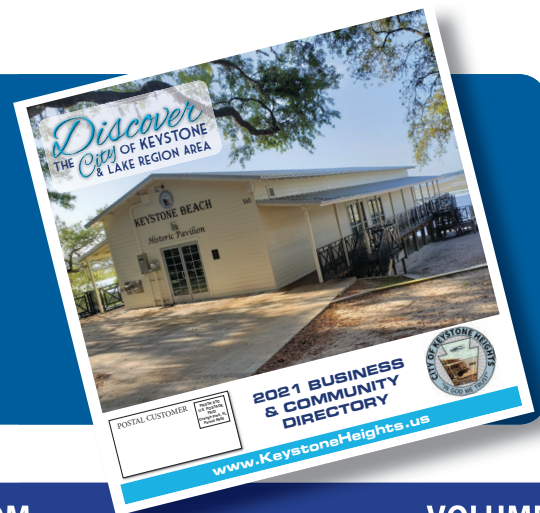


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Rolling on the river CCSO Marine Unit keeps waterways ship-shape

Educating, enforcing boating laws key to boating safety

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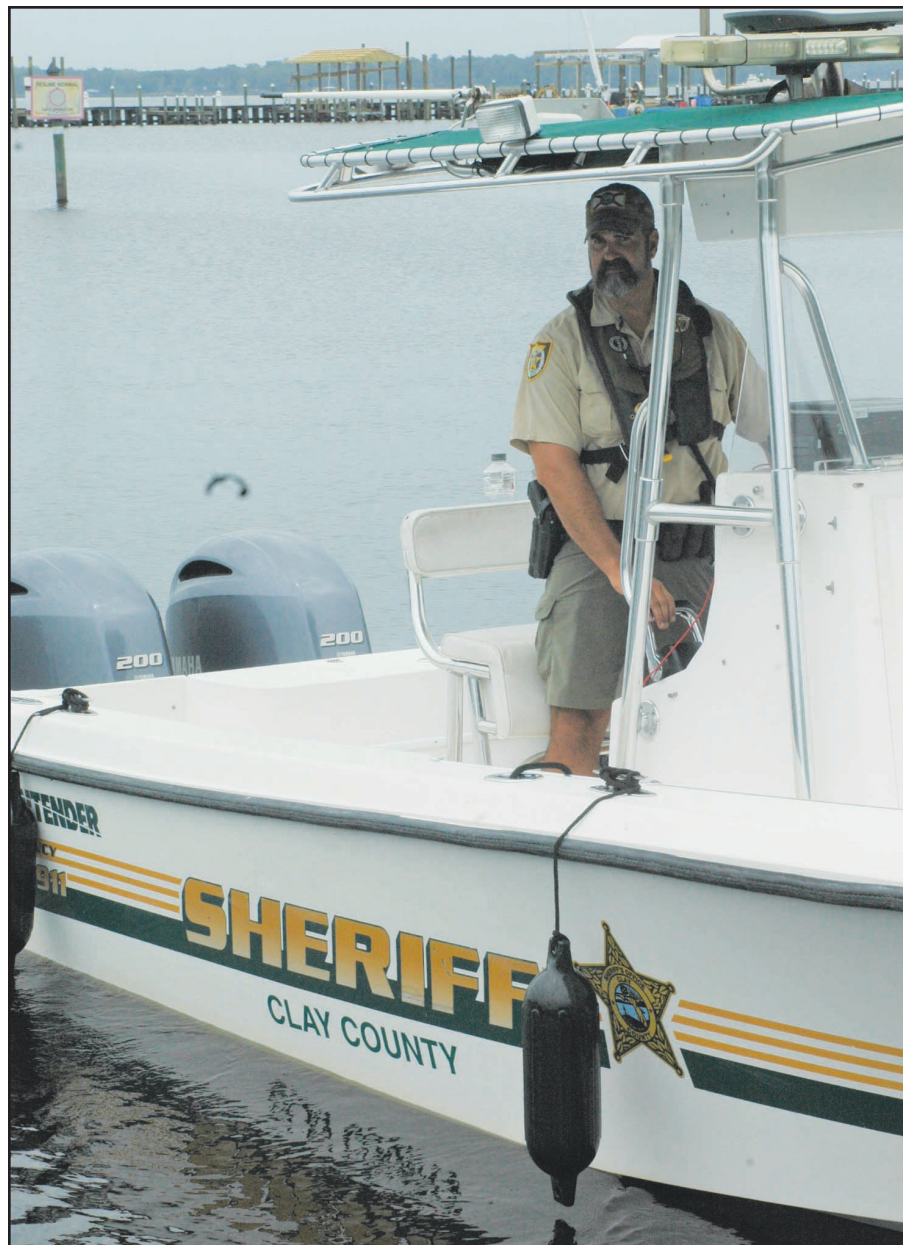
CLAY COUNTY – Despite the heavy cloud cover and ominous forecast, some river revelers already were drinking koozie-covered cold beers as they waded along a sandbar near the shoreline of the St. Johns River or laid stretched across the bow of a boat waiting for the sun to finally break the dreary start to a Saturday morning.

And it was just 9:15 a.m.

With 39 miles of river and creek shorelines to patrol, Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy Bill Maher knew it was going to be a busy day. Water is the lifeblood of the county's recreation. For most, it's the perfect place to fish, boat and make waves – literally. For a few, however, it's a place where common sense can be easily misplaced. And as Maher has seen too many times, water can be unforgiving.

"Most people just want to have a good time," he said. "When they do something wrong, we're there. I'm not trying to ruin somebody's day. I'm trying to keep them safe – and everyone around them safe."

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STAFF PHOTO BY DON COBLE

Clay County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit deputy Bill Maher is responsible for patrolling 39 miles of waterways.

New Mercy Support office will help expand its services

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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MIDDLEBURG – With the grand opening of Mercy Support Services now complete, the nonprofit that helps indigent families become self-sufficient will be able to expand its services.

The grand opening originally was supposed to be done earlier this year but got pushed back due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials welcomed guests Thursday afternoon to their new offices at 515 College Dr., the former home of River Christian Church.

In addition to new offices, the site will

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Patrick Hayle, executive director and CEO of Mercy Support Services, said the organization's new office will allow it to expand its services to families become self-sufficient in Clay County.



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Clay County's racial history mixed with antebellum and abolitionists during Civil War

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – Congress last week made Juneteenth a federal holiday, and it serves as a reminder of slavery that once plagued the country and of the abolitionists and leaders who fought against it.

Juneteenth is widely celebrated as the end of slavery in the United States and it technically was born on June 19, 1865, when Texas became the final state to end slavery – two years after it was ruled illegal in the country President Abraham Lincoln with the Emancipation Proclamation after the Civil War.

It's a day of celebration for Black communities across the country, but it's also a day of sadness and grief for people's ancestors who spent their entire lives as slaves. Clay County was a small but growing town in the 1860s when slavery came to an end.

"It wasn't like what you see in 'Gone With The Wind,' but there were some here who did have slaves," Clay County Archivist Vishi Garig said. "Most people here were poor white people that wouldn't have been able to afford slaves if they wanted

them. M.M. Bradley had the most around here."

Bradley indeed had more slaves in Clay County than anyone else here. Official archive records showed Bradley's will filed with the court that broke down everything he owned. This record included cattle, pigs, horses and sadly, slaves. Bradley had 55 slaves, each categorized by name, age, gender and the price associated with each.

Bradley's records indicate that his slaves were worth \$39,200 in 1861, which is the equivalent of roughly \$2.1 million today. Another slave owner in Clay County named Thomas Wright had eight slaves that he valued at \$9,200. Elsewhere, records indicate that a woman named Alcinda Dixon wrote to the court in May of 1861 requesting that she be allowed to become a slave for Alachua County's John J. Thompson.

Garig said there's likely more to the story since the address Dixon used was the same as Thompson's home. Dixon was requesting that she and her young son be brought into Thompson's control and Garig said because her address was already

that of Thompson's, there's a chance that Thompson was the father of Dixon's son.

Clay County had its fair share of slave owners, but it also had its very own abolitionists and one free family consisting of former slaves, whose freedom was bought by the father of the family.

Zephaniah Kingsley, was a successful slave trader, merchant and farmer in Spanish Florida. He married a slave from Havana, Cuba, and the couple had three children. Although they still were considered slaves – which was determined by the mother's status – Zephaniah eventually freed her and her children 30 years before the start of the Civil War. However, Zephaniah still owned other slaves at his plantation on Fort George River.

Nonetheless, one of Orange Park's main thoroughfares, Kingsley Avenue, is named after him.

A census was taken in 1860 of Clay County, according to official archive records. Among the names taken was that of the Forrester family: Clay County's only free Black family. The patriarch of the family was Cyrus Forrester, Garig said, and he



Clay County might not be mentioned in many textbooks when it comes to slavery or the Civil War and abolition, but these are slaves quarters that are still standing at the Kingsley Plantation.

lived on the southern bank of Black Creek in a place formerly known as Magnolia. It's now the site of the St. Johns Landing apartments in Green Cove Springs.

He owned the land he lived on after purchasing it from the government in 1853. He lived there with his wife Dorcas and six of his seven children. One of his sons, Lewis Charles Forrester, lived next door on his property. The Forresters owned 40 acres of land and had garnered roughly \$2 million in property value, personal belongings, livestock and more.

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Residents, BCC growing more impatient with Waste Management's trash delays

By Wesley LeBlanc
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CLAY COUNTY – County residents and commissioners continue to grow more and more unhappy with the services of Waste Management, the company responsible for picking up trash, yard waste and recycling in unincorporated areas.

The company has said for months the COVID-19 pandemic is largely responsible for a lack of workers. The coronavirus complicated things just as it did for hundreds of other industries in the world, but a lack of people continues to plague the trash service.

"This is a nationwide issue and problem that we're constantly trying to fix," county manager Howard Wanamaker said during Tuesday's meeting. "It's all hands-on deck. We were three weeks behind in yard waste pick up whereas today, we're about a week behind. It's just a constant struggle and it's dynamic to try and fix. We have the trucks. We just don't have the people."

Wanamaker said wages for some trash-related positions have risen from \$10.50 an hour in December to roughly \$15 an hour now, in an attempt to attract new

employees. They're down drivers, too. A Commercial Driver's License is required to drive a garbage truck and people with CDLs aren't easy to come by right now, according to Wanamaker.

Wanamaker is correct. American Airlines announced this week that it would continue to cancel about 80 flights each day and expects to at least through July due to a staffing shortage. This shortage in employees can be seen in many other industries such as food service, retail and more.

Wanamaker told the BCC garbage is the No. 1 priority when it comes to what garbage trucks pick up each day. Recycling is No. 2 and yard waste is third. Unsurprisingly, yard waste currently seems to be being the most for Waste Management.

One resident told the BCC during the June 22 meeting he has three weeks of yard waste sitting on their curb. Commissioner Betsy Condon expressed her frustration after learning that, citing the fact that yard waste sitting on a curb can potentially kill the grass underneath or blow over into the streets during a storm.

"You tell us you're four days behind,



Clay County residents and the Board of County Commissioners aren't happy with Waste Management after the garbage pickup service continues to fall behind.

but we frequently hear from residents that it's much longer...like three weeks," Condon told Environmental Services Director Charlie Latham. "I don't understand how a resident has gone three weeks leaving it out on their curb. How does that happen? We hear that things are getting better...but

I think that we've gone backwards.

"It's only grown to be worse since May in terms of yard waste. It's very frustrating and I understand you all don't have answers...but it's tiring."

Condon questioned whether Waste

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Supreme Court: NCAA's no pay for play is unconstitutional

By Ran Nicol
For Florida Politics

Republican Rep. Chip LaMarca is supporting a Monday decision by the U.S. Supreme Court chipping away at National Collegiate Athletic Association governing compensation for college athletes.

LaMarca fronted Florida legislation allowing college athletes to make money — including via endorsement deals — off of their name, image and likeness. Monday's Supreme Court dealing did not deal with that issue. Instead, SCOTUS unanimously struck down NCAA rules limiting education-related benefits — such as laptops or paid internships — to college athletes.

"We don't see too many 9-0 votes on the U.S. Supreme Court," LaMarca said. Monday's opinion by Justice Neil Gorsuch found that the NCAA is in violation of price fixing rules aimed at preventing monopolies.

"This is basically telling them they're not allowed to operate that way," LaMarca said of the ruling.

The NCAA has said its limits on benefits — even if educational in nature — exist to prevent individual schools from using expensive gifts to lure students to attend. But in the lawsuit which ended in Monday's ruling, former athletes sued, arguing the rules violated federal antitrust law.

Athletic conferences will still be able to place their own limits on member schools, however. And Monday's ruling did not touch on the issue of paying college athletes for their pay, nor on NIL concerns, which were the focus of LaMarca's bill.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote a concurring opinion, which is not binding, that attacked the NCAA model more directly and questioned whether any limits on athlete compensation are permissible.

Everyone agrees that the NCAA can require student athletes to be enrolled students in good standing," Kavanaugh wrote.

"But the NCAA's business model of using unpaid student athletes to generate billions of dollars in revenue for the colleges raises serious questions under the antitrust laws. In particular, it is highly questionable whether the NCAA and its member colleges can justify not paying student athletes a fair share of the revenues on the circular theory that the defining characteristic of college sports is that the colleges do not pay student athletes. And if that asserted justification is un-

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Despite modest gains, LGBTQ community still looking for acceptance, understanding

By Wesley LeBlanc
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June is PRIDE month and while there's still plenty of work to be done for the LGBTQ community, this month serves as a celebration of this community and all that it represents.

It's also an opportunity for those who aren't part of the LGBTQ movement to educate themselves on the trials and tribulations the community has faced. It's been fighting for equality throughout all of history.

Since this state's beginning in St. Augustine, members of the LGBTQ community were persecuted for simply being themselves.

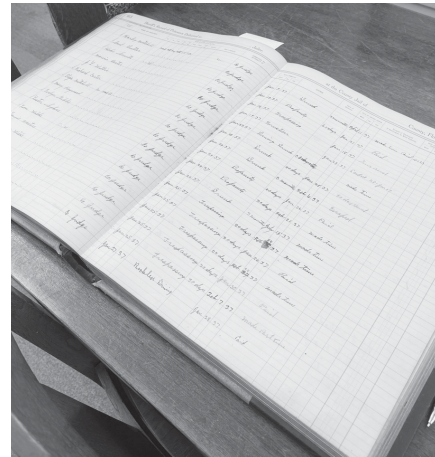
Gonzalo Solis De Maras was executed in St. Augustine for being gay in 1566 and this is the first recorded instance of a person being sentenced to death in North America for being gay. Francisco De Paeja wrote about witnessing Timucuan native Americans engaging in gay sexual activities nearly 30 years later in 1595.

Fast forward nearly 300 years to 1868 and Florida passes its first sodomy law, which phrased sodomy as a crime against nature. Clay County was only about 10 years old when this law, which is no longer in effect, went into effect. And while arrests and charges against LGBTQ people likely happened in its earlier days, the county remained relatively small for decades.

It had a population of about 10,000 in the early 1900s, but that population



Wesley LeBlanc



June is PRIDE Month and while Clay County isn't necessarily known for its LGBTQ history, it certainly has it embedded within the historic fabric of the community.

only continued to grow and grow into the more than 220,000 people that call it home today. Clay County Archive historical arrest records reveal that Clay County was not only against gay sex in the 20th Century, but it was against virtually any kind of sex outside traditional marriage.

Multiple arrests were made in 1931 for "fornication," a term that was seemingly used to describe any kind of sexual activity outside of marriage. Straight couples went to jail for fornication if caught outside of marriage, according to records.

Clay County's archivist Vishi Garig pointed out that if a man and a woman were arrested for "fornication," it likely meant they had sex outside of marriage. If just one man was arrested for "fornication," for example, Garig said it was likely due to gay sex. The archive's arrest records showed an arrest of three people for having a sexual relationship together

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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.

Jocund: (JAH-kund) an adjective that means marked by or suggestive of high spirits and lively mirthfulness.

"Clearly in a jocund mood after their win, the baseball team decided to jump into the hotel swimming pool in their uniforms."

This Week in History

Five years ago, 2016

- Orange Park's Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café is a victim of mistaken identity after a coffeehouse in Minneapolis invokes a ban of service to any Donald Trump supporters.

- The courts finally decide the Parkway Inn, formerly the Rodeway Inn at 300 Park Ave., must be closed after numerous arrests and at least one murder at the property.

- Officials break ground on East West Parkway on Fleming Island for a new assisted living facility called Seagrass Village.

10 years ago, 2011

- The Orange Park Town Council passes an \$8.3 million, five-year capital improvement plan for repaving roads and other infrastructure upgrades.

- The Florida Youth Challenge Academy celebrates its 10th anniversary of helping troubled youth by conducting graduation ceremonies at the Thrasher-Horne Center.

- Clay County Fire Rescue Chief Lorin Mock said a burn ban was extended to June 24 and it may be extended, which would threaten July 4 fireworks plans at Keystone Heights, Orange Park and Green Cove Springs.

20 years ago, 2001

- After years of haggling, the Board of County Commissioner final approve the creation of an emergency radio system.

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Pride

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in 1934.

One man arrested for gay sex was arrested in 1937, he but escaped from the Clay County's Old Jail in the Historic Triangle soon after being placed there. The records indicate that not only was the county against gay sex, and subsequently, gay marriage considering the state only just legalized it in 2015, but it was against anything that didn't fit the traditional marriage narrative of a man not having sex outside of wedlock.

This lines up with the county's conservative values of the 20th Century and other arrests seemingly push that narrative even further. Everyone knows about the prohibition and how it made alcohol illegal starting in 1920. This didn't affect Clay County, though, because it had already made alcohol illegal more than 15 years before the prohibition in 1904, according to Garig.

Archive arrest records indicate that people were still getting arrested for possessing whiskey in 1941, which is eight years after the prohibition ended. The Florida Legislative Investigation Committee began to attempt to root out LGBTQ

community members out of public education in schools such as the University of Florida and Florida State University in 1961.

Think about that – you likely know someone born in the 1960s. The 1960s weren't that long ago. Gay marriage was still illegal back then and official government committees were so against it that committees were set up to kick gays from public universities. It wasn't until 1973 that the American Psychiatric Association declassified being gay as a mental disorder. That's less than 50 years ago.

That could be considered a step forward in the fight for LGBTQ rights but after that one step forward, Florida took another step backwards by banning gay couples from adopting children in 1977. Florida wouldn't deem this ban unconstitutional until 2010 and it was the last state to make it OK for gay couples to adopt children.

It wouldn't be until the 1980s that the ball towards equality for the LGBTQ community really started gaining traction. But mind you, that community still is being persecuted in many ways today. The first PRIDE parade was held in Jacksonville in 1984. Disney World began to hold Gay Days in 1981, the Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN) would

be created in 1994 and five years later in 1999, the Jacksonville Jaguars would become the first and only NFL team at that time to support LGBTQ youth in the nation after giving a grant to JASMYN.

It wasn't until the early 2000s that schools in Northeast Florida made discriminating against sexual preference illegal and even then, same-sex marriage would remain illegal until 2015.

Same-sex marriage was a big win for the LGBTQ community, but don't write it off as the final win. There's still a lot of work to be done to give that community the same equality enjoyed by heterosexual and cisgender people.

Just this year, a page in the 2020-21 Fleming Island High yearbook meant to highlight the school's LGBTQ community was removed. When the yearbook's editor learned of this, it was too late to fight for it to be included in the yearbook.

"Whoever's decision it was, even if it was unintentional, felt homophobic," yearbook editor Hannah Coulter told Clay To-

day in April. "Stuff like this usually doesn't bother me. Even though I'm a relatively bland-appearing bisexual, I still get called slurs often. It's water off my back. When it's something that affects my fellow students, though? I'm like a moth on a flame."

A compromise was eventually made later that month to include an add-on with the yearbook that sees the LGBTQ pages return as they were originally intended. While it's still unknown if this was intentional or not – the school district says it values the diversity of all students – it's still an example of the challenges LGBTQ people face today in Clay County – let alone the state, country and world.

These moments and events in history are important to know and important to remember. June's PRIDE month celebration is about the successes the LGBTQ community has made throughout history and it's important to recognize the trials and tribulations this community has faced to understand why celebrating Pride is important and necessary.

History

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- Add Inc newspaper group, which includes the Clay Today and Orange Park Recorder, win an honorable mention for a religious column from the Florida Press Association.

- Steven Crotty, 35, of Jacksonville, is arrested after the Suntrust Bank is robbed on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park.

30 years ago, 1991

- The Clay County School Board will move the final public hearing on the proposed Human Growth and Development curriculum – also known as sex education – to the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room to give more parents the opportunity to make comments.

- The Clay County Courthouse establishes a dress code calling for men's and women's shorts' inseams to be at least four inches and to ban undershirts and tank tops, bare feet and uncovered hair with curlers.

