANDON; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.clay.realforeclose.com on June 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL NO. 41 OF TURKEY CREEK IN SECTION 5-T5S-R24E COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 5-T5S-R24E AND RUN N 89 DEGREES 41' 29" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF NORTH HALF 1525' TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF HOLLY OAKS (UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION), THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 27' 12" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION 471.6' TO THE NORTH R/W OF AN 80' ACCESS ROAD, THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 43' 05" E 100.00', THENCE RUN S 17 DEGREES 23' 58" E 553.74' TO THE P.O.B., THENCE CONTINUE S 17 DEGREES 23' 58" E 194.48'. THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 32' 48" W 278.08 TO THE EAST R/W OF A 40' ACCESS ROAD, THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 27' 12" W ALONG SAID R/W 137.05 TO THE BEGINNING OF A CUL-DE-SAC HAVING A RADIUS OF 50' AND BEING CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, THENCE RUN NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CUL-DE-SAC AN ARC DISTANCE OF 88.61' THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101 DEGREES 32' 15", THENCE RUN N 89 DEGREES 32' 48" E 161.4' TO THE P.O.B. BEING AND LYING IN SECTION 5-T5S-R24E, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 1998 FLETCRAFT MOBILE HOME, TITLE # 74964312 AND 74964311

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

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a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on May 12, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S Green

CLERK OF THE COURT

Jaimie Pippin

Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the circuit court system at crtntrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO. 2020CA000866

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, AS INDENTURE
TRUSTEE, FOR WIMC CAPITAL
TRUST 2011-1,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAN ERIC DILLENER A/K/A J.
DILLENER, et al.,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 13, 2021, entered in Civil Case No. 2020CA000866 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of July 2021 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4, OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4; THENCE ON THE WEST LINE THEREOF RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREE 08 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, 2668.01 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 532.89 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. S-315; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE NORTH 62 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 624.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, 765.48 FEET TO A POINT IN THE APPROXIMATE CENTERLINE OF A GRADED ROAD (KNOWN AS CRAVEN ROAD); THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST, 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST, 651.23 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID STATE ROAD NO. S-315; THENCE ON LAST SAID LINE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST; 149.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING ANY PART IN ROADS.

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.

Dated this 13th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

As Clerk of the Court

BY: Jaimie Pippin

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

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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.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION

DIVISION

CASE NO: 2018-CA-001005

**NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs

DARRELL E. FRAMKE; SYBIL E. FRAMKE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al.

Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 4, 2021, and entered in 2018-CA-001005 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is the Plaintiff and DARRELL E. FRAMKE; SYBIL E. FRAMKE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT 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 July 2, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 2, BLACK CREEK FOREST, ACCORDING TO PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 20 AND 21, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Property Address: 3861 FOREST DRIVE MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

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 5th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

As Clerk of the Court

By: Taylor Tison

As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtntrp@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

GENERAL JURISDICTION

DIVISION

CASE NO. 2020CA000981

**METROPOLITAN LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAYMAR C. ENRIQUEZ A/K/A
JAYMAR ENRIQUEZ, et al.,
Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 19, 2021, entered in Civil Case No. 2020CA000981 of the Circuit Court of the FOURTH Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Green Cove Springs, Florida, the Clerk of Court, TARA S. GREEN, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 6th day of July, 2021 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 4, Island Forest,

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according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 18, Pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, of the Public Records of Clay County, Florida.

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.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

As Clerk of the Court

BY: Jaimie Pippin

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.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 2018-CA-000318

DIVISION: F

**FRANCIS X. MIRARCHI, a/k/a
FRANK X. MIRACK, JR., a/k/a
FRANCIS X. MIRACK, JR.,**

and

JACQUELINE D. MIRARCHI,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBORAH WRIGHT

f/k/a DEBORAH MIRACK WRIGHT,

JOAN THERESA HOWELL, f/k/a

JOAN THERESA MIRACK SWEAT

RALPH FRANCIS MIRACK,

JOHN JOSEPH MIRACK,

LACY MICHELLE MIRACK,

f/k/a LACY PODBEVSEK

JESSICA RODEN AND BRITT

RODEN,

and

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, GRANTEES,
BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES OR**

OTHER CLAIMANTS OF THE

**ESTATE OF JOHN W. NELSON,
Defendants.**

**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, GRANTEES,
BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES OR**

OTHER CLAIMANTS OF THE

ESTATE OF JOHN W. NELSON

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action

for declaratory judgment and damages based quiet title, adverse possession, trespass, and satisfaction of mortgage on the following property in Clay County, Florida:

Parcel B

A parcel of land situated in the Northeast One Quarter of the Northeast One Quarter of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida; said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast One Quarter and run S 00 deg 39 min 30 sec W, along the West line of said NE1/4 of the NE1/4 a distance of 568.65 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence continue S 00 deg 39 min 30 sec W, along said West line 324.23 feet to an iron Pipe; thence run S 89 deg 25 min 50 sec E, 430.46 feet to an Iron Pipe and the Point of Beginning; thence continue S 89 deg 25 min 50 sec E, 164.04 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run N 00 deg 39 min 30 sec E, 271.40 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run N 89 deg 21 min 00 sec W, 164.04 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run S 00 deg 39 min 30 sec W, 273.63 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Subject to and together with an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over, under, and across the following described 30 feet strip of land lying 15 feet North of end 15 feet South of the following described line:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Clay County, Florida and run S 00 deg 39 min 30 sec W, along the West line of said N 1/4 of the NE 1/4 a distance of 892.88 feet to an Iron Pipe; thence run S 89 deg 25 min 50 sec E, 430.46 feet; thence run N 00 deg 39 min 30 sec E, 258.63 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S 89 deg 21 min 00 sec E, 300 feet more or less to the Westerly right of way line of State Road No. 15 (U.S. Highway No. 17) and the end of said easement. Commonly known as 1079 Worth Way, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Thomas D. Jenks, the plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Ansbacher Law, 8818 Goodbys Executive Drive, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32217-4605, 20 days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Witness my hand and seal of this Court on May 13, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S. Green

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Kayla Ray Beard

Deputy Clerk

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RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2018-CA-001002

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF
NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS
CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-23,
Plaintiff,**

Vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH M.
BLEDSOE A/K/A JOSEPH
MICHAEL BLEDSOE, ET AL.**

Defendants

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 23, 2019, and entered in Case No. 2018-CA-001002, of the Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-23 (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JOSEPH M. BLEDSOE A/K/A JOSEPH MICHAEL BLEDSOE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPH M. BLEDSOE A/K/A JOSEPH MICHAEL BLEDSOE; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. Tara Green, Clerk of Court for CLAY, County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the internet at www.clay.realforeclose.com at 10:00 a.m., on the 6th day of July, 2021, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:



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