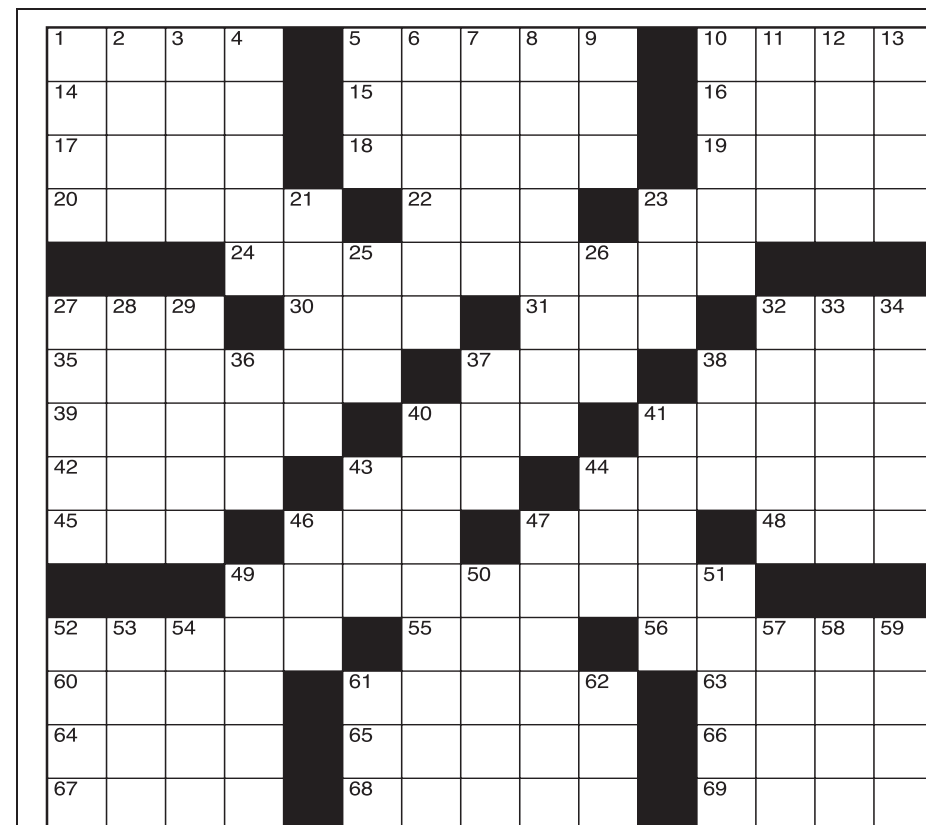
- County commissioners approve the concept of a "fitness trail" to run between Green Cove Springs and Orange Park.

40 years ago, 1981

- A water line break on the westside of Orange Park leaves 1,500 residents without service for more than 12 hours.

- Talmadge Bennett announces he will run against George L. Carlisle for Clerk of County Court.

- Staggered registration based on birth months is approved to alleviate long lines for new auto tags.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Fashion accessory
5. Subatomic particle
10. Ethnic group of the Philippines
14. Popular cookie
15. Fabric
16. Alcoholic liquor
17. Peter __, Dutch portrait painter
18. Longtime Chicago mayor
19. A famous Lady
20. Islamic calendar month
22. Rocky peak
23. Polio vaccine developer
24. Songs sung in open air
27. Military movements
30. Male parent
31. Beloved hot beverage
32. Female sibling
35. Tackled the QB
37. Set a dog on someone
38. Long live! (Spanish)
39. Porticos
40. Pouch
41. Smooth fabric
42. Enough (archaic)
43. Institute legal proceedings against
44. Scarred
45. Draw from
46. Brother or sister
47. Body part
48. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Fifth notes of major scales
2. Region
3. Your consciousness of your own identity
4. Georgetown athletes
5. They follow A
6. Spoke
7. Hairdressers' domain
8. Extravagantly theatric
9. End-blown flute
10. Heroic tales
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Members of a priestly caste
13. Southern Ghana people
21. Counsels
23. Body of water
25. Awesome!
26. Calendar month
27. Native of region in Caucasus
28. Indian city
29. Exclusive
32. Alaskan town
33. Covered with ivy
34. Loose granular substances
36. Native American tribe
37. Written American English
38. Holiday (informal)
40. Add up
41. Small brown and gray rails
43. Get off your feet
44. Express disgust
46. Surface of the ground
47. Put into a silo
49. Belief
50. British noblemen
51. Tennis game
52. Dry, protective crust
53. Swiss river
54. Large integers
57. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
58. Every one of two or more
59. Deadpool actor Reynolds
61. Earlier
62. Peters last name

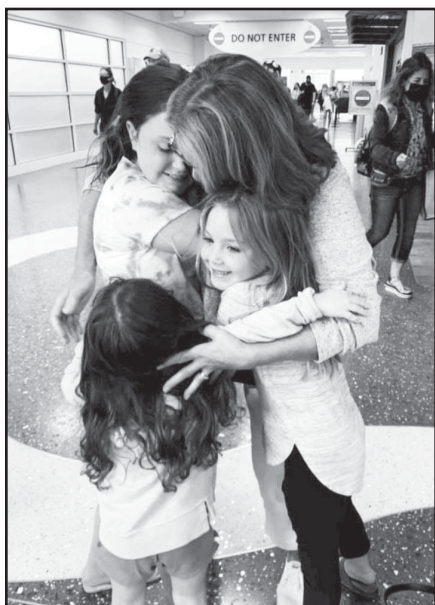


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Happy reunion

Terri Potvin hadn't hugged her three granddaughters in more than a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but Potvin made the trip from Williston, Vermont recently and immediately was swarmed by Sophia, Isla and Lilliana Francis. Afterward, they returned to the granddaughter's home on Fleming Island.



Karen Kee Pierce and her family thought the new Neptune Park Monument was a beautiful tribute to her father Lt. Cmdr. Lester C Kee, who died in the crash.

New monument memorializes Navy crew from 1951

By Wesley LeBlanc
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FLEMING ISLAND – Neptune Park was already a special place in Clay County, but a new monument there has brought a new peace to the families of nine people aboard an aircraft that crashed there.

Neptune Park was created years ago and named in honor of the crew of a Navy P2V2 Neptune plane that crashed at the site of the park on June 14, 1951, killing

seven of the crew members, and now it's a permanent monument has been erected to remember those who were aboard. The monument was designed by Broadus-Raines Funeral Home and it features the names engraved beautifully of the seven killed aboard the ship and the two who survived into the granite structure.

"When commissioners can bring recreational improvements to our communities such as new ball fields and a concession

stand, it is a proud moment for us in Clay County," Board of County Commissioners chair Mike Cella said at the June 17 ceremony. "But, when we have an opportunity like we have with Neptune Park, to give something back to the community in the form of a permanent memorial dedicated to our brave heroes who risked everything to protect our country and our freedoms, it is truly a monumental occasion."

And a monumental occasion it was, in-

deed. More than 50 people gathered right outside the Neptune Park concession stand while dozens more watched and listened from the baseball dugouts and stands.

Retired Navy Capt. Matt Pottenburgh, who is an NAS JAX commander and Patrol and Reconnaissance of Wing 11, told what led to the fatal crash 70 years ago.

"That was a P3 aircraft that just flew behind us and the P3 was the replacement

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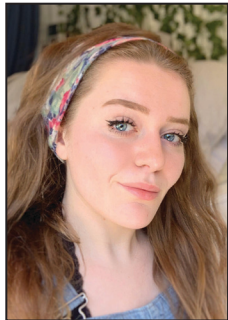
Home Sweet Van

Chasing sunshine and dreams: Sunny Flaherty's life on the road

By **Nikki Schoenbeck**
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CLAY COUNTY – Sunny Flaherty is a free spirit living an unconventional life out of her van.

For the past 4½ years, Flaherty has been traveling the country while living in her van. Although some people might find this odd, Flaherty believes it's both exciting and freeing.



Sunny Flaherty

Flaherty grew up in Orange Park and attended Oakleaf High. She originally lived in a van to save money. But what started as a way to save money has quickly transformed into a beautiful way to travel across the United States.

"I couldn't really afford rent, so I decided to live in a van instead. I've been able to save money that way and travel the country which is really nice," she said. "I went to school for a while in St. Augustine and then I took a semester off. I thought I was just going to take a break to travel for a little bit, but I love traveling so much. I just never went back."

Flaherty's favorite part about "van life" has been being able to live a nomadic life while exploring all the national parks the country has to offer. At one of the national parks, Flaherty found her cat, Bryce, which was abandoned by her previous

owners at Rainbow Point in Bryce Canyon National Park.

"My favorite national park would probably be a tie between Glacier because that was number No. 1 bucket list item before I started traveling was seeing Glacier National Park. It is so beautiful, words can't even describe how beautiful it is," Flaherty said. "And then another one would be Bryce Canyon National Park because that's where I found my cat Bryce and rescued her from there."

Along with Bryce, Flaherty also lives with her boyfriend Jordan Summerline, who is also from Clay County, and their dog, Momo. Flaherty and Summerline were high school sweethearts who continue to have a strong relationship.

"I really have an amazing partner. Being in a small living space is really a make it or break it situation and especially when you've been doing it for 4½ years," she said.

While Flaherty now spends more money traveling, she is still saving money by not having to pay for rent or utilities. Flaherty and Summerline



can make money while traveling

by doing jobs that can be done either remotely or temporarily.

Flaherty makes her income by being a digital artist and designing items such as logos on merchandise. She also generates money from her Tik Tok account which now has more than 70,000 followers. Summerline will also work in restaurants for a few months to build up more savings. Flaherty and Summerline have traveled to all the lower 48 states and will soon travel to Canada. Along with traveling domestically in their van they also plan on traveling internationally as well.

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Obituaries

Donna Jean Rahm

Donna Jean Rahm passed away on June 15, 2021 at the age of 78, in her town of Orange Park, Florida. She was born on July 24, 1942 in Neptune Beach, New Jersey to Mae Elizabeth Reid and Gene Jensen Wilkins. She grew up in Bradley Beach and graduated from Neptune High School. Soon after, she fell head over heels for her husband, Robert Lee Rahm, when her cousin introduced them one day.

With a passion for helping the community, Donna always was involved with a multitude of organizations. Following her father's footsteps, she was the past President of the Meadowbrook Bellair Volunteer Fire Department. She was a huge Gators fan and proudly rooted them on as a member of the Gator Boosters Club. She was an active member of the Red Hat Society, Navy Wives Club, and Fleet Reserve. Additionally, she coordinated various donation drives for the Quigley House.

Donna served a 20 plus year career as a baker and crossing guard, however, her most important and rewarding career was being a mother and grandmother. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with family and friends. Additionally, she loved all things Disney, traveling, attending sporting events, vacationing with family, and volunteering for those in need.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert Rahm, brothers, Charles and Eugene Wilkins, and cousin, Butch Wilkins. She was the mother of three children, Scott (spouse Samantha) Rahm, Sheri (spouse Reese) Blanton, and Sandra (spouse Mark) Gross. She had nine adored grandchildren, Ryan Mitchell, Michael Devinney, Erin Winter, Kaitlin and Dylan Blanton, Ansley and Emily Gross, and Henry and Olive Rahm and a great grandmother of six.

Her memory will live on forever in the lives she's touched. She will be best remembered for her kindness, her contagious joy, her compassion for others and her zest for life.



Donna Jean Rahm

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

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



Danise Michele Young

Danise Michele Young, 48, of Jacksonville, FL passed away Monday, June 14, 2021. Danise was born in Baltimore, Maryland to Steven S. Kurant Jr and NancyAnn Burkhardt Kurant. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Maryland before heading down to Key West. She worked in healthcare accounting with North Florida OBGYN/Women's Care Florida. Danise attended Advent Lutheran Church and was the secretary of the First Coast Highlanders Pipe & Drums. Attending Renaissance Faires and Disney parks were among her favorite things to do, she enjoyed attending Broadway Shows as well as being an avid reader. Danise loved her three cats, Magic (Boo), Keira and Wesley very much.

Danise was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Ralph Young; her mother-in-law, Betty Young; her step son-in-law, Jason Walden; brother-in-law, William Branham; and uncle, David Frank. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Scott H. Young; parents, Steve and NancyAnn Kurant Jr; stepson, David Young (Gianna Garofalo); stepdaughter, Christina Walden (Brent Miles); brother, Michael Kurant, Sister in Laws, MiChele Kurant, Debra Branham, and Patricia Foster; niece, Nancy Kurant; nephews, Tristan Foster, Michael Branham, Nicholas Williams; Niece, Ashley Smith, and Great Niece Grace, Catherine Williams; Aunt, Diane (DeeDee) Frank; as well as many aunts, uncles and close friends. Her Best Friends, Ellissa & Aaron Phillips and Lynn Bembenek.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Danise's memory to Advent Lutheran Church, <https://www.adventtop.org/donate> or the First Coast Highlanders Pipe and Drums, <https://www.firstcoasthighlanders.com/donate>.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 1 pm at Advent Lutheran Church with Jerry Nordsiek officiating.

Arrangements are under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-7720



Wanda Lois Burcham

Wanda Lois Burcham, 94 of Penney Farms, FL, passed away June 19, 2021.

Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. (904) 284-4000.



Jacqueline Kelley Bramblett

Jacqueline Kelley Bramblett, 91, of Orange Park, FL, passed away June 18, 2021.

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Michael Dean Reinhart

We mournfully announce the passing of Michael Dean Reinhart, age 43, of Green Cove Springs, FL. Michael passed away unexpectedly on June 3, 2021. He was born July 22, 1977 at Schneck Memorial Hospital, Seymour, IN.

Surviving are his parents, Dennis (Sheila) Reinhart, and Wanda L. Ison Reinhart, sister Leslie Ann Reinhart (David) Chaffin, and brother Matthew Allen Reinhart, all of Green Cove Springs, FL. Also mourning his passing, Uncles Stephen,

Charles (Diana), and the late Uncle James (Martha) Reinhart and his favorite Aunt, Cathy Reinhart Powell all of Seymour, IN.

While Michael had not married, he lived a full and vibrant life. He loved the outdoors and working on cars with his father.

He was blessed with 3 nieces that he was very proud of and adored, Alex and Emily Chaffin and Laura Palagyi. Michael was a graduate of Orange Park High School. He worked as a electrician at Eagle Electric in Jacksonville, FL.

Lee West

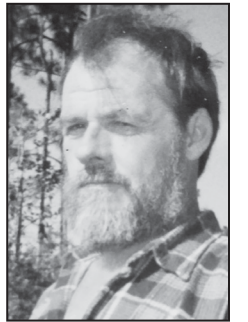
Lee West, a life-long resident of Middleburg, Florida, passed away on June 21, 2021. Lee was a simple, hard-working

man who made his living and raised his family hanging dry-wall. He enjoyed his garden, his chickens and his front porch, where he'd let you know, "You ain't gotta leave so soon." He'd sit on the porch hours at a time and greet anyone who would show up.

Lee is survived by his wife Linda West of 45 years; his 3 daughters Kelly West, Leeann Padgett (David Padgett), and Mandy Bigley (Te Bigley); 7 grandchildren Miranda Crisp (JJ Crisp), Brittany Jeffers (Stephen Belefant), Jenna Mizell, Tyler McConnell, Hailey Jackson, Charlotte Padgett, and Levi Padgett; 3 great-grandchildren Carter McDonald, Oliver Jackson, and Lillian Belefant (due 10-11-21). Lee is preceded in death by his parents Merrill and Louise West; and his brothers Bobby West and Wayne West.

A memorial service will be held at Black Pond Baptist Church, 3644 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 on Saturday June 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm. All florals are asked to be delivered directly to the church, please.

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Neptune

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for the P2V2 Neptune aircraft that we're talking about today and as you can see, it's still flying today and that's pretty amazing," Pottenburgh said. "Throughout the 1950s, these airplanes patrolled the vast Atlantic and were sent to patrol overseas, as was mentioned already, for the Korean War."

The nine-men crew crashed flying from Palatka when an electrical piece of the wing exploded and caught fire, causing the pilot to attempt to land in an auxiliary runway near where Thunderbolt Elementary now stands. He attempted an emergency pullup maneuver a mile west of the runway, but the aircraft was not able to gain the altitude it needed. It crashed as a result of multiple other factors, too.

The plane's nose wheel didn't extend properly, the aircraft's speed was too fast for a safe landing and the nearby open area was littered with livestock like cows. The plane hit the top of 50-foot pine trees and crashed soon after, killing seven: Lt. Cmdr. L.B. Worley, Lt. Cmdr. Lester C Kee, Aviation Mechanic 1st Class Clair Meek Walizer, Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Milton Trower, Aviation Radioman 3rd Class James A Logwood Jr., Aviation Ordnance Airman Turner Eugene Jones and Airman William Fred Stewart.

Lt. Junior Grade Ralph Howell Jones and Airman Apprentice John Dabbs Barnett were the only survivors.

"We still have the fighting spirit of our Navy 70 years ago, but we are anchored in...those that have gone before us," Pottenburgh said before introducing the daughter of fallen Lt. Cmdr. Lester C Kee, Karen Kee Pierce, who was just four and a half years old when her father died.

"I was a daddy's girl," Pierce said. "He

protected me from everything."

Pierce said she remembers getting a spam-like call from someone named Rick Howard. He knew all about her father's life, where he was from, what his journey in the military was like and how he died. Pierce figured that Howard knew far too much for him to be a spam caller, so she listened. She said it would turn out to be one of the most important calls of her life. That's because Howard was calling to gather the information he needed to make a pitch to the BCC for Neptune Park.

This park was to be created in honor of the fallen P2V2 Neptune aircraft that crashed on what is now the parking lot of the site in 1951 and he wanted the families of those Navy men to help. He also wanted their blessing.

Cella said that it was the quickest 5-0 vote from the BCC and the park plan was soon set into action. Pierce spoke about her first visit to the park and how she wanted it to be just her, her husband and her father and so it was. She sat on a bench and admired the two-field park, the new greenery, the beautiful lighting and the transformation of a site that was once the worst place imaginable for her into a place of peace, tranquility and heart.

"Stepping onto this park for the first time, it brought such peace to me," Pierce said through tears. "To those that built this place, I want you to know that it was an awful, awful place for me before this park, but coming here now, it's a place of peace. Thank you."

Cella introduced the large crowd to Michael Trower Carlucci, the son of fallen Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Trower Carlucci. He echoed similar sentiments of Pierce. He was three years old when his father died in the P2V2 Neptune crash in 1951. He didn't really know his father, he

equals to other college students, whether it be a journalism or engineering or finance major. They couldn't participate in things that other students could," LaMarca said.

"What we did, I think, is just open up the doors and level the playing field as far as the free market. And that's really all I had a concern for."

That NIL bill does remain in a bit of limbo, however, after being approved last year. Originally expected to go into effect on July 1 of this year, the Legislature approved legislation in May pushing back the NIL start date to 2022. Just days later, after significant criticism, lawmakers reversed the move, tacking an amendment onto a separate piece of legislation reinstating the July 1, 2021 start date.

Gov. Ron DeSantis, however, has not yet signed that second bill returning the NIL start date to 2021. DeSantis has said he would approve the bill, but is running low on time with July 1 just over a week away.

LaMarca expressed confidence Monday that bill would be signed in time.

"In ten days, Florida's athletes will be liberated from the economic chains of the



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Karen Kee Pierce and Michael Trower Carlucci unveiled the new Neptune Park Monument as more than 50 people watched at the June 17 event.

"But I learned of the man he was through my mother and my grandparents," Trower said.

He learned of his father's heroism, his service to the country and his sacrifice. Trower said it's an honor to have his father memorialized forever at such a special place.

The ceremony ended with Trower Carlucci and Pierce unveiling the new and beautiful monument erected in honor of the

entire crew of that P2V2 Neptune aircraft. It was a moment of happiness, admiration, tears and as Pierce said, peace.

What was once the site of a fatal crash in the 1950s is now the home to two of Clay County's most beautiful ballfields. It's also now home to a monument that will forever memorialize the seven Navy men who made the ultimate sacrifice and the two men that survived the crash.

Play

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availling, it is not clear how the NCAA can legally defend its remaining compensation rules."

Many reacting to Monday's ruling have zeroed in on Kavanaugh's concurrence, debating whether a future lawsuit targeting the NCAA ban on athlete salaries could succeed. But in remarks to Florida Politics, LaMarca made clear he would not support pushing legislation to make those reforms.

"I had no interest in that," LaMarca said. "I still don't have any interest in paying athletes [salaries] in college."

While LaMarca's NIL bill doesn't allow athletes to be paid directly for their play, it does allow athletes to make money off endorsement deals, signing autographs or other off-the-field agreements.

LaMarca said he sees NIL legislation as a significant boost for athletes, allowing them to generate income either based on their star power or their ability to market themselves on social media.

"College athletes were not treated as

NCAA, with no thanks to the NCAA," LaMarca said.

"Today's SCOTUS ruling in the Alston v. NCAA case shows the hypocrisy of the NCAA business model. I agree with the unanimous decision by SCOTUS. An organization should not be allowed to bar individuals from participating in the free and fair market strictly because that organization claims their product is exclusively defined and valued by restricting individuals from entering a free and fair market. This is exactly why I filed, and the Legislature passed, Florida's Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights legislation over the last two years."

Fewer than 2% of college athletes make it to the pros where they can make more lucrative salaries, according to the NCAA's own stats. And all risk injury before even getting that far.

Critics point to the significant revenues generated from college sports, along with massive money paid to coaching staffs. The NCAA has repeatedly argued in favor of an amateur model, where athletes are not directly compensated.

Following Monday's ruling, NCAA Presi-

dent Mark Emmert said he would continue to work on federal legislation dealing with NIL issues.

"Even though the decision does not directly address name, image and likeness, the NCAA remains committed to supporting NIL benefits for student-athletes," Emmert said. "Additionally, we remain committed to working with Congress to chart a path forward, which is a point the Supreme Court expressly stated in its ruling."

LaMarca, however, has previously called into question the NCAA's proposed NIL reforms, and has maintained Florida's legislation remains necessary.

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Mercy

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someday be home to new apartments, called Mercy Village and provide additional support.

Patrick Hayle, the Executive Director for Mercy Support Services, is excited to see their outreach expanding and reaching more people.

“We’re going to be introducing Mercy Village, which we have enough property to build apartments here for the people we serve. This new property will be on five acres of land,” Hayle said. “And so, we’re blessed to be able to use the offices here but now we have enough land to build 65 apartments.”

Mercy Support Services has come a long way since this grand opening. They started as The Mercy Network in 2003. The former president, Andre Van Heerden, soon realized there was a need for housing when he received a call from a Clay County school that a grandmother had been living out of a car with her five grandchildren.

Hayle described Heerden’s experience of starting the housing assistance of Mercy Support Services.

“The school system called Pastor Andre



and asked if he would be able to help them. And without having anything in place, he said yes, we will help them. And so that’s how this all got started,” Hayle said. “And so the first thing he did was reach out to some churches and was able to raise enough money to put them in a hotel. We started putting people up in hotels and then case-managing them back to self-sufficiency.”

Mercy Support Services works with people that have no homes or no place to go and people who have been displaced from their homes. They cater to people of all ages and also support mothers and children without homes. Mercy plans on using

one of the apartment buildings to house mothers and children along with providing resources for them as well.

According to Mercy, there are nearly 1,000 children in county public schools who have no permanent address. Of those, more than 140 are considered unaccompanied youth, children with no legal guardian or parent.

Also, more than 10.6% of Clay County’s population falls below the poverty level. Simply put, one in nine is living in need of basic necessities and have no safety net when unexpected events occur, like a loss of a job, illness and accidents. Each person isn’t just a statistic but an individual with

a personal story and need. By addressing these dire needs at the source, Mercy can help prevent the person or family from continuing on the downward spiral of poverty and help set them on the road to self-sufficiency. With the uncertainty in the economy, job layoffs and cutbacks, many people are but one or two paychecks away from homelessness. Approximately 85% of the individuals and families receiving services through Mercy fall below the poverty line.

“Since March 15, the number of calls coming into our call center has more than doubled,” said Dr. Robert Cowie, Mercy’s Board Chairman. “We have expended more than \$110,000 to keep over 80-plus families in their homes or apartments and keep their utilities on, and the need continues. Some of this money has come from the government CARE program as well as your donations and other grants. We have successfully concluded our two main events this year and exceeded our goals.”

Along with introducing the new office and land for the apartment buildings, the grand opening will also feature Mercy Support Services dedicating their office building to the donors who provided funds to buy the property. The office building will be named after donors.



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One telephone call leads to amazing transformation

County prisoners cut back overgrown thicket to open bike path for active residents

By Don Coble
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LAKESIDE – Bill Scott still carries clippers during his morning walks on the bike path along Doctors Lake Drive. For years it was so he could cut his way through overgrown vines and branches like a safari tour guide. Now it's more out of habit.

The once-cluttered path on the busy Orange Park street has received a lot of attention in the past seven months. Once overrun with foliage and neglect, the path now is a popular way for residents to exercise again.

"I still carry my clippers, but I keep them in my pocket," Scott said. "You still see a branch or a vine that needs trimming. But it's a whole lot better. I appreciate everything the county's doing."

And it only took a phone call. "I walk six miles a day and they weren't maintaining the walkway," said R.B. Juneau. "It was a mess. There were so many branches and vines, it was hard to walk on it. One day, I decided to call the county. The next day, they jumped right on it."

"It's easy to criticize, but this time the process worked. Doctors Lake has never looked this good."

County Manager Howard Wanamaker, Public Works Director Teresa Gardner and County Engineer Richard Smith check on each call on Fridays. They toured the area and quickly made arrangements with the Clay County Sheriff's Office to start a clearing project.

They've been working on it since December, and there's still a large section to

go. And by the time they finish, it probably will need to do it all over again since the brush grows so quickly, Scott said.

"Some of those vines can grow four or five feet a day," he said.

CCSO's work crew uses saws and trimmers to hack away thick underbrush and branches. They leave large piles of debris on the shoulder of the road that reminds residents of how much work is completed every day. It's a grueling job, especially in the sweltering Florida heat. And it's a job the prisoners do as volunteers.

"They don't get any special privileges or pay for working," said CCSO spokesman Andrew Ford. "They have to go through a voluntary process."

The two prisoners were covered with



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From Boy Scouts to bicycles, Knoff continues to serve the community

Volunteer has spent 50 years in scouting; more than 30 years giving away bikes at Christmas

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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CLAY COUNTY – Richard Knoff has dedicated both his career and his free time to serving the community and helping others. From being a member of the Boy Scouts, having a career as a firefighter, serving in the Navy, being a foster parent and adopting 13 of those foster children, Knoff tries to serve his community as much as he can.

Knoff started helping others when he became a Boy Scout.

“I was a Cub Scout when I was six years old and later progressed through the scouting programs. I became a Boy Scout and then an Eagle Scout in 1973,” Knoff said. “I just enjoyed the outdoors. I enjoyed the activities we did as a boy. As an adult when I was in the Navy, I was stationed in Memphis at the Naval Air Technical Training Center as an instructor. While there I was asked to take over as Scout Troop that was sponsored by the Naval hospital. So, I did that for two years as a Scoutmaster before transferring to Jacksonville.”

Knoff guessed he’s been part of the Boy Scouts of America for nearly 50 years.

He continues to be a Scoutmaster today and helps boys – and now girls – to be Boy Scouts. Along with being a Scoutmaster, Knoff has also helped children by being a foster parent. Knoff and his wife Michelle, who is a teacher, would specifically request older children to be placed with them. Whenever Knoff received a foster placement with a boy he would always try to get them involved with the Boy Scouts.

“Whenever we got a boy, I’d always get them involved with a Scout program here in Green Cove Springs...We cared for many children here in Clay County over our lifetime. As a result of that, we’ve adopted 13 children out of the state foster care system,” Knoff said. “All my boys that we cared for were in Scouts.”

Knoff strongly believes the Boy Scouts



Richard Knoff, far right, has been in scouting for nearly 50 years. The retired firefighter now is involved with working with the First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs to refurbish hundreds of bicycles for children at Christmas, as well as being a foster parent to 13 foster and adopted children.

helps to shape young boys and girls into good people. Knoff also feels the Boy Scouts is an excellent program for single mothers of boys who need father figures in their lives. Another reason why Knoff believes parents should consider Boy Scouts is because the Scouts program helps children to not become too attached to their smartphones and various electronic devices. Rather than watching TV or scrolling on a smartphone, the Boy Scouts are outdoors doing fun activities that are both fun and work to build teamwork and skills.

When Knoff is not working with the Boy Scouts, he still continues to help children by refurbishing old bicycles that can be gifted to Clay County children.

“The program started with the Green Cove Springs Fire Department about 35 years ago. I’ve led that program ever since.

We’ve started collecting bikes from law enforcement, and then fixing them up and then giving them away at the [J.P. Hall Children’s Charities] Christmas party.” Knoff said. Knoff has been refurbishing bicycles for more than 30 years for the annual J.P. Hall event. His group has turned around as many as 600 bikes in a year, but he admits the supply doesn’t always fit the demand.

“During the party, we try and meet the needs of every family, but sometimes, we’re limited,” Knoff said. “When you think of the number of bikes and the number of children, we should be able to service each one because a child doesn’t need a new bike every single year. One year, this kid gets a bike and the next year this kid gets a bike and so on. One day in our future, every kid will have a bike, we hope.”

Bikes were given away at the First Pres-

byterian Church of Green Cove Springs last December instead of the fairgrounds after charities organizers decided to give away toys in a drive-thru as a precaution to COVID-19.

In addition to the Clay County Fire Departments, Knoff also receives help refurbishing the bikes from the Boy Scouts. They learn how to repair the bikes, along with the Presbyterian Men’s Club and Rotary Club in Green Cove Springs as well.

Along with receiving help to refurbish the bikes Knoff also receives help from the Green Cove Police Department, who help Knoff to transport the bikes to the Clay County Fairgrounds where they’re distributed.

Knoff’s humbleness and dedication to helping others doesn’t go unnoticed in Clay County.

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Ham operators prepare for hurricane season with field day

Two-day event helps amateur radio enthusiasts practice, test equipment ahead of possible disasters

By Nikki Schoenbeck
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – Now that hurricane season is here, Clay County radio operators are making sure they're prepared to handle widespread power outages by participating in American Radio Relay League Field Day.

Every year ARRL hosts a field day for amateur radio operators to test their knowledge and demonstrate their skills. This year's event will be from 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at Camp Chowenwaw.



While Clay County has never experienced power outages so severe that amateur radio operators were needed, John Ward, the emergency management director for Clay County understands the importance of radio operators.



The Clay County Amateur Radio Emergency Service club now has the use of a mobile command unit. The trailer was retired from the county's emergency management operations center and it was donated to the group last November. The trailer will be part of the ARRL Field Day exercises on Saturday and Sunday at Camp Chowenwaw in Green Cove Springs.

"They're a volunteer organization that supports our efforts during any type of hurricane or tropical system. We activate their group and I will have two or three radio operators that are assigned to my emergency operations center," Ward said.

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Waste

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Management was still receiving taxpayer dollars despite their work, or lack thereof rather, and Wanamaker said the county is keeping track of every expense taken under the county's wing. Wanamaker rented garage trucks from the City of Green Cove Springs and hit the streets recently to pick up trash to help Waste Management catch up, and he said those expenses would be sent to WM. The county manager said there is a proposal to have some money refunded to taxpayers, but he said it's important for people to understand that it wouldn't be much.

"We're not talking about thousands of dollars, or hundreds or even 10s," Wanamaker said. "It's about \$1.50 per month should you happen to miss four recycling pickups."

Latham said the current garbage dilemma has been the biggest challenge he's faced in his job. Wanamaker said one possible solution would be to suspend recycling again for about three months, which would give Waste Management time to catch up on yard waste and regular garbage. He said if that were to occur, residents would still have a place they could bring their recycling materials.

Another option is to reduce the amount of recycling pickups that happen each month, such as shifting to a recycle pickup once a month.

BCC chair Mike Cella said Waste Management is coming to the county's chambers with a full presentation and options on July 13. He said if the BCC doesn't like what they see, they can hold a workshop immediately after the presentation to determine how the county reacts.



Clean

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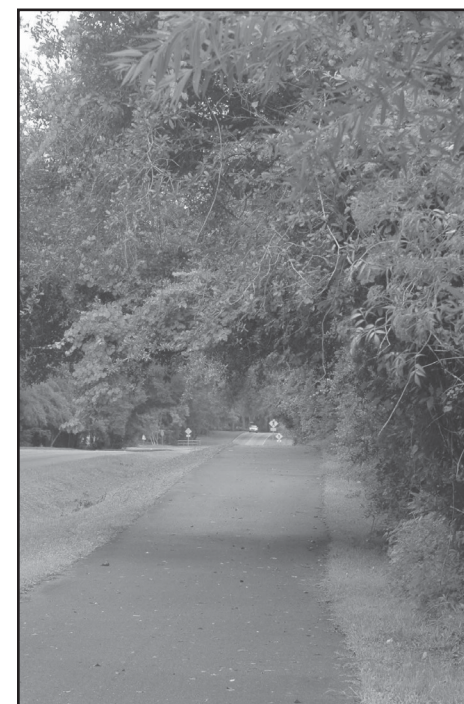
sweat, leaves and dirt. Neither complained.

"If you had the opportunity to get outside in the sun, even on a hot day, it's better than being cooped up, sitting in a jail cell.

"More important, it gives them a sense of work ethic. It keeps them busy, and in the long run, it can keep them out of jail because they get a sense of belonging."

For Scott and Juneau, their work allows them to resume their daily exercise routines without ducking under branches and stepping over vines and overgrown bushes.

"I used to go down there with my power tools and try to clear it all out," Scott said. "It's exhausting. I know it's not an easy job. I know what a dirty job it can be. We're all so thankful for the job they're doing."



Overhanging branches on the bike path along Doctors Lake Drive make it difficult for walkers and cyclists.

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We all have God-given gifts and abilities, but we choose whether to recognize the giver of those gifts or not. It's always inspiring to see others give the glory to God, especially when they are accomplishing big things in life. Many times, those kinds of accomplishments get into people's heads and make them prideful or even arrogant. It's encouraging and inspiring to see people of influence in their respective fields give God the glory for the realization of their goals.

Oklahoma Softball recently won the Women's NCAA National Championship, with both their Head Coach and starting pitcher recognizing God's power in their achievement. Women's College World Series MVP Giselle Juarez was quoted as saying, "All the glory right now goes to God. He's been working through this team

so much." What an incredible example of a humble heart that points others towards the true author of every good thing: God Himself!

1 Corinthians 10:31 says, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (NIV). We must remember that everything we do, both big and small, is a gift from God. He is the author of life and our Creator, desiring to take an active role in our lives. When we look towards His influence in our lives, we unlock even greater potential within ourselves.

He knows us even better than we know ourselves, for He created us. When we walk with Him, He shows us the depths of what we are truly capable of.

Oklahoma Head Coach Patty Gasso, had the following to say: "Winning is not what I'm on earth to do, not winning softball games. The Lord has put it in my heart to win souls and do it in a way that is not forceful, but more trying to be the light for others through the way I live."

This kind of statement makes evident the heart of a person led by the Holy Spirit. We would do well to emulate her example as we go through life, giving God the glory in whatever we do.

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Ham

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"At every shelter we, we open will also have a ham radio operator and that is if for some reason we lost our primary and backup communications, we'd still have a form of communication because they have the ability to communicate when all the major systems are down."

The purpose of the field day is not only for ham radio operators to show their skills but also to test them. Testing and practicing for operators is crucial for how well they respond to natural disasters. While Clay County is lucky enough to have not experienced a complete power outage, it is still vital that radio operators practice their skills.

Scott Roberts, the public information operator for Clay County Amateur Radio Emergency Services, wants the general public to know radio operators are happy to serve their communities.

"We are a group of amateur radio operators who are available in case the community needs us for any reason," he said.

To make things a bit more exciting, radio operators like to turn the field day into a contest. There's also a potluck and cook-out for any participants and visitors.

"We turn it into fun by making it into a contest to see how many contacts we can make. There are clubs all around the United States that are doing this and so, each club is trying to see how many contacts they can make, how many states they can contact... so we try to make it a little bit of fun as well as testing out our equipment," Robert said.

This year's event is also noteworthy given that a particularly active hurricane season is predicted.

"Hams have a long history of serving our communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, including cell towers," Roberts said. "Ham radio functions completely independently of the internet and phone systems and a station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Hams can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others."

During Field Day 2020, more than 18,000 hams participated from thousands of locations across North America. According to ARRL, there are more than 750,000 amateur radio licensees in the United States, and an estimated three million worldwide.

To participate in field day, you have to be a radio operator with a certified license but during field day, radio operators are more than happy to show people how to use the radios.

Hams range in age from as young as 9 to older than 100. A self-study license guide is available from ARRL: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (www.arrl.org/shop/Ham-Radio-License-Manual) and for Kindle (<https://read.amazon.com/kp/embed?asin=B07DFSW94G>).

Camp Chowenwaw is located at 1517 Ball Road in Green Cove Springs near the Black Creek bridge on U.S. Highway 17.

For more information about ARRL Field Day and ham radio, contact Roberts at (904) 759-7812 or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

College Briefs

Stennett on Dean's List at Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss. – Cathryn Stennett of Fleming Island was selected to the Dean's List at Mississippi College.

Student Affairs releases the dean's list after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Orange Park's Terhaar earns faculty honors at Georgia Tech

ATLANTA – Hanna Terhaar of Orange Park earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring 2021 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or

Georgia Tech, is a Top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its nearly 40,000 students, representing 50 states and 149 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning.

Green Cove Springs' Murphy of makes Deans' List at Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. – Renee Murphy of Green Cove Springs has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

Murphy, a senior majoring in psychology and political science, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Arts and Sciences.

More than 6,800 students at Nebraska were named to the Deans' List for the spring semester.

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CLAY COUNTY HISTORY FROM THE WATER'S EDGE

State clerks given a unique tour of county's historic landmarks

By Don Coble
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GREEN COVE SPRINGS – As the President of the Florida Court Clerk and Comptroller Association, Tara Green decided to treat other members of the organization's executive committee to a tour of Clay County's proud history from a unique perspective – the water.

With 39 miles of river and creek shorelines, the county's past rose from the murky depths from waterways like the St. Johns River, Black Creek, Swimming Pen Creek, Governor's Creek and Doctors Lake.

"We decided to have fun things for them to do while they worked," said Vishi Garig, the county's historical archivist for the clerk's office. "We gave them a tour. We went to the Old Jail, the Old Courthouse, the archives office and then we had lunch in the courtyard [of the Historical Triangle]. We visited the spring in Spring Park, and then we took a water taxi from Green Cove Springs, all the way around to Whitey's Fish Camp."

Fellow county clerks shown Reynolds Industrial Park and told of what once was NAS Green Cove Springs in 1943. While they could still see the remnants of what used to be 13 piers just south of Spring Park, they also were surprised to see an external fuel tank used during the Space Shuttle program parked on a dock, as well as the massive Mobro Marine company that uses barges and cranes for marine construction and repairs, including the recovery and disassembly of a B737 that skidded off the runway at NAS Jacksonville in 2019 and into the St. Johns River.

Garig and Mary Justino of the clerk's office decided to make a booklet that better



The water-based history booklet :

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explained each historical site. That presentation now is available to everyone online. Equally important, the historical presentation fits with the Clay County School District's history curriculum, which will make it an invaluable resource for students.

"We decided to put the pamphlet together so they'd have something they can take home," Garig said. "It turned out to be popular."

Visitors read about the grand Magnolia Hotel and Military Academy, and, of course, the rich history of Black Creek, which became a major thoroughfare for troops and cotton, timber and turpentine during the Civil War.

Camp Chowenwaw was highlighted, as



Vishi Garig, the county's archivist with the Clerk's Office, helped prepare a presentation of the county's history along the busy waterways.



One of the popular sites is Reynolds Industrial Park in Green Cove Springs, which now is home to one of the external fuel tanks used during the Space Shuttle Program.

well as Peter's Creek, a small tributary that ran behind the famous Hell House where Lynyrd Skynyrd wrote and perfected most of the iconic Southern Rock songs

like, "Free Bird," "Give Me Three Steps," "Simple Man" and "Sweet Home Alabama."

Garig eagerly told the visitors a chunk of the concrete from the house now is on display at the Archives Office.

"We just kept going down the river," Garig said. "There was so much to see."

They saw where the Maple Leaf sank on a trip from Palatka to Jacksonville in 1864 after striking a landmine built by the Confederate Army. Four sailors died.

Next was how Fleming Island grew from a Spanish grant during the Second Spanish Period to a thriving hub of commerce and residential communities. They were shown where the old Swimming Pen Ferry used to operate before the state built a bridge near Whitey's Fish Camp; they were shown the historical significance of Orange Park, including Club Continental.

They enjoyed their tour of our county very much and got to see it from the water's edge – a unique vantage point," Justino said. "We just wanted to share the content with you along with the general idea of encouraging history buffs to experience Clay County history with a water-front perspective."

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Matt Welch takes over as the Players Championship Chairman

Fleming Island resident vows for return to normalcy – and change

By Don Coble
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FLEMING ISLAND – As a volunteer for the Players Championship, Matt Welch has helped park cars, helped players make reservations and picked up trash.

But when the tournament returns to the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass next March, Welch will have his most significant role yet as the new tournament chairman. The retired construction executive from Fleming Island will be the front man for more than 1,500 volunteers when the Players return to Northeast Florida March 8-13.

Next year's Players won't be like any other. Welch said organizers will fold in what they learned a year ago when crowds were limited by the COVID-19 pandemic to the popular aspects of tournaments past.

"It will be a lot like it was," he said. "There will be some things that will change, some things that we'll keep. We will always be changing. We're always working to make it better. That will be the new normal from now on."

As the chairman, Welch will greet players, dignitaries and fans for the first full return to golf after struggling the virus for the past two years. He will shuttle the winner to their post-tournament commitments and share the stage when the golden trophy is presented in front of the clubhouse.

But most importantly, he will continue to offer support and encouragement to everyone who works thanklessly behind the scenes.

"The one thing I ask the volunteers to remember is we're trying to help Northeast Florida, both financially and with our non-profit organizations," Welch said. "It takes a village of volunteers, so let's make it work."

When Welch served as the first vice-chairman earlier this year, he played a prominent part in organizing volunteers, players, patrons and hospitality.

"The first vice-chairman is the one who gets down in the weeds," he said. "The chairman is the guy who shakes hands. That's what I'm doing this year. That's certainly not my strong part."

Welch was working with players' services in 2020 when the PGA TOUR and tournament organizers decided to cancel the event after the first round, a day after the Center for Disease Control and Prevention said its data showed the virus had spread throughout the state.

"That was the lowest point," Welch said, "seeing players trying to make reservations to get home. Everyone wanted to get out."

This year's tournament limited crowds to reduce the chances of spreading the virus.

Next year, the gates will be open to anyone with a ticket, and that will keep Welch – and the rest of the volunteers – busy for the next nine months.

"There's a lot more to a golf tournament than meets the eye," he said. "At each stage, you see the amount of work. We ask our people to go above and beyond, and everyone understands the big picture. We're already in discussions on what we need to accomplish."

Organizers already are conducting meetings, creating committees, meeting



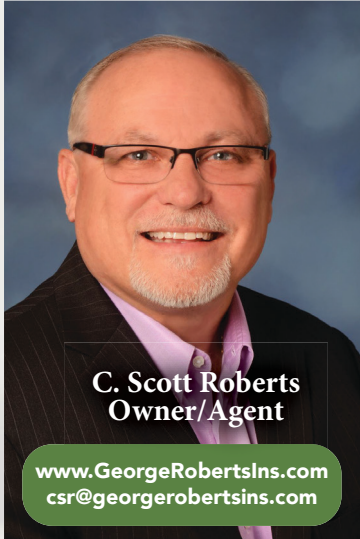
Matt Welch, a construction executive who retired on Fleming Island, was selected as the Players Championship Chairman for 2022.

with staff and delegating leadership roles for next year. There already are plans for Saturday workdays, Welch said, and shortly after the new year, "you can basically write off your weekends."

Welch moved to Fleming Island in 1981 from Augusta, Georgia – another Southern city with a rich pedigree in golf. He immediately transplanted his passion for golf to the Players Championship.

"The most important thing about this golf tournament is what it means to our nonprofits in Northeast Florida," Welch said. "When the tournament was canceled in 2020, and then we had limited galleries this year, revenues to our nonprofits went down, too."

"I'm glad I'm going to be part of when we're back at full force next year. It's going to be back to like it was – even if it's a little bit different."



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OPMC launches new breast care technology

For Clay Today

ORANGE PARK – Orange Park Medical Center now has new technology available to their patients for breast care. The hospital is now providing 3D mammograms and 3D biopsy procedures. The new technology helps better detect abnormalities through improved diagnostic accuracy and provides real-time imaging, which can reduce a mammogram or biopsy procedure time.

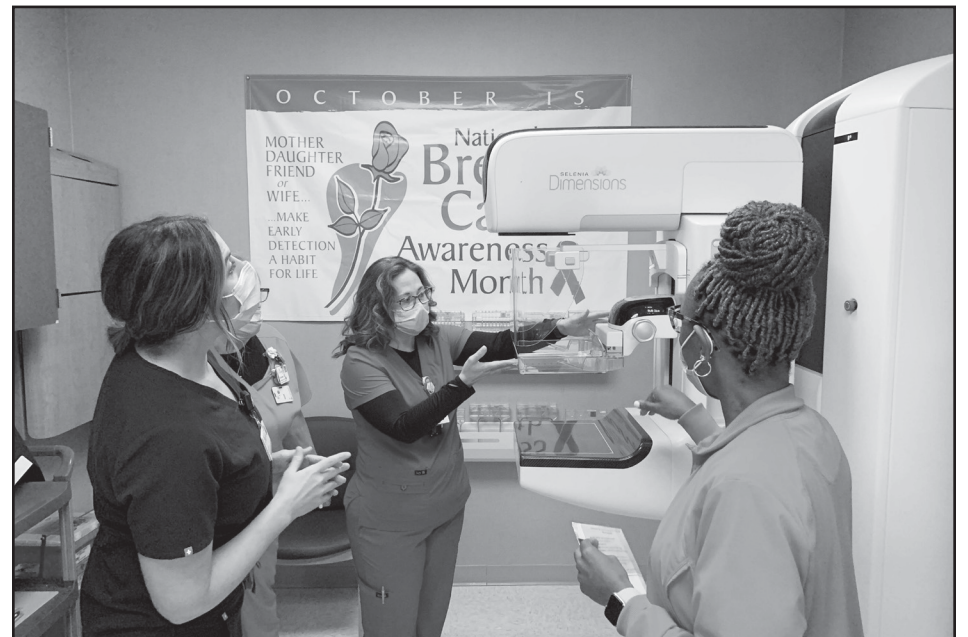
Patients with an abnormal mammogram result require a biopsy. This new technology provides the Radiologist the ability to perform the biopsy minimally invasively, with better accuracy and the same radiation dose as a standard 2D mammography. The 3D exam captures multiple views that give radiologists greater visibility into the different layers of the breast.

“The single most important thing to do to reduce your risk from dying from breast cancer is to get a screening mammogram,” says Dr. Scott Lind, a general surgeon that

specializes in breast surgery at Orange Park Medical Center. “The advantage is to pick up a tumor at a smaller and early-stage to get a better prognosis, better treatment plan, and a better outcome.”

OPMC Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse Michelle O’Quinn was one of the first patients to receive a mammogram with the hospital’s new 3D technology. “I feel fortunate to be one of the first ones to have a 3D mammogram here. It was an amazing and fantastic experience. I’m so excited we have this technology at OPMC.”

In addition to O’Quinn, another 21 Orange Park Medical Center employees participated in the hospital’s annual Employee Mammogram Day and experienced the new technology. “Early detection is key,” said Teneil Pollock, Orange Park Medical Center’s Lead Mammography Technologist. “My team is proud to have a part in taking care of our co-workers.” Pollock spent the day giving tours of the hospital’s new technology and encouraging employees await-



New technology at Orange Park Medical Center will help with minimally invasive biopsies for woman with abnormal mammograms.

ing their mammograms.

One in three cancers in women is breast cancer. Dr. Lind says women need to be cognizant of their breasts, recognize their risk factors and be sure to follow the screening guidelines for getting routine

mammograms.

To schedule your appointment for a 3D mammogram at Orange Park Medical Center call (888) 887-6675 or visit OrangeParkMedical.com/specialties/breast-health for more information.



Outgoing Garden Club of Orange Park President Mary Lee Lacey, left, presents the gavel to new president Ruth Johnson at the organization’s recent meeting.

Ruth Johnson installed as new president of Garden Club of Orange Park

ORANGE PARK – The Garden Club of Orange Park held its Installation of Officers for the 2021-23 term on Thursday, May 27 at their Garden Center on Smith Street.

Following a brief closing meeting led by outgoing president Mary Lee Lacey, Installing Officer Ann Lee took her place at the dais. Thanking Mary Lee for her two of years as president, Ann presented a past president’s pin and a beautiful crystal vase to Mary Lee.

Despite the trials of conducting meetings and keeping members engaged during a pandemic, Mary Lee was congratulated

for her successful term.

The new officers installed were Ruth Johansen, President; Sadako Long, 1st Vice President; Ethelia Perry, 2nd Vice President; Myra Evans, Treasurer; and Susan Miller, Corresponding Secretary. The incoming Recording Secretary, Kay Earhart, will be installed at a later time. Ruth spoke about her hopes and plans for the next two years, including engaging the community in learning experiences and promoting increased membership.

Prospective members can learn more about the garden club by following our Facebook page Garden Club of Orange Park or our website at <http://gardencluboforange.org>.

Tools 4 Clay Schools to kick off its Summer Supply Drive

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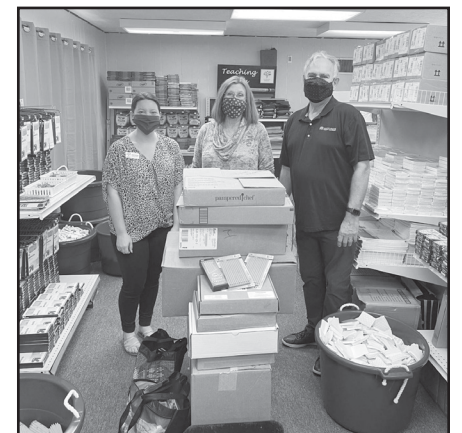
GREEN COVE SPRINGS – The Clay Education Foundation in partnership with The Clay County School District and The Bailey Group will kick off its fourth annual Tools 4 Clay Schools Summer Supply Drive between July 1 and Sept. 1.

It’s estimated that teachers will spend at least \$500 of their own funds for classroom supplies each year. That’s why the Clay Education Foundation and local partners created the Tools 4 Clay School Free Teacher Store, located on the campus of Orange Park Junior High, where its mission is to be a resource for Clay County public school teachers to supply their classrooms with the supplies they need for students to be successful year-round via free teacher shops four times a year.

To date, more than \$250,000 worth of school supplies has been given away to teachers in four years, with the next free teacher shop scheduled for Aug. 2.

You can participate by becoming a drop-off point for supply collections, donating supplies, and/or volunteering time at the store to prepare for distribution to teachers. A current list of drop-off locations includes:

- Clay County Sheriff’s Office and Jail
- Clay County Tax Collector’s Office
- Clay County Utility Authority



• Green Cove Springs Police Department

- Spring Park Coffee
- Town of Orange Park

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The Clay Education Foundation thanks its business and organization partners for their participation and tremendous generosity to benefit Clay County teachers and classrooms in need.

If you would like more information please contact the Clay Education Foundation’s Executive Director, Makayla Buchanan via email at mbuchanan@clayeducationfoundation.com or visit the Foundation’s website at www.clayeducationfoundation.com/.



Cyclists converge to Clay County streets for national championship

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CLAY COUNTY – After a successful first run at the Great American Road Race cycling weekend last October, bike racing returns to Clay County this weekend, from Thursday, June 24 through Sunday with the USA Cycling Amateur Road Race National Championship.

Bike Races will be staged in three locations; a time trial on June 24 at Camp Blanding at Kingsley Lake; a men's and women's road race also at Camp Blanding on Friday and Saturday, and, a final criterium, to be staged Sunday on Fleming Island off Old Hard Road and Town Center Blvd near Fleming Island High and the Barco-Newton YMCA. More than 400 racers will be competing in the event from 40 states and Canada for the honor of wearing the red, white, and blue jersey reserved for national champions.

"It's a great honor for us to host a national championship and introduce everyone to all the great things Clay County has to offer," said Joel Lamp, Senior Director of Tourism and Events for Airstream Ventures. "These future Olympians are going to be shining on the global stage soon and thanks to all of our partners that have supported the event, we are able to provide them a challenging course that will provide a worthy national champion."

After a successful first run of the weekend style racing of professional cycling in October with the time trial at Camp Blanding, the road race through the Penney Farms area and the criterium at the Thrasher-Horne Center, Lamp was confident that this latest event will offer vast exposure for the sport as well as for Clay County.

"This is a national championship event and that will bring cyclists from all over the country," said Lamp. "The Great American Road Race was a good springboard for Clay County to host this level of competition."

Racers started arriving on Wednesday for a 3-6 p.m. packet pickup, bike checks, driver meetings and caravan drivers training.

On Thursday on Treat Road at Camp Blanding, individual time trials were staged at 7:30 a.m. and moving to 2:30 p.m. with categories starting at Men Under 23 racers through 10 classes to Men Juniors

11-12-year-old riders. Top racers; U23 and Men's Category 1 will ride 40 kilometers – about 25 miles – with juniors, men and women 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 all racing 20K (9.3 Miles) and 11-12s riding 10K (6.2 Miles).

In the road race which will ride on State Road 16 in front of Camp Blanding for a bit then turn and circle Kingsley Lake on the Army Reserve base, women's juniors 17-18 start the racing on the closed 18.9K (11.7 Miles) race course with four laps for women juniors 17-18, three laps (9:35 a.m.) for women's juniors 15-16, six laps (11:40 a.m.) for men juniors 17-18, Cats 1-2-3, and four laps (3:30 p.m.) for men juniors 15-15 Cats 1-2-3. An awards ceremony will follow these races.

At 6:15 p.m. on a 7Km (4.34 Miles) course, women juniors 13-14 will start with four laps with women juniors 11-12 going off for three laps at 6:20 p.m. Awards will follow. On Saturday, road racing continues at 7 a.m. with Men's Category 1 going nine laps on the 18.9K circuit; Men's U23 19-22 Pro/Cat 1-2 start at 11:45 a.m. At 12:45 p.m., Cat 1 Awards and after the Men U23 race, those awards will be given out.

At 4:45 p.m. road racing continues with men juniors 13-14 doing five laps of the 7K course with men junior 11-12s going three laps at 7K at 6:30 p.m. with awards to follow.

On Sunday, criterium racing starts on Fleming Island at 8 a.m. with races lasting from 20 minutes to 75 minutes with awards in between sessions all the way to 6:30 p.m. The criterium course, a .75 mile loop, will be near Fleming Island High with racers riding making right turns from the corner of Village Square Parkway and Town Center Boulevard, right turn at Old Hard Road and a right turn back onto to Town Center Blvd. at the corner near Thunderbolt Elementary. *See page 24 for the detour map for motorists.*

"We welcome all the competitors to Clay County and wish them the best of luck as they compete for the national title," said Mike Cella, chairman of the Clay County Board of County Commissioners. "We are honored to host the national championship and look forward to them having a great experience throughout the week as they get to explore our area."

TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	General	Capital Project Sales Tax	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 5,159,014	\$ 1,188,531	\$ 738,157	\$ 7,085,702
Permits, Fees, and Assessments	919,285	-	189,223	1,108,508
Intergovernmental	1,261,703	-	-	1,261,703
Charges for Services	1,357,050	-	27,078	1,384,128
Fines and Forfeitures	800,645	-	14,275	814,920
Investment Income	60,424	7,018	2,619	70,061
Miscellaneous	67,543	25	-	67,568
Interfund Charges	433,776	-	-	433,776
Total Revenues	10,059,440	1,195,574	971,352	12,226,366
Expenditures				
Current:				
General Government	2,551,956	-	104,574	2,656,530
Public Safety	5,817,115	-	16,500	5,833,615
Public Works	1,634,867	-	34,570	1,669,437
Transportation	-	-	-	-
Culture and Recreation	193,495	-	-	193,495
Capital Outlay	52,597	2,037,766	658,369	2,748,732
(Total Expenditures)	(10,250,030)	(2,037,766)	(814,013)	(13,101,809)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(190,590)	(842,192)	157,339	(875,443)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	691,092	-	-	691,092
Transfers (out)	-	-	(74,000)	(74,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	691,092	-	(74,000)	617,092
Net Changes in Fund Balance	500,502	(842,192)	83,339	(258,351)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	6,239,462	760,885	660,000	7,660,347
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ 6,739,964	\$ (81,307)	\$ 743,339	\$ 7,401,996

TOWN OF ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			Total
	Major Fund Water and Sewer	Major Fund Stormwater	Non-Major Fund Sanitation	
Operating Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 4,661,489	\$ 395,395	\$ -	\$ 5,056,884
Other Income	2,760	-	-	2,760
Total Operating Revenues	4,664,249	395,395	-	5,059,644
Operating Expenses				
Personnel Services	703,486	117,207	-	820,693
Utilities	257,510	-	-	257,510
Supplies, Materials, and Other	187,103	14,650	-	201,753
Professional and Contractual Services	69,528	4,019	-	73,547
General and Administrative	433,776	-	-	433,776
Depreciation and Amortization	1,378,879	-	-	1,378,879
Repairs and Maintenance	613,131	207,701	-	820,832
Insurance	47,747	-	-	47,747
(Total Operating Expenses)	(3,691,160)	(343,577)	-	(4,034,737)
Operating Income (Loss)	973,089	51,818	-	1,024,907
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Investment Revenue	39,017	7,297	-	46,314
Interest/Amortization Expense	(25)	-	-	(25)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	38,992	7,297	-	46,289
Income Before Capital Contributions and Transfers	1,012,081	59,115	-	1,071,196
Transfers in	-	236,187	-	236,187
Transfers (out)	(694,187)	-	(168,441)	(862,628)
Change in Net Position	317,894	295,302	(168,441)	444,755
Net Position, Beginning of Year	28,287,095	1,039,746	168,441	29,495,282
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 28,604,989	\$ 1,335,048	\$ -	\$ 29,940,037

Copies of the Town's September 30, 2020 Audited Financial Statements are available for inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Legal 47969 published June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper



STAFF PHOTOS BY DON COBLE

Bill Maher gave a few boaters a break last Saturday when they sped through no-wake zones on Doctors Lake. The CCSO Marine Unit Deputy said it's equally important to educate relatively inexperienced boaters as it is to enforce the laws. Maher patrols 39 miles of river, lake and creek shorelines in Clay County.

River

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Which also includes manatees and alligators.

Maher said both animals currently are in their mating seasons. That's why he pays particular attention to no-wake zones where manatees are known to spawn – especially around Doctors Lake. Protected zones are stretching through the shallows for 300 yards from the shoreline to the channel to keep the animals safe. Boaters who race through those zones will be pulled over – even on the water – by one of the county's two marine unit boats.

One family from Jacksonville rented a boat and was on Doctors Lake when Maher turned on his blue flashing lights. Although it's marked by buoys, as novice boaters, they weren't aware they were just caught in one of the county's most important speed traps.

The family seemed genuinely surprised – and remorseful – so Maher gave them a warning. He also told them if they get caught again, they would get a ticket.

Ten minutes later, he made another stop for a boater going too fast in the low-wake zone. This time, the couple had just



bought the boat and were making their third run. They too weren't aware of the restrictions. When noticed the buoys and promised to be more aware, Maher wrote them a warning, too.

Maher has a different approach when he's on the water. He said he believes educating boaters is every bit as important as enforcing county and state laws. It is a message that's well-received along the St. Johns River, Black Creek, Swimming Pen Creek, Governors Creek and Doctors Lake. Residents often wave from the shore. Boat-

ers generally wave as they pass. They know Maher could be holed up in a small cove on the creek waiting for a reckless driver, but they all know he's simply trying to keep a semblance of order that benefits everyone.

And he's always on the lookout for children not wearing a lifejacket as prescribed by law. And there no leeway for anyone driving recklessly or impaired, he said.

As the morning haze finally burned off, the waterways become more alive with activity. Children on top of large tubes and floats were being pulled by boats. Jet skiers and boaters congregated at an area known as "power line beach." Partygoers were meeting at what's become a popular hangout for hundreds of boaters off Moccasin Slough in the St. Johns. Locals call it Pineapple Point, and the party zone actually has its own Facebook page. During boater's skip day last September, more than 1,000 people swarmed Pineapple Point.

"The water's so shallow there I really can't get my boat to them," Maher said. "But I don't get any trouble from them anyway. They come out and play in the water. Most of them bring their kids so they can get out and swim, too. This is why so many people love the water."

Maher has a new 27-foot boat that was purchased with a grant from the Florida Sheriff's Association. He is the only deputy with a full-time assignment with the Marine Unit, but he works closely with similar units based in Jacksonville and St. Johns County.

"Our border goes to the middle of the river near the Shands [Bridge] and St. Johns' border goes to the middle, too," Maher said. "But if someone's in trouble, we don't argue about territory."

Maher's boat has been equipped with special sonar that helps him see the topography of the bottom of a river or creek. His boat has been instrumental in the recovery of victims since he's able to identify their shapes without using divers.

"One of the strangest things I see on the bottom are shopping carts," he said. "I haven't figured that one out."

As summer continues and the country awakens from its COVID-19 slumber, the waterways will become more active. Everyday Maher only issues several verbal and written warnings is a good day because it means everyone had a good time and came home safely.

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FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

Covered wagons roll into Keystone Heights RV Resort on July 1

For Clay Today

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS – PlainsCraft Covered Wagons is proud to share its latest partnership with Keystone Heights, a gated RV community located at 1177 SE Keystone Avenue. This incredible new community provides visitors with a plethora of activities to enjoy within the fresh air of this sunny resort.

The RV resort opened last November. The luxury, gated community features unparalleled amenities, including a 2,700-square-foot swimming pool and spa, a clubhouse, an activity center and Activities Director for resort-wide events and more. In addition to PlainsCraft wagons, the resort offers short- and long-term RV reservations for both pull-through and back-in RV sites.

“We are so excited to find a home within the Keystone Heights resort,” said Dennis Steinman, Founder and CEO of PlainsCraft Covered Wagons. “We were so impressed with all Keystone Heights had to offer, and we can’t wait to see what kind of demand glamping in our wagons will drive to this unique location. Not only is Keystone Heights a beautiful resort, but the amenities it offers make it a great destination for



travel enthusiasts. We know the addition of PlainsCraft wagons will be a successful endeavor for the Keystone Heights team.”

PlainsCraft wagons will be available at the resort starting July 1. To learn more about Keystone Heights, visit KeystoneHeightsRV.com.

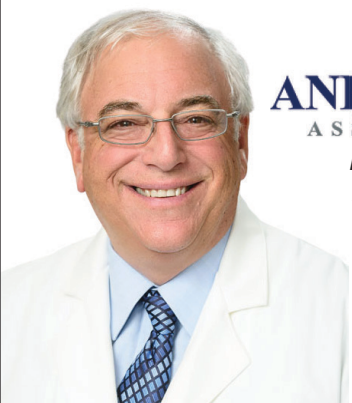


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Police Briefs

Former Orange Park resident arrested for decade-old molestation charges

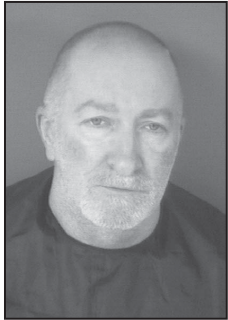
ORANGE PARK — A man already in jail in Texas was brought back to Clay County to face sexual battery and molestation charges that date back as far as 2006.

Danny Clyde Ingram, 54, was order to be held at the Clay County Jail without bond after Clay County Sheriff's Office detectives learned he already was in jail in Jim Wells County for attempting to evade arrest after a traffic violation and chase on May 22, 2020 quickly escalated into a suicide threat when Ingram held a gun to his head after he was pulled over.

Now that he's back in Clay County, the former Orange Park resident faces four charges of sexual assault by a family or custodial member on a child younger than 12 and two charges of lewd and lascivious behavior on a child younger than 12.

According to the arrest report, a child said he was molested between 2006-2011.

Ingram's next court appearance is scheduled for July 20.



Danny Ingram

18-year-old arrested for having child pornography on cellphone

ORANGE PARK — An 18-year-old Orange Park man was arrested on June 17 after the Clay County Sheriff's Office found at least 10 photos or movies of sexual conduct by children, including one of a 5-year-old.

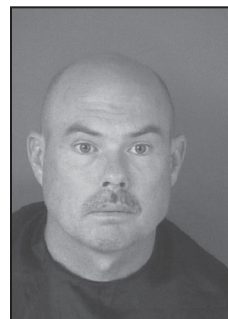
Aaron Simpson was charged with 10 counts of possessing, controlling or viewing a depiction of a child sex act. Agents found the files during a search on April 15.

His bond was set at \$100,030.

CCSO: Man charged with molesting girl for 4 years

MIDDLEBURG — A 48-year-old man with the U.S. Navy was arrested on June 17 and charged with capital sexual battery and molestation of a child younger than 12.

Sean Erik Summersill, 48, of Middleburg was being



Sean Summersill

held at the Clay County Jail without bond after the Clay County Sheriff's Office deputies said the assault happened over a four-year period, starting when the victim was 8. The arrest report also stated the victim performed the act "approximately 100 times." The incidents stopped after Summersill was transferred to Washington in 2013, according to the arrest report.

Clay County questioned Summersill after the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office told it on May 10 the victim reported the sexual encounters to them.

Keystone man back in jail for violating protection order

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS — A Keystone Heights man was back in jail after he violated a protection order by returning to his mother's house and assaulting her, according to the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Colin James Kenney, 32, of Keystone Heights, was charged on June 16 with aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, aggravated stalking, simple battery, criminal mischief and violation of a protection against domestic violence after he became angry and hit his mother. Kenney was ordered on Nov. 15, 2020 not to go within 500 feet of his father's house.

Deputies found Kenney in a shed behind a house on Bitterroot Street.

His bond was set at \$29,511.

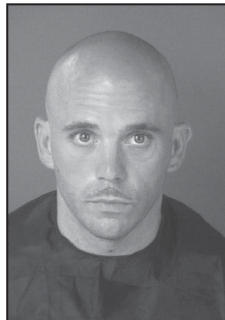
Couple busted after CCSO finds drugs in stolen truck

ORANGE PARK — A couple were arrested after a traffic stop to investigate a possible stolen truck turned into a drug bust.

Terry Shawn Coleman, 29, of Lake Asbury, Alexis Mercedes Harley, 22, of Jacksonville, were charged with grand theft auto, as well as possession of crack cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl and drug paraphernalia after a Clay County Sheriff's Office deputy pulled them over on Blanding Boulevard near Wells Road.

According to the arrest report, the stop was made because the tag was matched to a car reported stolen in Jacksonville. During the stop, deputies discovered the drugs in the center console and an assortment of pipes and syringes in a backpack.

Coleman's bond was set at \$67,511, while Harley's bond was set at \$21,011.



Colin Kennedy



Terry Coleman

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, June 22

Aimee L. Henderson, 44, Fleming Island, possession/use-drug paraphernalia
Misty M. Jones, 36, Orange Park, DUI
Cynthia L. Sheehan, 53, Fleming Island, DUI with damage to property/person

Grace E. Krohne, 43, Keystone Heights, simple battery
Stanisha S. Scott, 30, Green Cove Springs, FTA-improper display of firearm
Christopher D. Terry, 37, Middleburg, retail petit theft

Brandon A. Hunt, 31, Orange Park, three counts each dealing in stolen property, giving false information to pawn broker, grand theft of property valued at \$100,000 or more

Dillon J. Munro, 22, Green Cove Springs, animal cruelty

Steven E. Jeffords, 34, Middleburg, possession-marijuana, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Monday, June 21

Jaabari R. Atwater, 28, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon

Jermanica R. Wilson, 24, Orange Park, possession-controlled substance

Rashaad D. Thomas, 34, Fleming Island, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence

Tammy L. Fields, 57, Green Cove Springs, introduce/remove contraband into jail, possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Terrance E. Green, 47, Green Cove Springs, failure to register (Hillsborough)

Mary C. Kincaid, 50, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Gilbert L. Niehuas, 22, Green Cove Springs, two counts VOP-battery

Jesse J. Taylor, 28, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Ian S. Vogt, 50, Green Cove Springs, simple domestic battery

Terry S. Coleman, 29, Green Cove Springs, grand theft auto

Kaityln V. Sockman, 29, Fleming Island, defraud financial institution

Joseph A. Brown, 52, Green Cove Springs, VOP-DUI

Rodney D. Jones, 30, Orange Park, two counts simple battery

Treasure A.S. De Feliciano, 35, Orange Park, resist/obstruct/oppose police, trespassing

Sunday, June 20

Danny R. O'Brien, 39, Maxville, FTA-DWLSR

Brandon D. Horne, 36, Orange Park, two counts communications fraud

Allen L. Bauer, 58, Middleburg, aggravated battery on pregnant woman, simple battery

Donnie B. Wingate, 57, Keystone

Heights, tampering with/fabricating/altering/destroying/concealing physical evidence, possession-hallucinogen, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

William A. Millan, 36, Green Cove Springs, disorderly intoxication

Tyler J. Byrd, 28, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Anesuishe M. Kagura, 23, Orange Park, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Arthur C. Thomas, 35, Orange Park, DUI with property damage

Saturday, June 19

Tara M. Ross, 35, Orange Park, retail petit theft

Daniel C. Milligam, 56, Middleburg, simple domestic battery

Jesus J. Sanchez, 53, Orange Park, petit theft. Resist/obstruct/oppose police

Louis S. Howard, 56, Green Cove Springs, two counts possession-firearm/ammunition by convicted felon (Putnam)

Crystal G. Taylor, 32, Middleburg, trespassing, simple domestic battery

Friday, June 18

Tre J. Boles, 22, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

Ashley F. Belmonte, 33, Green Cove Springs, simple battery

Robert C. Apple, 31, Orange Park, violation of pretrial release conditions for domestic violence

Joseph O. Barstad, 51, Keystone Heights, attempting to flee/elude with lights/sire active, DWLSR, leaving the second of an accident involving property damage

Joshanon L. Perdew, 34, Orange Park, grand theft auto

Chadwick L. Shelton, 43, Green Cove Springs, FTA

Blaikie C. Shine, 30, Green Cove Springs, felony domestic battery by strangulation

Christopher J. Page, 26, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Tracy A. Daly, 48, Green Cove Springs, grand theft

Ernest B. Tuttle, 58, Orange Park, sexual battery

Diante K. Solomon, 23, Orange Park, FTA

Thursday, June 17

Lori A. Mauldin, 54, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession-marijuana, FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Pamela C. Hayman, 52, Green Cove Springs, FTA-possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Micah J. Lewis, 43, Orange Park, petit theft

Tynezia C. Tomblin, 27, Orange Park, battery on a police officer/firefighter/EMT, domestic battery, resist/obstruct/oppose police

Daniel K. Huskey, 30, Keystone Heights, two counts burglary, petit theft

Clark L. Smith, 38, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana

Solomon P. Monroe, 49, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession-marijuana

Ronald T. Mock, 57, Orange Park, two

Rep. Kat Cammack leads delegation to rename A.K. Baker Clinic in Middleburg

For Clay Today

WASHINGTON — Rep. Kat Cammack and Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, and all members of the Florida House delegation announced the introduction of H.R. 1960 and its Senate companion: “To Rename The Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic, Located At 400 College Dr. in Middleburg, the ‘A.K. Baker VA Clinic.’” The clinic’s renaming honors Antisubmarine Warfare Chief Andrew Kenneth Baker of Middleburg, who was killed during a SEAL training event when Trident 615, an H-60 Seahawk, crashed at sea on March 13, 1997.

Assigned bill number H.R. 1960 in honor of Chief Baker’s birth year, the bill honors his decorated career. Chief Baker served on the USS Carl Vinson and USS Coral Sea as a Ship’s Serviceman and completed training

in Search and Rescue Swimmer School in Pensacola and Fleet Replacement Aircrewman training at NAS Jacksonville, earning his “Wings of Gold.” Chief Baker then reported to HS-9, serving on the USS Nimitz, then in HS-3, assigned as the Training and Operations Chief.

“It’s very special to be able to introduce this bill as one of my first legislative initiatives during the 117th Congress,” Cammack said. “I’ve come to know Ms. Tina Baker, Andrew’s widow, well over the last decade and it’s my honor to recognize her husband’s distinguished legacy by enshrining his name on a community resource that has become a seminal part of the Middleburg area.”

“I am proud to reintroduce this legislation to honor U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Andrew Kenneth Baker’s legacy of



bravery and service to our country,” Rubio said. “The new VA clinic in Clay County will be instrumental in providing quality care to our veterans who have dedicated their lives to serve, like Chief Petty Officer Baker.”

“I’m proud to join my colleagues in this legislation to honor the legacy of a local hero, U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Andrew Kenneth Baker, by naming the Clay County Veterans Affairs Clinic, in Middleburg, FL, the ‘Andrew K. Baker Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic,’” Scott said. “Chief Baker served as a search and rescue swimmer, helping train hundreds of service members

before his passing in a tragic training accident. This designation will pay tribute to his incredible service.”

“The clinic is a tremendous beacon for our veterans’ community, offering lab work, primary care, telehealth services, and mental health counseling,” Cammack said. “I can think of no better way to honor Chief Baker and his family than to ensure he will always be remembered.”

All 27 members of the Florida House delegation have signed on to H.R. 1960 as original cosponsors. The bill now heads to the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Arrests

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counts VOP-community control

Sean E. Summersill, 48, Middleburg, capital sexual battery, molestation of child younger than 12

Aaron C. Simpson, 18, Orange Park, 10 counts possession/control/view depiction of child sexual conduct

Faith L. Thompson, 23, Green Cove Springs, FTA-DWLSR

Danny C. Ingram, 54, Green Cove Springs, sexual battery on child younger than 12, molestation of child younger than 12, two counts sexual battery on child

younger than 12 by custodian

Daniel J. Larkin, 68, Orange Park, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher with passenger younger than 18

Jessica N. Jones, 32, Oakleaf, DUI with BAL of .15 or higher with passenger younger than 18

Wednesday, June 16

Micah L. Franklin, 23, Fleming Island, possession-controlled substance, possession-marijuana

Alexis M. Harley, 22, Orange Park, grand theft auto, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Terry S. Coleman, 29, Orange Park,

grand theft auto, two counts possession-controlled substance, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Jose Mejias, 52, Orange Park, FTA-DWLSR

Jason W. Ellis, 40, Oakleaf, FTA
Calvin E. Ludwig, 66, Green Cove Springs, simple battery

Colin J. Kenney, 32, Keystone Heights, aggravated assault to commit felony, aggravated stalking, simple battery, criminal mischief, two counts violation of injunction for protection against domestic violence, tampering with witness to hinder/delay/prevent communication

Dennis D. Baucom, 46, Green Cove Springs, failure to report for sentence

Frederick V. Thornton, 49, Green Cove Springs, felony battery, DWLSR

Christopher S. O’Connell, 43, FTA
Raymond M. Boutros, 38, Orange Park, possession-cocaine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia

Timothy E. Bair, 56, Middleburg, VOP-community control

Victoria A. Brigham, 34, Middleburg, aggravated domestic battery

Louis W. Taylor, 35, Green Cove Springs, petit theft

James B. Smith, 51, Middleburg, possession-methamphetamine, possession/use-drug paraphernalia, DWLSR

County

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Records indicate that Cyrus Forrester purchased his family’s freedom from slavery in 1840 and 20 years later, the 1860 Clay County census indicates the Forresters were thriving in the area despite all the odds against them.

Then came the Civil War.

The county’s history with the Civil War is relatively quiet compared to the more commonly discussed sites of those battles. It wasn’t without its own, though. Most famously, Union soldiers had made the Magnolia area their camp and had a skirmish with Confederate soldiers while en route to Middleburg. Roughly half a dozen Union soldiers were killed, and Garig said some were buried in a cemetery still standing in the St Johns Landing area today.

When the war made its way to Green Cove Springs, the Forresters kept a low profile for obvious reasons. However, one of Forrester’s sisters-in-law and her three children were kidnapped by rebels and transported to Georgia.

Garig said a white family friend or parental “guardian” secured their safe return.

“One day in October or November of



STAFF PHOTO BY WESLEY LEBLANC

Isadore H. Forrester was one of Clay County’s casualties from the Civil War. He served in the Union Navy and died of pleurisy in 1864.

1862, the Union gunboat USS Cimarron cruised the St. Johns River,” Garig said. “She crossed paths with Byrd Miller’s small boat. Byrd was married to Therassa Forrester, Cyrus’ daughter. He told the Union sailors about the rebels and the gunboat proceeded to shell the rebel encampment.”

While all of this was happening, abolitionists like Dr. Nathan Benedict, who was a cousin to famed abolitionist Susan B. Anthony, and Dr. Seth Rogers weren’t only helping the Union win the war, but treating Black Union soldiers, too. There was a good chance one of them might have treated

Isadore Forrester, who was a son of Cyrus Forrester.

Isadore Forrester served in the Union Navy and died in a Navy Hospital in 1864 in South Carolina. He died of pleurisy and is now buried at the Beaufort, South Carolina, National Cemetery. Two of his brothers also fought for the Union in the Civil War.

The two doctors would be two of the first owners of Green Cove Springs’ famous Magnolia Hotel, which has an extensive history in the area.

Benedict and his wife, Emma, owned the Magnolia Hotel up until April of 1869.

They sold the three-story dilapidated hotel to Rogers and another person named Oliver Harris. Rogers devoted his work to following his time as a physician for the 33rd USCT for the Union army during the Civil War.

“He was heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, temperance and women’s suffrage,” Garig said. “Rogers and Harris expanded the hotel and built five cottages. Many early guests were abolitionists and suffragettes, causes to which Rogers was devoted.”

While Clay County might not be mentioned in most textbooks about the Civil War and abolition, but it played a significant role in the turnout. All you have to do is make a trip to the Clay County historical archives to learn more.



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Look for detours during this weekend's USA Cycling Amateur Road Race National Championship

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CLAY COUNTY – With hundreds of bicyclists descending on Clay County this weekend for the USA Cycling Amateur Road Race National Championship, motorists can expect a few changes to traffic patterns, particularly on Fleming Island on Sunday, June 27.

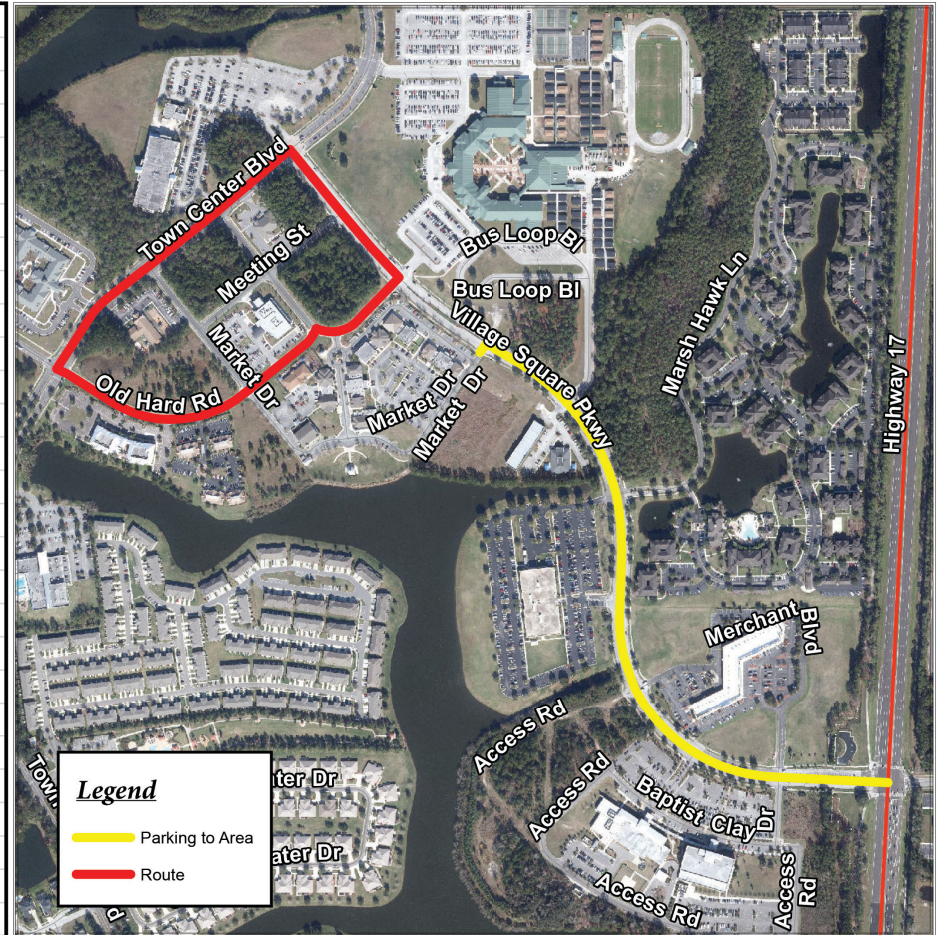
Individual time trails will be competed nearly Kingsley Lake and Camp Blanding on Thursday, June 24, followed by two days of road racing around Kingsley Lake on Friday and Saturday.

The competition then will shift to the criterium course on Fleming Island along Town Center Boulevard on Sunday.

Because of Camp Blanding's sprawling layout and visitor restrictions, organizers said the best time to watch the country's best cyclists will be on Fleming Island. But to do that, three roads will be shut down to accommodate the riders. Town Center Boulevard between Old Hard Road and Village Square Parkway will be cordoned off, as will Old Hard from Town Center to Village Square, and Village Square from Town Center to Old Hard.

Spectators are encouraged to park at Village Square shopping plaza across the street from Fleming Island High on Village Square Parkway.

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- Turn right on County Road 220 to take a right on Highway 17
- Take right on Village Square Parkway
- Turn left into center prior to the road closure
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- Left on Village Square Parkway
- Turn left into the center prior to the road closure



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Clay High recently retired principal Cary Dicks, right, and wife Terrianne let Omaha know that swimmer Caeleb Dressel is a Blue Devil after Dressel won three Olympic Trials titles.



OLYMPIC TRIALS
SWIMMING

Caeleb Dressel heading to the Tokyo Olympics

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

CLAY COUNTY - Clay High grad and state swim champion Caeleb Dressel punched in three tickets for three individual events for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics in July with an impressive week of swimming at the U.S. Olympic Swim Trials in Omaha.

Dressel, who has two Olympic relay golds and a sixth place finish from the 2016 RIO Olympics, stormed to world bests in winning his three events; the 100



Caeleb Dressel answered his 2016 Olympic quest with a dominating 2020 U.S. Olympic Trials effort with three gold medals.

fly, the 50 free and the 100 free, of which he is the defending world champion in all three events.

"That 100 free was real technically correct 100 frees I've swum," said Dressel in

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Top 10

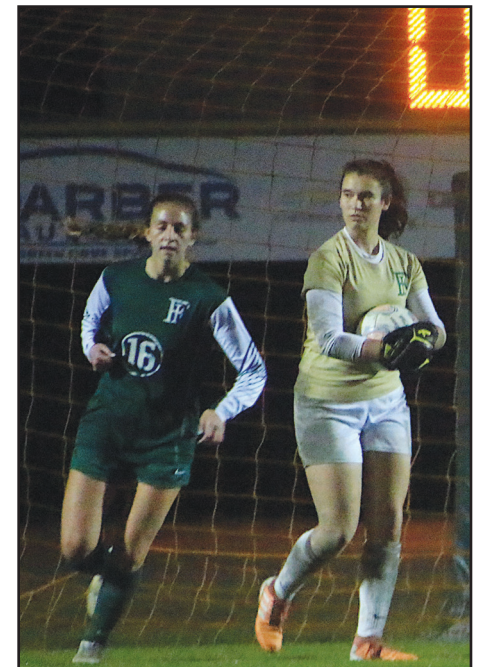
Sports Performances of Winter 2020

Rosano ride continues; 3-0 over Creekside

FLEMING ISLAND - Fleming Island High soccer forward Kaitlyn Scherer scored two goals to back a strong performance from keeper Mackenzie Kirk as Fleming Island seized a lead and held on for a 3-2 victory over visiting Creekside in a Class 6A Region 1 Semifinal Fri., Feb. 19. The win continues the incredible first season of head coach Joy Rosano, herself a former Fleming Island Final Four soccer player.

"Kaitlyn has great vision and a killer shot," said Rosano. "She is not scared to take a long shot. Mackenzie was exceptional."

Rosano had warned her charges not to underestimate the Knights, who Fleming Island had defeated 3-2 early in the season and 3-0 in the District 3-6A final on February 5. Her words



Fleming Island High girls soccer, led by goalie Mackenzie "Captain" Kirk, had storybook season for first year coach Joy Rosano.

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Best of Orange Park

Orange Park High swimmer Ryan Pritchard blasts from start in dual meet action against Clay, See Best of Orange Park sports photos inside, page 31.



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proved wise, as Creekside came out aggressively and controlled the action in the first half. After nine minutes in which neither team mustered a shot, the Knights had several near misses. A long cross from midfielder Avery Robinson was just out of reach of a charging Paige McSwigan. Then a header by Hayden Petrick and a long shot by Olivia Surrency landed on top of the goal. Kirk kept the Golden Eagles in the game with four saves in the first 40 minutes.



Taliah Scott was pivotal leader of Oakleaf Final Four run.

Lady Knights state run ends

LAKELAND - A decided rebounding deficit proved fatal to the Oakleaf High girls basketball team as Plant High out of Tampa ran the numbers on the inside to beat the Knights 69-52 in the Class 7A semifinal on Friday at Lakeland's Civic Center.

"We've played some teams with big players; Plant was just the better team today," said Oakleaf coach Fred Cole. "It was hard on the kids after the game, but I tried to encourage them to think about what they have accomplished this season and let it sink in. A lot of teams wished they were here."

Plant High outrebounded Oakleaf 46-19 to take the win under the boards despite 26 points from sophomore guard Taliah Scott.

Plant was led by their senior ace Nyla Jean, who matched Scott's 26 points for the contest. Plant also got 21 points from Vanderbilt commit Kendal Cheesman. Jean is a commit to Georgia State University.

Spartans go overtime, win region

ORANGE PARK - Going back to the first game of the season against the Maclay Marauders, the St. Johns Country Day Spartans succumbed to a first half single goal that they could not equal. On Fri., Feb. 23, St. Johns got a second shot at Tallahassee Maclay as the two paired off and held the crowd hostage on their edge of their seats to a highly physical, drama filled outcome.

"This is what high school soccer is all about," said Spartan's Head Coach Brad Schmidt.



SJCDS soccer Matt Stratton led Spartans to Class 2A runnerup finish.

The spectacle needed both overtime periods, and finally a last-shot-to-win penalty kick shoot out to finally earn the Spartans a two-two victory, the Regional Championship, and a berth to the State Championship final four. St. Johns won their state semifinal 4-0 over St. Edwards.

In the shootout, each team has a single player go to the penalty kick spot to shoot on the opposing Keeper.

In the final round, the crowd did their job as best they could with a thunderous distraction, but Maclay would again beat Pickett to tie it up at three. Enter Luke Graston who was hot all game. Graston looked over the entire goal, put his head down to not give away his spot, and pounded a shot past the Keeper for the coveted victory, sending the crowd into pandemonium, charging onto the field.



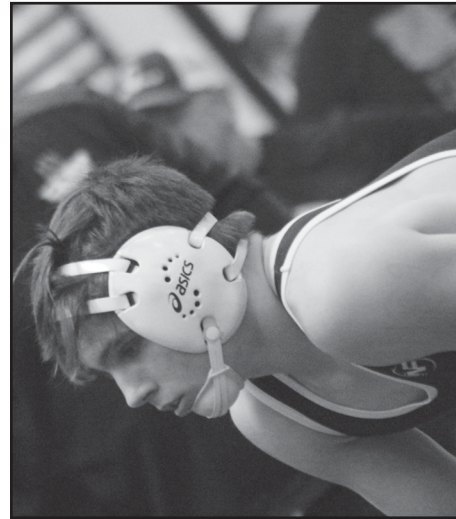
RHS wrestler Matthew Rodriguez, left, with dad and coach Bart, got his gold with an unbeaten record.

Rodriguez gets his gold; Hoskinson beats unbeaten

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

"Yes sir, it's been a long journey," said Rodriguez, twice a Class 1A runnerup af-

ter a third place as a freshman. "I've come close the past couple of years and I just touched it in my first try as a freshman. I knew it was going to be about how much I wanted to win it."



Cale Hoskinson battled to bloodied finishes en route to state title.

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

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



Oakleaf High weightlifter Tamira Briley, left, stormed the state to title with coach Ben White.

Briley wins state lift title in dominant fashion

KISSIMMEE - With a state record bench press, Oakleaf High senior Tamira Briley fulfilled the chatter about her running the table about district, region and state champion with a 15 pound win for

the Class 3A 110-pound championship at the FHSAA championship weekend in Kissimmee and Live Oak.

"Having lifted 180 during the season, I kind of felt the pressure of having to have a big lift at the state meet," said Briley, who now returns to the track for Oakleaf High School as a sprinter. "Me and coach (Ben White) knew we had to bench press enough to make the girl from Vero Beach (runnerup Sarah Esworth) have to attempt a clean and jerk 30-40 pounds above her best."

Briley, who had lifted 180 on the bench press during the season, which was a regular season best, cleared 175 on Saturday to lift the playoff record of 170 and give herself a 40 pound lead into the clean and jerk.

"She dominated," said White. "Our entire two week preparation prior to the state meet was to make that girl from Vero Beach clean more than what we thought that she could do. We got up on her by 30 pounds. We could tell psychologically that Tamira was ready to roll. Tamira knew what the target was."



FIHS QB/TB T.K. Kocak earned prestigious U.S. Naval Academy selection combining football and grades.

Three get gold in wrestling finals

KISSIMMEE - Clay High junior wrestler Madisyn Blackburn did not get her anticipated rematch with the rival she wanted, but the unbeaten Blue Devil grappler came home with a gold medal as she joined two Orange Park High wrestlers; Tayana Labady and Andrea Smith in bringing home the bling from Saturday's girls wrestling state championships held in Orlando.

"I thought about going up in weight to 134 this season, but I really wanted to wrestle the Mater Lakes Academy girl (defending champion Carolyn Bellon) to avenge last year," said Blackburn, in an interview during the Clay Rotary two weeks ago. "She knocked me out of the final and I finished third last year."

For Orange Park coach Justin Daniels, who finished a whirlwind weekend of boys district wrestling and girls state wrestling action, upper weight wrestlers Tayana Labady (222) and Andrea Smith (285) both made Daniels' stress worthwhile with their gold medals, respectively.

"Tayana came to us from Rhode Island and has been a great training partner for



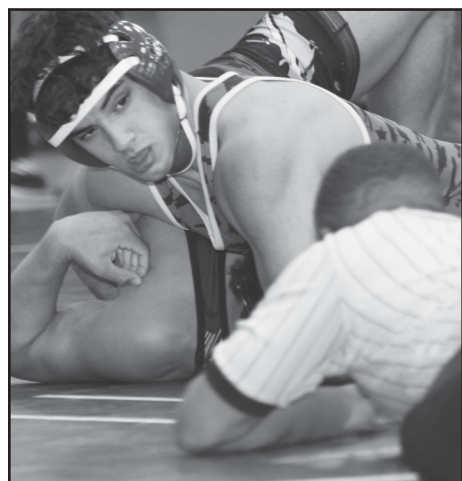
Three state champion girls wrestling for county highlighted strong season.

Andrea,” said Daniels, who revealed that he went to Kissimmee while his staff went to the boys districts in Tallahassee. “At the state meet, Andrea was not on weight and had to wrestle up because Tayana was going in at 222.”

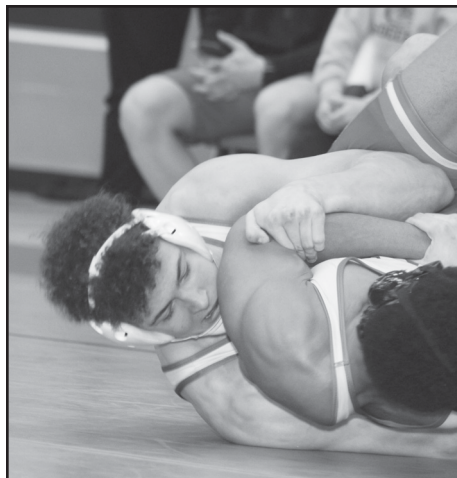
Fleming Island notches team title; three champions

FLAGLER PALM COAST - Fleming Island High wrestling coach P.J. Cobbert has had the best of a few worlds the past decade or so as the Golden Eagles’ wrestling leader, but 2020, according to Cobbert has been one of the most challenging seasons in his 12 year tenure, but one thing remains.

“A lot of people thought this year with COVID and a strong graduating class would be the one where we might slip a little and maybe be vulnerable,” said Cobbert, as his Golden Eagles again took care of business by running away with the region 1-3A championship for a sixth year with three champions crowned; Hunter Herrington, Hunter Williams and Ethan Hofstetter. “We just keep grinding and believe in the pro-



FIHS Josh Sandoval a young gun for Eagles strong wrestling program.



FIHS Hunter Williams a top returner for next Golden Eagle wrestling season.

cess.”

At the region meet, Fleming Island, prior to the finish of the semifinal rounds, was in a five point tussle with Orlando’s best challengers in Timber Creek, who Fleming Island beat in the state duals tournament to advance to the Final Four, and Lake Mary.

“We had a bunch in the semifinals and that got us points and four guys in the finals,” said Cobbert.

Lady Spartans blast to 10th title

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

“This season will always have an asterisk next to it because of all the adversity we went through to get here,” said Pickett. “We missed a good part of the season; a bunch of quality games and finished with



SJCS girls soccer again dominated to another title; this one in Class 2A, with two lightning fast opening goals in championship game.

just 13 regular season games. It is a testament to the 10 seniors on the team.”

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

With senior forward Paige Crews taking the opening kickoff and three Spartan midfielders; Mia Sadler, Bella Pontieri and Lauren Weiss, dashing down the sideline toward the Canterbury goal, St. Johns took just 15 seconds for Pontieri to spin left and loft a left-footed shot toward the front of the goal where Sadler finished off the play with a header to the net as the Canterbury stood stunned by the absolute speed of the ball from the 50 to the net.

Rodgers seventh in national hurdles (NAIA)

YANKTON, SD - Fleming Island High graduate and state champion hurdler

Glenn Rodgers, now a sophomore at Southeastern University, finished seventh to earn All-American honors at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Championships in Yankton, ND, on Saturday.

Rodgers, a 110 High Hurdles state champion for the Golden Eagles finished as fifth fastest qualifier of the preliminaries heats with an 8.11 second split, then finished at 8.07 seconds for seventh place in the championship race.

“The 60 hurdles is so fast and who ever gets out of the blocks first will sets up the race,” said Rodgers. “I’m happy because my time was a personal best and I made All American.”

On top of the finals field, Brewton-Parker senior Brandon Schultz surged to win in one of the closest races of the meet with Schultz at 7.951, second place Coby Bailey of Indiana Tech at 7.956 and third place finisher Steven Anderson of Madonna at 7.97.



FIHS state hurdler champ Glenn Rodgers became first NCAA All American track athlete for Clay County.



Blue Devil great Nolan Carroll brings his NFL experience back home at Jacksonville Athletic Academy football program.

By Randy Lefko
Sports Editor

GREEN COVE SPRINGS - College football may soon become a part of fall weekends in Clay County if former Clay High Blue Devil standout Nolan Carroll has his plan set in motion.

"When I retired, I took some time to evaluate my options; coaching at college, coaching in the NFL, and just doing stuff I never got a chance to do now that I had some free time," said Carroll, 34, with a plethora of Clay County accolades including track county champion, a Super 11 football pick, All Area, All County football pick. "The college idea kind of brings me back full circle to my roots. It was my brother Necho's idea to bring college football back to our hometown."

Carroll, who now has several business interests and his Nolan Carroll Foundation, brought together a host of NFL-level coaches and former players and created a

Carroll's NFL journey leads him back to Clay

junior college level football program called the Jacksonville Athletic Academy.

"We liked the junior college format knowing that a lot of kids don't think highly of the junior college; when kids compare the University of Florida to junior college," said Carroll. "We want to be a catalyst between junior college athletes and four year colleges and universities. We want to give kids that maybe didn't get a big scholarship and second chance to show off their talents and maybe get a look. Sometimes, it's a matter of timing to get the bigger colleges interested. We want our football to be competitive and exciting and bring those big college recruiters into the Clay County area."

Carroll, who, as a lockdown defensive cornerback, retired from the National Football League in 2018 after a series of concussions forced his playing days to stop, will be returning to the Clay County, and his alma mater Clay High, with a brand new college football idea that could very well be a stepping stone for many area players.

"My last game was in 2017, it was a tackling drill in a warmup drill at Denver," said Carroll, who was drafted out of the University of Maryland in 2010 by the Miami Dolphins and played for the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys in his tenure. "I got hit in the drill and felt lightheaded and the trainers first thought it was the altitude adjustment of playing at Mile High Stadium."

Carroll's illustrious career, including his college days at the University of Maryland, has tested his will to play with a broken leg in his senior year, then a massive thigh contusion in the NFL due to a New York Jets coach sticking his knee in front of a sprinting Carroll who was on punt coverage, another broken leg in the NFL and, finally, the concussions.

In the infamous New York Jets "sideline trip" incident, in 2010, Carroll had been forced out of bounds on his punt coverage

and was attempting to veer back on to the field when a New York Jets coach tripped him by putting his knee into Carroll's thigh.

"The funny thing was that I watched it happen in almost slow motion," said Carroll. "The Jets had made a line of guys real close to the sideline and I was going to cut it close; if not scrape them. It was very subtle and slow. I remember telling the trainers that someone tripped me. They ran it on the Jumbotron and our coaches were going crazy. Most people know that about me rather than any other stuff."

Currently, the Mocassins, as the JAA will be called, have a tentative schedule with eight games; six afternoon kickoffs and two 7 p.m. starts with three home games to be played at Clay High. Carroll said his players will be going to classes at Florida State College in Jacksonville and, if needed, will get housing in area facilities; Cobblestone, Lighthouse and various AirBNBs.

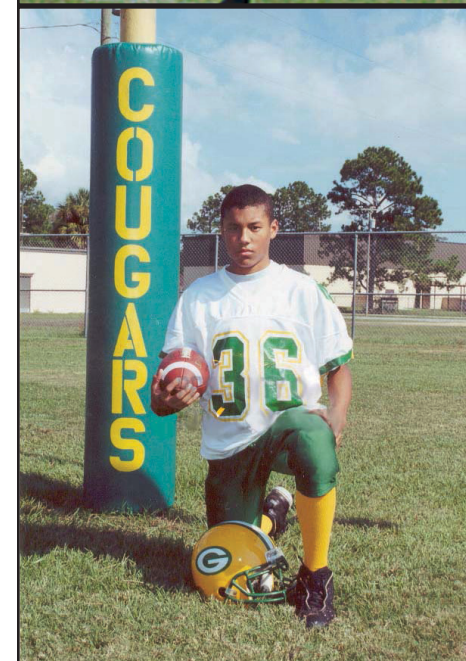
"We are providing athletic tools while they attend school," said Carroll. "We want our program to be a one-stop shop where they can experience the college life, play football, get tutoring and academic help, just like a regular junior college program. If they move on to a college or university, we've done our job on all ends; academics and athletics. It took us almost a year to have those peripheral things in place before even starting the football idea."

Carroll recalled his first days at Maryland and the experience of being by himself so far from home.

"I got homesick at Maryland and I think

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Nolan Carroll was top of his game at Green Cove Springs Junior High, bottom, Clay High and NFL; here with Philadelphia Eagles with interception touchdown against NY Giants Eli Manning.





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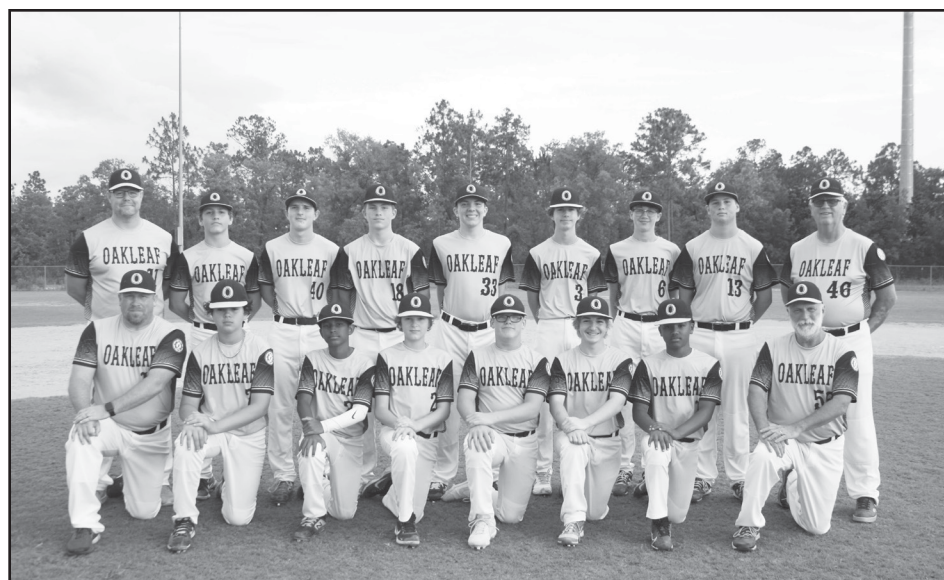
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Babe Ruth District Tournament

The Oakleaf Knights 15U All Star baseball team swept the Babe Ruth District Tournament and finished with a 13-0 win last night (June 17th) against Fleming Island. Next, they will be headed to the state tourney in Ft. White next month July 15-18. Oakleaf also beat Orange Park 8-2 in their tournament opener. Against Orange Park, in top of sixth, tied 2-2, Caleb Davenport drew a walk with bases loaded before winning 8-2. Jackson Clark was top pitcher with six Ks. Oakleaf next beat Fleming Island 7-4 to advance to the final. Against Fleming Island, a 7-4 win, Braden Plover got the win on the mound with two strikeouts. Multiple batters hit for RBIs; Jackson Clark had a double. Oakleaf eventually won the title 13-0 over Fleming Island with Jacob McClintic on the mound with four strikeouts in five innings with just one hit and one walk. In the batter's box, Oakleaf got doubles from Elijah "Porkchop" Shevchook and Braden Plover. Shevchook finished with three RBIs.



Front row from left: Coach Brian Runyon, Angel Perez, Jan Carlos Torres, Hayden Hooks, Elijah Shevchook, Caleb Davenport, Isaiah Walker, Head Coach James McClintic.
Back row from left: Coach Glenn Plover, Tanner Provencal, Jacob McClintic, Jason Randall, Christian Ryan, Braden Plover, Landon Runyon, Jackson Clark, Coach Jerome Lavelle.

Carroll

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it was because most kids like me did not have a coach to relate to or talk to when things got stressful," said Carroll. "I almost transferred, but I'm not a quitter and stuck it out and made the best of it. Our coaching staff has been to the highest level of competition and we will be with them step by step."

Back to the Jacksonville Athletic Academy, Carroll also noted that the COVID season for most college programs allowed athletes to return for a missed season or even two seasons that curtailed a lot of scholarships for incoming athletes.

"A lot of kids lost scholarships because of COVID," said Carroll. "Colleges have been returning seniors who lost their season due to the Pandemic and that has taken scholarships away from incoming athletes. That left a lot of kids wondering where to go next and there are so many influences these days that can get a good kid to make a bad decision. We want to give all of our kids the tools to be ready for that big time program the second time when things settle down because they are going to be in a program that keeps them thinking ahead to that future, maybe in football, maybe just in life, but we don't want kids to get lost."

Carroll thoughts evolved around the reality of an NFL career.

"Only about one percent of guys get



Keystone Heights 3-v-3 Tournament champions

Keystone Heights soccer got double bonus of two team champions at recent Keystone Heights 3-v-3 Invitational held at Twin Lakes Park. Keystone18 won the U18 Division 2 Finals 2-1. From left: Jacob Lepanto, Chris Anderson, Jayson Lauzurique, Carson Eatmon Micah Wiley, Gabe Buchanan and Coach Trevor Waters.



The Blue Team Adult Division 1 Champions won five matches in a row out scoring opponents 38-13. From left: Hayden Herrington, BJ Williams, Gabe Herrington, Zac Holman, Coach Trevor Waters and on the bottom row, Hayden Herrington.

the to the NFL," said Carroll. "I made it, played, excelled and know what it takes. We want our players to leave here with a goal beyond football. What can they do if football is not a part of their future? That's our mission."

Nolan Carroll

2010: Drafted fifth round 2010 NFL Draft Miami Dolphins; played four years started 20 games with three interceptions, one forced fumble, two QB sacks, ranked sixth best defensive back in 2011 with an amazing one missed tackled.

2014: Free agent signed to Philadelphia; Highlight game was a shutdown night against Odell Beckham, Jr., of the New York Giants with an interception touch-

down against Super Bowl QB Eli Manning.

2015: Broken Leg, in 11th game with NFL second best 57 tackles, 10 passes defensed and two interceptions; one for a score.

2016: Established the Nolan Carroll Foundation to support educational opportunities and promote a healthy lifestyle for today's disadvantaged youths. The foundation is active in many communities throughout the country providing STEM educational opportunities, adopt-a-school support and challenge reading programs to help improve academic achievements among at-risk kids.

2017: Last game

2018: Retired from NFL due to Concussions.

Mt. McKinley (Denali) Ascent

'The Kid' at 14,000; waiting weather to get to 17,000 feet

By Randy Lefko

Sports Editor

Updates from Megan Weinstein, mom of "The Kid"

CLAY COUNTY – The Fleming Island father/son mountain climb duo of Scott and Mills Weinstein, just 12 years old, have made progress in their epic attempt to reach the 20,320 foot summit of Mt. McKinley (Denali) as the 46th stop of their 50 state peak ascent journey.

Mills and Scott Weinstein, 41, are joined as a trio by Jacksonville expert climber Andrew Bunn as the crew reaches aim for the 17,000-foot camp on day 14.

"They are just kind of hanging out at 14,000 feet waiting for some bad weather to pass," said Megan Weinstein, Mills "The Kid's" mom, who monitors a communication system that keeps her somewhat informed on the trio's progress. "There is a four hour time difference and the communications sometimes take an hour or so to get off the mountain. We have a code that we number each message so that when they finally get to me, I can piece them together; 1,2,3. We also have a code like numbers to tell me; 1, we are okay, 2, bad weather, etc."

Mom Megan Weinstein has been posting periodic updates when the trio is able to safely communicate home of their progress. The trip is planned as a 28 day journey. The plan is to get there between July 2-5. "The 14,000 foot camp is safer for them to be at during the bad weather," said Megan Weinstein. "There are climbers who are returning from the summit and there is like a climbers camp."

Denali – Day 17:

Andrew Bunn's uncle sent this picture of Denali taken Saturday morning by a friend who's a cargo pilot. It's hard to believe Mills has been up there for 17 days. The weather has been clear at 14,200 but the winds are still forecasted to be incredibly strong at the summit. We are praying it calms down to allow the summit attempt.

Last night the guys cached some gear between Camp 3 and 17,000 (High Camp).



Scott and Mills Weinstein at top of Mt. Whitney; now attacking Mt. McKinley (Denali) in Alaska.

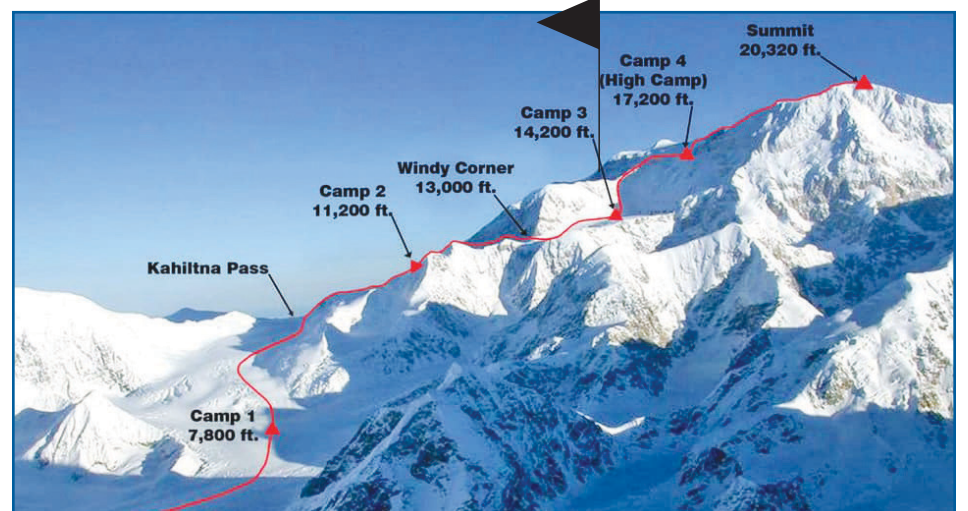
They made it to the ridge of Denali (16,000 ft), breaking personal records for Andrew and Mills. They are prepping to go quickly and lighter (with less gear) once the forecast shows a break. This morning they are safely back at Camp 3. The ridge cache was a tough climb and they are cold and tired. Today they will take a rest day and will continue watching the weather.

Climbers: Today's cache was above the fix lines so the guys got to put their practice to the test going up and down the fix ropes. Sounds like their descending technique was on point and they all did great!

This is a pretty amazing adventure and I have faith the wind is going to calm. 17 days down, 11 to go. Rest up, boys & then go get that summit!

Denali - Day 14:

The guys and Andrew Bunn, 34, are still at Camp 3 and are going to hang out there for a few days. Bad weather is on the way. They might have a window to make it to the 17000 camp before the weather hits



but Camp 3 is the best place for them to be for an extended time. It's warmer (today at Camp 3 it will be a high of 7 with a windchill of -6 vs a high of -6 and windchill of -26 at 17000 camp). Also, there's more oxygen and food.

Many groups are coming down from higher camps and have been unable to summit because of the conditions. They don't want to carry the weight of their food down the mountain so they leave it at Camp 3 with climbers still based there. So, the guys are eating well (on dehydrated food). Dinner last night was packaged salmon with dried peppers, garlic and butter. Lunch was sliced turkey and cheese fried wraps. High fat foods are good for the energy the guys exert on the mountain.

One of the advantages of hanging out for a few days is they get to explore the mountain around Camp 3. Today they will go check out "the edge of the world" which is an almost 4,200 ft straight down ledge at the edge of the mountain. For some reason that makes me more nervous than the incoming weather.

I will keep you updated but expect them to be here for a few days. They need five days to get to the summit and about five days to get back down the mountain. They have 15 scheduled days left so they have days to work with. Pray (like literally pray - right now please ??) that the weather clears quickly. We need low wind and clear

skies long enough for the summit attempt. Thank you, all.

Denali – Day 11:

Got some detail about the guys' Day 9 adventures. They got a late start because Mills and Andrew Bunn exploded a goo shot in Andrew's tent. I guess whether you are at sea level or 11,000 feet, boys will be boys. To get to 13,500 they hit some fun milestones. They made it up (and then back down) Motorcycle Hill, Squirrel Hill and around Windy Corner. On Motorcycle Hill they stepped around some crevasses (deep cracks in the ice) so they will have to be overly cautious there. They broke and fixed a trekking pole and a shovel. The days have been long and Scott says their feet are getting pretty beat up.

Yesterday (Day 10), they left their tents once the sun hit the Camp. For breakfast they had bacon and melted cheese on fried bread in bacon grease ?? I guess it's good fuel for what they are doing. Lunch was pizza. They tore down Camp 2 around 4:30 yesterday afternoon and started the climb to Camp 3 (14,200). So - back up Motorcycle Hill, Squirrel Hill, around Windy Corner, past their 13,500 cache and onto Camp 3. They expected it to take 8-10 hours.

I got word this morning they are safe at Camp 3. They are cold, tired and warming up in their tents. They will give more updates when they wake up later today.

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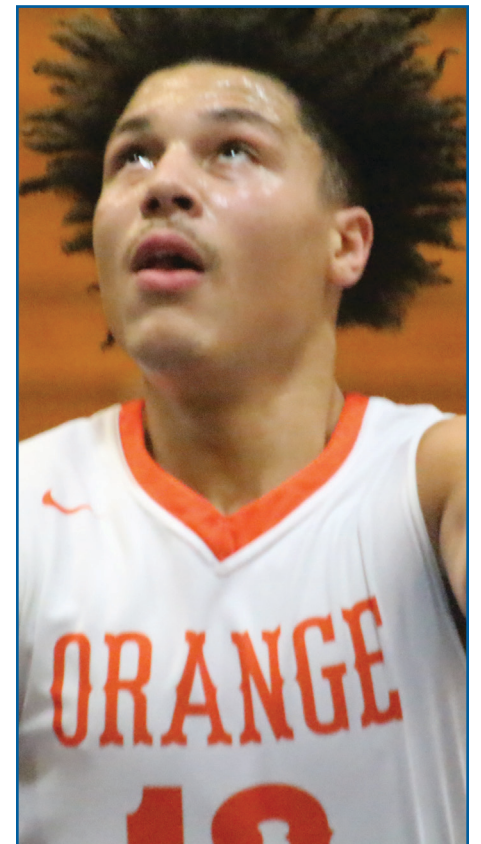
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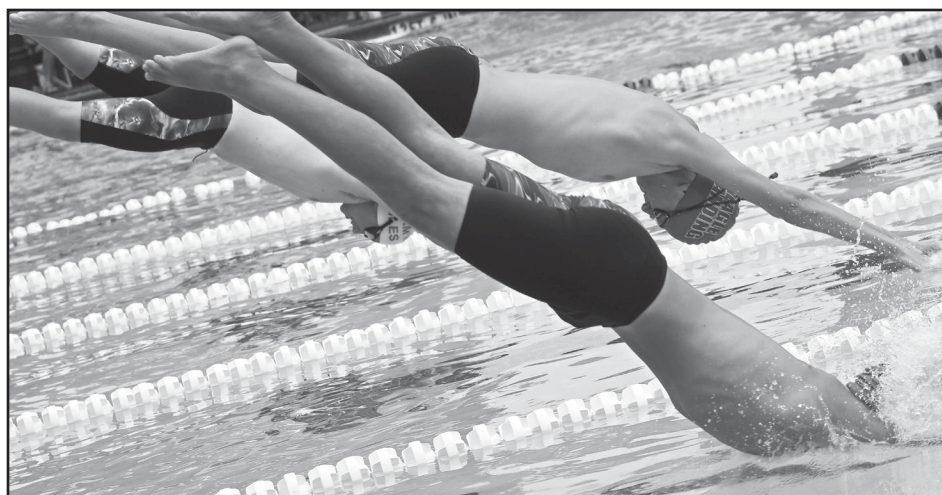
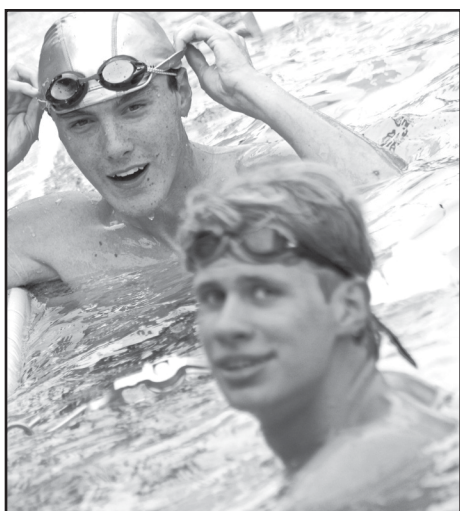
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Dressel from page 25

a post-swim press conference after tying the U.S. Open record of 47.39 seconds. "There is a lot of emotion in this meet after waiting for a year to get here."

Dressel will surely be a part of numerous relays at the Olympics as well.

Dressel, 22, set a new American record of 21.04 seconds to win the 50 free with Michael Andrews a hair off at 21.48 to earn the two Olympic team spots.

Andrew, like Dressel, will be in three individual events in Tokyo with wins in the 100 breast and 200 individual medley, plus the second place in the 50 free.

Dressel's 21.04 50 free is the top time

recorded in 2021 with Russia's Vlad Morozov second fastest at 21.41 and Great Britain's Ben Proud third at 21.42. Andrew's 21.48 is fourth best for 2021.

Ironically, Dressel led a plethora of University of Florida swimmers to Olympic team status with wins in the 50, 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 by Gator swimmers.

"We talked before the meet and I won't share those conversations," said Dressel.

Dressel's week in Omaha included a second best split of 1:46.54 in the 200 free prelims behind eventual 200 free champion Kieran Smith, a Florida freestyler, who won the event with a 1:45.66 edging Townley Haas at 1:45.66. Dressel, who scratched the 200 free semifinal and the 200 butterfly prelims to concentrate on his

sprint events, would have placed seventh in the 200 with his prelim split.

In the 100 free on Wed., June 16, Dressel was fifth after prelims with a pedestrian 48.25 compared to his American record of 46.96 set in 2019.

Dressel dropped to 47.77 to be top finisher in the semifinals ahead of Zach Apple's 47.78.

In the 100 free final, Dressel and Apple again went 1-2 with a 47.39 to 47.72 finish.

"Five years ago, I finished in the mid-30s and sat in the stands and watched them make the team," said Zach Apple, second to Dressel in the 50 free. "I didn't like being in the stands and watching the team get paraded around the arena. I

changed my focus."

In the 100 fly on Friday, Dressel dominated the prelims with a 50.17 that was top time by more than a second over Trenton Julian's 51.71. Dressel owns the world and American record of 49.50.

In semifinals, Dressel again dominated with a 49.76 split over veteran Olympian Tom Shields; second in 51.20. Dressel's splits in the prelim (50.17) and semifinal (49.76) were better than the previous U.S. Open record.

In the final, Dressel and Shields went 1-2 again, this time 49.87 to 51.19.

"I tried to not look at Caeleb next to me in the pool, but it's hard," said Shields. "

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Ernesto Torres
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EUMIR DEODATO ALMEIDA
2824 Country Club Boulevard
Orange Park, Florida 32073
Legal 47929 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of the Clay County Utility Authority will meet in Regular Session at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Board Room at the Clay County Utility Authority, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person needing a special accommodation to participate in this matter, should contact the Clay County Utility Authority by mail at 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida 32068 or by telephone at (904) 213-2464, no later than 7 days prior to the hearing or proceeding for which this notice has been given. Persons requiring auditory assistance may access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD). If any person intends to appeal any decision related to this action, such person will need to provide a court reporter at such person's own expense, for a transcript of the proceedings. All interested persons are invited to attend.
For further information, call (904) 213-2464.
Legal 47962 publish June 24, 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-000328
Division A
IN RE: ESTATE OF ARTHUR I. DAVIS, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of ARTHUR I. DAVIS, deceased, whose date of death was March 20, 2020, 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 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 June 17, 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:
ANTHONY DAVIS
512 Maywood Court
Athens, Georgia 30605
Legal 47953 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILD

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 10-2020-DR-2021
DIVISION: E
IN RE: THE INTEREST OF THEODORE JACKSON ABLES, a minor child,
by ANA LILIA CARBAJAL, Petitioner/Maternal Grandmother.
TO: Gabriel Alexander Ables
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Petitioner, ANA LILIA CARBAJAL, c/o Enrique Barquinero, Esq., 1035 Lasalle Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32207, on or before 30 days from the first day of publication and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 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 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: June 3, 2021
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Rebecca Crews
Deputy Clerk
Legal 47897 published June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to F.S. 286.011(8)(d), be advised that Wendell Davis, Mona Gardella, Daniel Hodges, Anna Lebesch, Darin Roark, James Starnieri, and Matthew Welch, sitting as duly constituted BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY, and Jeremy Johnston, as the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Authority will meet in attorney-client session, outside of the sunshine, with Grady H. Williams, Jr., Esquire and Nicolas Q. Porter, Esquire as LEGAL COUNSEL to the Authority, at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard during a recess of the regular meeting of the Authority on said date, in the Board Room, Clay County Utility Authority Administration Building, 3176 Old Jennings Road, Middleburg, Florida. The subject matter of the meeting shall be confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related to litigation expenditures associated with the litigation styled North Florida Utility Coordinating Group, et. al. v. St. Johns River Water Management District, DOAH Case Nos. 21-001470, RX 21-1576, 21-1731RP, 21-1739RU pending before the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, and the June 1, 2021 petition for administrative hearing styled North Florida Utility Coordinating Group, et. al. v. St. Johns River Water Management District, currently pending before the St. Johns River Water Management District. A court reporter shall also be present at said attorney-client session and shall record the entire attorney-client session as required by F.S. 286.011(8)(c). This attorney-client session is estimated to require approximately 120 minutes of time, and the official transcript thereof shall be made part of the public record upon completion of the aforementioned litigation. For further information, call (904) 213-2464.
Legal 47963 publish June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

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-000041
DIVISION: JV-E
IN THE INTEREST OF: C.D.W. A MINOR CHILD
THE STATE OF FLORIDA
TO: Glenda D. Watson, MOTHER
Last Known Address
1717 Linares Way, Lot 195
Jacksonville, Florida 32221
(904) 532-0222
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named Child, C.D.W., who was born on November 5, 2009. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Judge Angela M. Cox, 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 **July 20, 2021, A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.
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 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 9th day of June, 2021.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
as Clerk of Said Court
By: Tammy Rosenbaum
As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47935 published June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Meeting South Village

Community Development District
The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the South Village Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Landing Residents Club, 3975 Eagle Landing Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.
Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.
James Oliver
District Manager
Legal 47928 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the COUNTY Court, CLAY County, Florida, Case No. 2017CC000239 on MAY 28, 2021 in the matter of 121 FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION, plaintiff and GABRIELA R. SIEMONOF, defendant, I, Michelle Cook, As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant(s) GABRIELA R SIEMONOF, to-wit:
Description of Property
2016 TOYOTA COROLLA
VIN # 2T1BURHE1GC612726
and on July 22, 2021, at 0930 Hours, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, at 2909 BLANDING BLVD, MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, I will offer the property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Clay County Sheriff's Office
Civil Unit 904-213-6020.
MICHELLE COOK,
As Sheriff of Clay County, Florida
Deputy Sheriff, T. Geoghagan #0616
Legal 47938 published June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2021-DR-209
Division: F

Alicia M. Tapia, Petitioner, and
Lidell R. Johnson, Jr, Respondent,
To: Lidell R. Johnson Jr.
1880 Bonnie Lane Apt #319
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for petition to establish parental responsibility has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Alicia M. Tapia whose address is 5007 Fulham Rd S. Jacksonville FL 32244 on or before July 30, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of 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: June 15, 2021
(SEAL)
Tara S. Green
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Deputy Clerk
Legal 47955 published June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY
JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO: 2020CA000260
REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES

Legal Notice

AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JUANITA BRIGHT, DECEASED, et al.
Defendant(s),
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JUANITA BRIGHT, DECEASED.

whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:
LOT 27, BLOCK 3, THE MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OF PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGES 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at County, Florida, this 10th day of June, 2021.
(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Jaimie Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK
Legal 47932 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper 20-000229

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2021-CP-000219
Division B
IN RE: ESTATE OF THERESA LEIGH FEATHERS, Deceased.
The administration of the estate of THERESA LEIGH FEATHERS, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2020, 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 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 June 17, 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

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Fax: (904) 264-0155
 Primary email address:
 alison@floridaelder.com
 Secondary email address:
 donna@floridaelder.com
 Personal Representative:
 WILLIAM C. RUDOWICH
Legal 47925 published June 17 and June 24, 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 13th day of July, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 2000 Wells Road A, Orange Park, FL, 32073 Clay County Warner, Gerald 654 File cabinet, tables, totes, Lester, Chris 147 Baby items, boxes, shovel, Hunt, Karen 338 totes, boxes, Russo,Cheri 333 pressure washer, tool bag, tool boxes. 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 47981 published June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

LEGAL NOTICE

A request for rezoning has been filed with the Town of Orange Park Economic and Community Development Department regarding property located on Miller Street between Gano Avenue and Mockingbird Lane. The parcel number is 41-04-26-019889-000-00. The Planning and Zoning Board will hold a public hearing for the proposed rezoning application on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, located at the corner of Park Avenue and Kingsley Avenue. Anyone interested in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. A sign will be posted on the property concerned for the information of the general public. Information regarding the proposed change is noted below.
Application No. R-5-2021
Acreeage: 1.919 +/-
Current Zoning District: Residential, General-1 (RG-1)
Proposed Zoning District: Residential, General-2 (RG-2)
Owner: Minor Vestors II, LLC.
 1926 Smith Street
 Orange Park, FL 32073
Current or previous use: Vacant
 Any person(s) deciding to appeal any decision made by the Planning and Zoning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need a verbatim record of the proceedings made, which record would include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Copies may be examined in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. by appointment.
 Courtney Russo, Town Clerk
Legal 47965 published June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD AN ONLINE AUCTION FOR COUNTY OWNED REAL PROPERTY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES, ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE
 BEGIN DATE: 8:00 AM, June 18, 2021
 END DATE: 4:00 PM, July 16, 2021
 LOCATION: www.govdeals.com
 THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITH NO

Legal Notice

WARRANTIES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER:
 1. RE# 16-08-23-004324-000-00, 6215 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 11 BLK 100 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3780 PG15 & 1232
 2. RE# 21-08-23-004186-000-00, 7170 WHEATON STREET, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 18 BLK 94 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3767 PG 1699
 3. RE# 16-08-23-004317-000-00, 6243 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 4 BLK 100 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3780 PG 1212
 4. RE# 21-08-23-004262-000-00, 7149 RUTGERS STREET, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 11 BLK 97 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3762 PG 416
 5. RE# 21-08-23-004504-000-00, 7132 SMITH STREET, KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, LOT 28 BLK 109 HIGHRIDGE ESTATES AS REC O R 3762 PG 426
Legal 47921 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGETS; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING. PINE RIDGE PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Pine Ridge Plantation Community Development District ("District") will hold a public hearing on July 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pine Ridge Plantation Amenity Center, 4200 Pine Ridge Parkway, Middleburg, Florida 32068 for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the proposed budgets ("Proposed Budget") of the District for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022 ("Fiscal Year 2021/2022"). A regular board meeting of the District will also be held at that time where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it. A copy of the agenda and Proposed Budget may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092, (904) 940-5850 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours, or by visiting the District's website at www.pineridgeplantationcdd.com. The public hearing and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. The public hearing and meeting 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 this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service 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. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearing or meeting 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.
 Ernesto Torres
 District Manager
Legal 47882 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Legal Notice

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **GINA MARIE MCNALLY, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

SINFUL BEAUTY BY GINA

located at 1703 Forbes St, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 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 47974 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

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

VIAVISTA MAPPING

located at 411 WALNUT STREET, #13882, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA 32043 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 47960 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

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

CASE NO. 2020-CA-000270
COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
SEAN F. KANE A/K/A SEAN KANE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SEAN F. KANE A/K/A SEAN KANE; 121 FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC. AS ASSIGNEE OF SYNCHRONY BANK; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendant(s)
 To the following Defendant(s):
 SEAN F. KANE A/K/A SEAN KANE
 220 CAMPBELL AVENUE
 ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073
 (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)
 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SEAN F. KANE A/K/A SEAN KANE
 220 CAMPBELL AVENUE
 ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073
 (LAST KNOWN ADDRESS)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 2, BLOCK D, C.T. MARSHALL'S SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 a/k/a 220 CAMPBELL AVENUE, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA 32073 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Suite 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in the CLAY TODAY and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at crtrintp@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

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less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 14th day of June, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
 As Clerk of the Court
 By Taylor Tison
 As Deputy Clerk

Legal 47951 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper. 19-01888 COL

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:

Sunshine State Janitorial Services

Located at 423 Arora Blvd., in the County of CLAY, in the City of Orange Park, Florida, 32073-3215 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated at Orange Park, Florida, this 17th day of June, 2021.
 Owner/corp: Mirdaniali Elma
Legal 47972 published June 10, 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 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-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 OF PUBLIC SALE

BURGART ENTERPRISES gives Notice of 07/09/2021, 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 bids.
1D4GP24R26B665769 2006 DODGE 2GCRPEC3K1140416 2019 CHEVR 4T1BG22K01U772177 2001 TOYOTA
Legal 47975 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No.: 2021-DR-209
 Division: F
 Alicia M. Tapia,
 Petitioner,
 and

Legal Notice

Stephon Smith
 Respondent,
 To: Stephon Smith
 2104 18th Ave Apt. 129
 Moline, IL 61265

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for petition to establish parental responsibility has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Alicia M. Tapia whose address is 5007 Fulham Rd S, Jacksonville FL 32244 on or before July 30, 2021, and file the original with the clerk of 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: June 15, 2021
 (SEAL)
 Tara S. Green
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Deputy Clerk
Legal 47956 published June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 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:

WM OF CLAY COUNTY

Located at 1336 Kavie Court, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043, intending to do business in Clay County, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
 Dated this 17th day of June, 2021.
 Owner's name/corporation:
 ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES JACKSONVILLE, LLC
Legal 47964 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

PUBLIC NOTICE

NCRS Towing & Recovery
 7077 SR21
 Keystone Heights FL, 32656
 904-801-6000
 Auction Held @ 2864 Blanding Blvd Middleburg FL 32068
AUCTION JULY 20 2021 10:00 AM 2011 CHEV 3GCPKSE37BG168918
 Pursuant to subsection 713-78 of the FL Statute, NCRS Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Legal 47976 published June 24, 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.
2017 Harley Davidson 1HD1KRC19HB674203
2005 Chrysler 2C3JA63H85H11375
 The auction will be held on 07/12/2021 at 9:00 a.m at G & M Towing Inc. located at 4995 Hwy 17 S., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
Legal 47980 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today

Legal Notice

PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 07/21/2021 at 12:30 pm the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public auction for monies owed on vehicle repairs and for storage costs pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 713.585. The lienor's name, address and telephone number and auction location are: 3AM AUTOCARE 3138 COUNTY ROAD 220 MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068-4354, 904-609-6202. Please notice, parties claiming interest have a right to a hearing prior to the date of sale with the Clerk of the Court as reflected in the notice. The owner has the right to recover possession of the vehicle without judicial proceedings as pursuant to Florida Statute Section 559.917. Any proceeds recovered from the sale of the vehicle over the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of the Court for disposition upon court order.
2GCEC13J371596601 2007 CHEVR 1ZVBP8AM6D5228529 2013 FORD
Legal 47952 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **CYNTHIA WILLIAMS-WALKER, KENYA PARKER, CLARISSA WILLIAMS-WALKER, KIJUANDA L SINGLETARY, OWNERS**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

K'S AND C'S CATERING

located at 413 Palm Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 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 47973 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2021-CA-000277
 DIVISION: AXXX
IN RE: ESTATE OF EMMA IRENE GRISMER, Deceased.
TO: CHARLES DENNIS MASSIE and PATRICIA IRENE MASSIE, and their heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, judgment creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against all parties having or claiming any right, title or interest in the above referenced estate.
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Petition to Determine Homestead Status of Real Property and Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the above referenced estate.
 You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Barry J. Fuller, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 735 North Palmetto Avenue, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
 DATED: June 8, 2021
 (SEAL)
 Tara S. Green
 Clerk of the Court
 By: Holly Ricks
 As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47934 published June 71, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

STARTING A NEW Business

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

One easy step
 Email Christie at christie@pcfla.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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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-000078
 DIVISION: JV-F

IN THE INTEREST OF: M.K. A CHILD
 THE STATE OF FLORIDA
To:

Nicole Hall, Mother
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the above-styled Court by the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES for termination of parental rights and permanent commitment for subsequent adoption of the above-named child M.K. who was born on August 17, 2009. You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable Steven 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 **July 13, 2021, A.D.** You must appear at the hearing on the date and time specified.

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 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 4th day of June, 2021.

(seal)
TARA S. GREEN
 as Clerk of Said Court
 By: Tammy Rosenbaum
 As Deputy Clerk
Legal 47911 published June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A1 Towing & Recovery gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/23/2021, 09:00 am at 3052 Joe Johns Rd Middleburg, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A1 Towing & Recovery reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

JH2PC2168XM900739 1999 HONDA IN6BD0CTXAC444678 2010 NISSAN 1N6AD0CW6AC424241 2010 NISSAN 1N6AD0CU5GN741004 2016 NISSAN Legal 47976 publish June 24, 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:

ANCHORED FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

Located at 5000 US Hwy 17, Suite 18#259 in the County of CLAY, in the City of Fleming Island, Florida 32003 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

Dated at Fleming Island, Florida, this 22 day of October, 2020.
 Owner/corp:
Anchored Family Chiropractic, PA
Legal 47982 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 CASE NO.: 2021-CP-325

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALLENE PURCELL MCLEAN, Deceased.

The administration of the estate of Allene Purcell McLean, deceased, whose date of death was May 3, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court for Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, File No. 2021-CP-325, the address of which is 825 North Orange Ave, Clay County Courthouse, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the personal representative and that 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 DATE 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 persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent 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 June 24, 2021.
 Attorney for Personal Representative
TIMOTHY P. KELLY, ESQUIRE
 Florida Bar No. 0724475
TIMOTHY P. KELLY, P.A.
 1016 LaSalle Street
 Jacksonville, Florida 32207
 Telephone: (904) 399-3705
 Facsimile: (904) 399-3706
 Email: Eservice@tkellypa.com

(seal)
Gary L. Purcell
 1075 Balmoral Lane
 Roswell, GA 30075
Legal 47961 published June 24 and July 1, 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 13th day of July, 2021 at 12:00 PM. Said property is SecurCare Self Storage, 996 Blanding Blvd, Orange Park, FL, 32065 Sangle Jr, Gregory 223 tool boxes, saw horse, tow platform. 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 47979 published June 24 and July 1, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CIVIL ACTION
 CASE NO: 2018-CA-0894

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust H, Plaintiff,

vs.
Kenneth M. Hall Jr., et al., Defendants.
To: KENNETH PAUL GARDNER
 3409 Colton Cr.
 Sevierville, TN 37862
KENNETH PAUL GARDNER
 5210 Loyce Laster Rd.

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Union City, TN 38261

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under the above-named Defendant(s), if deceased or whose last known addresses are unknown. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to wit:

LOT 108, COPPERGATE, UNIT THREE-B AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGE 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Nick Geraci, Esq., Lender Legal PLLC, 2807 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, Florida 32804 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court this 15th day of June, 2021.

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

Legal 47959 published June 24 and July 1, 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
 July 9, 2021 at 10:00am

Terry Miller House hold
 The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
Legal 47924 published June 17 and June 24, 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.: 2020-CA-000716
FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

v.
GERALD J. SANTO AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES SANTO A/K/A JAMES G. SANTO; et al., Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that Tara S. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, will on July 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. ET, via the online auction at www.clay.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Clay County, Florida, to wit:

LOT 301, VILLAGES OF FIRESIDE UNIT 2-C, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 32, PAGE 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 AND 51, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 2583 Spring Meadows Drive, Middleburg, FL 32068

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchases at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. If you are a person with a disability

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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 crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 255-1695 at least 7 days before the 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. WITNESS my hand and official seal of this Honorable Court, this 10th day of June, 2021.

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

Legal 47940 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Meeting Armstrong Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Armstrong Community Development District will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, at 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (904) 940-5850 at least two calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770, for aid in contacting the District Office. Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

James Perry
 District Manager
Legal 47967 published June 24, 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
 FILE NO: 2021-CP-341

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NEIL A. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

The administration of the estate of NEIL A. WILLIAMS, who died on May 3, 2021, is pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is the Clerk of the Circuit Court, 825 North Orange Avenue, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. The names and addresses of the PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE and attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this NOTICE TO CREDITORS is June 24, 2021.

VERONICA R. OWENS
 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 189 S. Lawrence Boulevard
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656
Owens & Wagner, P.A.
 VeRonica R. Owens, Esq.
 Fla. Bar No.: 73568
 VeRonica@OwensWagner.com
 189 South Lawrence Boulevard
 Keystone Heights, FL 32656
 2000 Henley Road, Suite B
 Middleburg, FL 32068
 Telephone (352) 473-5000

Legal 47966 published June 24 and July 1, 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 July 8, 2021 at 10:00 am at 2909 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

2006 Nissan 3N1CB51D26L615069
2002 Ford 1FTRX17L52NA58359
2004 Volvo YV1NC63D34J042512
Legal 47971 publish June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Bid Notices

INVITATION TO BID

Individual sealed bids for the **Bradley Park Parking Improvements** in Orange Park, Florida will be received by the **Town Clerk, the Town of Orange Park, 2042 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida until 10:00 a.m., local time, Tuesday, July 20, 2021**

Envelopes must be clearly marked with the project title, time, and date of bid opening. If mailed, bids must be addressed to the Town Clerk at the above address. Bids must be submitted in the format as outlined in the specifications.

Bradley Park Parking Improvements
 The Project is located on Nelson Dr, off Plainfield Ave. at the Rob Bradley Conservation Park. The Project limits are the site property, street right of way, and utility easements within the Town of Orange Park. The major work elements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Base Bid:**
 a. ADA compliant handicap parking and wheel stops for non-ADA parking
 b. Parking area for vehicles with or without kayak trailers
 c. Pavement area with pervious pavers (see detail), grading for runoff and underground stormwater treatment
 d. 8" PVC underdrain in parking area
 e. Driveway connections and signage

- Alternate Bid #1:**
 a. Pavement area with 2" Asphalt millings, 8" #57 Stone, and an additional filler and fabric layer in lieu of pervious pavers
Alternate Bid #2:
 a. 705' LF of 5' high commercial grade black aluminum fence (see detail)

Bid documents will be made available by 12:00 p.m., Thursday June 24, 2021, at CMT, Inc., 7400 Baymeadows Way, Suite 220, Jacksonville, Florida 32256, (904) 448-5300. The cost of the plans and specifications is \$125.00 (non-refundable) and will be provided on a USB Flash Drive in PDF format. Electronic delivery is available via email, contact the office to arrange.

Bidders must submit with the Bid, documentation that they have constructed similar type work completed during the past five years with references. Each bidder must include resume and qualifications for their proposed on-site supervision superintendent. Said Superintendent shall have maintained continuous employment with bidder for a minimum of three years.

The bidders will be required to submit a Bid Bond equal to 5% of the bid with their Proposal. The successful bidder will be required,

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upon award, to furnish a 100% Performance and Payment Bond, with a Surety acceptable to Owner. Each bid proposal shall remain binding for at least 90 days after the scheduled bid date.

The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all bids or to reject bids, which are in any way incomplete or irregular. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to reject all bids and re-advertise, or to reject all bids without further action, in the Owner's best interest. Any questions regarding the bid documents shall be in writing and directed to the EOR, Paul Ina, at email pina@cmtengr.com.

Sarah Campbell
 Town Manager

Legal 47970 published June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF ACTION

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

GENERAL JURISDICTION
 DIVISION
 CASE NO: 2021-CA-395
 DIVISION: B

JUSTIN CHAIRES AND ZACK T. COON, Plaintiffs,

vs
JOHNNIE J. HEATH, if alive, and if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against them, or any of them and all unknown persons; and MINUSHA CORP., a Florida corporation, Defendants

To: **JOHNNIE J. HEATH, if alive, and if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees other persons claiming by, through, under or against them, or any of them and all unknown persons, or other claimants, or other claimants, or interest in the property herein**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to real property in the Circuit Court in Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida styled as Case No.: 2021-CA-395, Justin Chaires, et al., vs. Johnnie J. Heath, et. al. to the property described as:

PART OF LOT C, BLOCK 106, PALMER AND FERRIS TRACT, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF JULIE STREET AND SUNSET AVENUE IN SAID PALMER AND FERRIS TRACT AND RUNNING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 215 FEET; THENCE TURN AT RIGHT ANGLES IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION 106.5 FEET TO A STAKE, WHICH IS A POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING WESTERLY 106.5 FEET; THENCE TURN RIGHT IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET; THENCE TURN RIGHT IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION 106.5 FEET; THENCE TURN AT A RIGHT ANGLE AND RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

A/K/A 1704 ELSIE STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

has been filed by CL Breeze, LLC, Plaintiff and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any, to it on William S. Frazier, 1919-8 Blanding Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32210, 904-384-1441 on or before 30 days after first publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on this Plaintiff or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 11th day of June, 2021.

(seal)
Tara S. Green
 Clerk of the Court
 by Rebecca Crews
 Deputy Clerk

Legal 47942 published June 17, June 24, July 1 and July 8, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper.

Notice of Sale

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, GRANTEEES, 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 July 19, 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 FLEETCRAFT 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 a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on June 7, 2021.

(seal)

Tara S Green
CLERK OF THE COURT
Rebecca Crews
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 crtintrp@coj.net or (904) 630-2564 at

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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 47923 published June 17 and June 24, 2021 in Clay County's Clay Today newspaper

NOTICE OF SALE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

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

CASE NO.: 2015-CA-000393

FV-1, IN TRUST FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC, Plaintiff,

v. THEODORE FLOYD; et al, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale entered on June 9, 2020 and entered in Case No. 2015-CA-000393 in the Circuit Court of the 4th Judicial Circuit in and for Clay County, Florida, wherein THEODORE FLOYD is the Defendant. The Clerk of the Court, Tara S. Green will sell to the highest bidder for cash at <https://clay.realforeclose.com> on July 7, 2021 at 10:00 AM, following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PART OF LOT TWENTY (20), SECTION EIGHT (8) ORANGE PARK, CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA; BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS, BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST INTERSECTION OF KINSLEY AVENUE AND HOCKER STREET AND RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF HOCKER STREET A DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET TO A POINT FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY (140) FEET MORE OR LESS TO THE FENCE ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF JOEL STEPHENS LOT; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN WEST AND PARALLEL TO KINGSLEY AVENUE A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY (140) FEET MORE OR LESS TO HOCKER STREET; THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF HOCKER STREET; THENCE RUN SOUTH ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF HOCKER STREET A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL BEING AND LYING IN LOT 20, SECTION 8, ORANGE PARK ACCORDING TO PLAT OF THE FLORIDA WINTER HOME AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY LAND AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 23, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as 1935 Miller Street, Orange Park, FL 32073

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the sale of the court on June 11, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
As Clerk of the Circuit Court
Clay County, Florida
Jaimie Pippin
DEPUTY CLERK

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Notice of Sale

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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

CASE NO: 2018-CA-000501

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs. LINDA WIMBERLY, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 2018-CA-000501 of the Circuit Court of the 4TH Judicial Circuit in and for CLAY County, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, and, LINDA WIMBERLY, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.Clay.RealForeclose.com, at the hour of 10:00 AM, on the 16th day of August, 2021, the following described property:

LOT 25, BLOCK 4, MEADOWBROOK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 12 AND 13 OF THE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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 18th day of June, 2021.

(seal)

TARA S. GREEN
Clerk Circuit Court
By: Kayla R. Beard
Deputy Clerk

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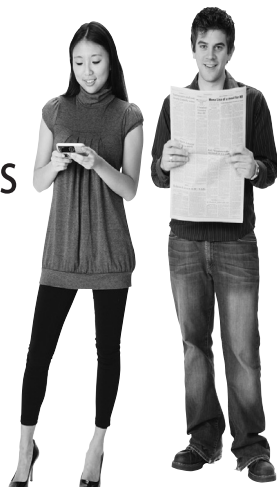


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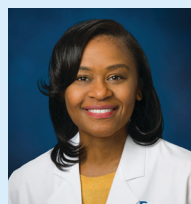


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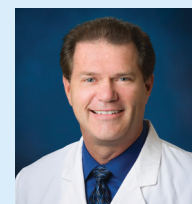
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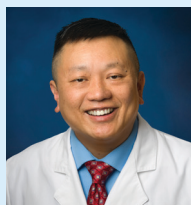
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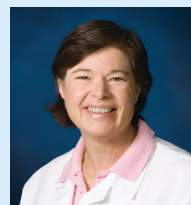
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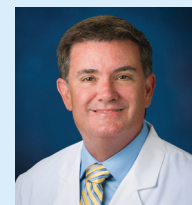
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